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# ITEM 3 Climate Adaptation Community Engagement Plan

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# Presentation Objectives

**Progress To Date** 



Overview of the Community Engagement Plan (CEP)



Obtain DACAG Input on SCE's CEP



Next Steps and Feedback on the CEP



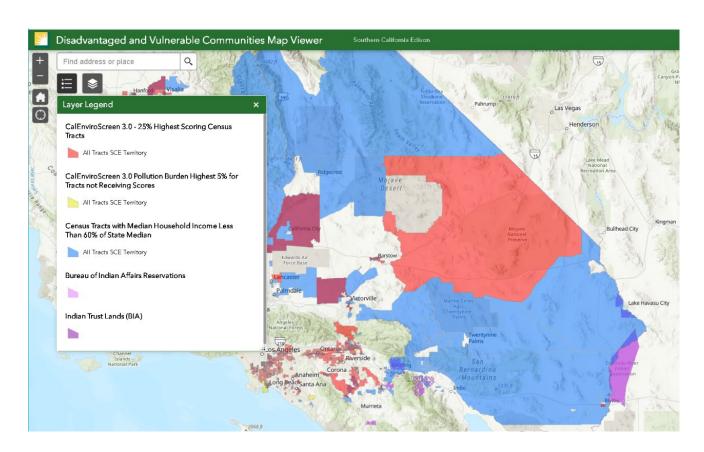
## Progress To Date

### **DVC Identification and Maps:**

- 161 Communities mapped
- Interactive map accessible on SCE's website:

<a href="https://www.sce.com/about-us/environment/climate-adaptation">www.sce.com/about-us/environment/climate-adaptation</a>

 The Disadvantaged Vulnerable Communities (DVC) map identifies the communities and areas most vulnerable to changing climate conditions. Different colors represent the most vulnerable communities, due to economic burdens and adverse climate impacts



### Progress To Date

### **Training**

• Trained staff on responsible community engagement practices



### Initial Stakeholder Outreach

- Feedback collected from 64 CBOs and 92 community leaders
- Most stakeholders expressed:
  - Low community adaptive capacity
  - Interest in learning more about:
    - SCE resources available to support communities impacted by climate change
    - What they can do to combat climate change, save money, and improve the future for their children



### **Draft CEP**

• Taking what we are hearing, best practices, and expertise in community engagement to draft CEP



# **Engagement Activities**

Educate communities about climate change impacts, vulnerabilities, and adaptation solutions for SCE's energy system in DVCs



Partner with trusted CBOs to share messages and gather info



### **Objectives**

Encourage two-way engagement



Build existing - and develop new - community partnerships; engender trust



Use local knowledge, resources and capacities to build engagement activities



Gather information to support development of vulnerability assessment and mitigation options



# **Engagement Activities**

Communication: Message development | language



### Approach

Population Segments: Hard-to-reach | Urban vs. Rural | Faith-based | Diverse Ethnic Communities | Access and Functional Needs (AFN)



Virtual vs. In-Person: Existing meetings | telephonic meetings | Web-based



Localized Process: Pre-existing relationships | New connections



### **Best Practices**

Types of live engagement **Tactics** Communication **Barriers** 

# **CEP** and Equity

### **ESJ Action Plan Goals**

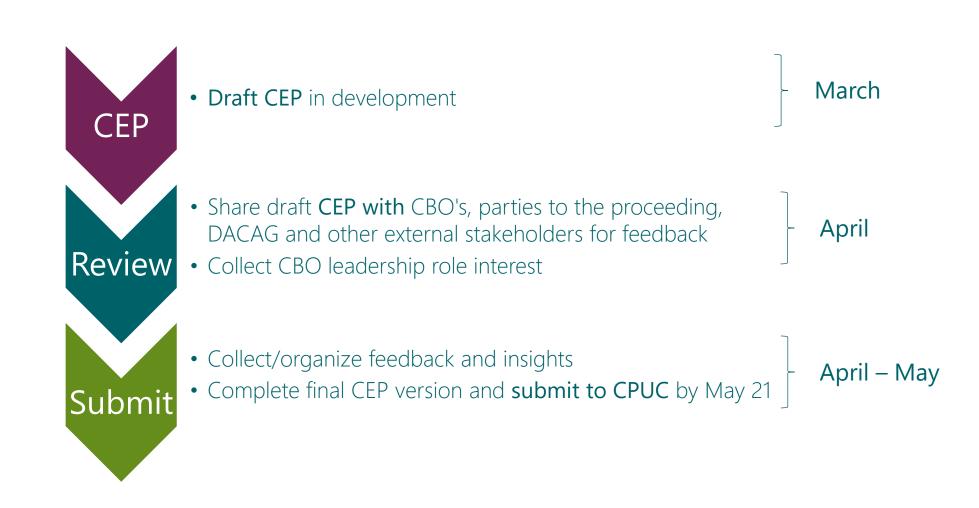
- 1. Consistently integrate equity and access considerations throughout CPUC proceedings and other efforts
- 2. Increase investment in clean energy resources to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.
- 3. Strive to improve access to high-quality water, communications, and transportation services for ESJ communities.
- 4. Increase climate resiliency in ESJ communities. -----
- 5. Enhance outreach and public participation opportunities for ESJ communities to meaningfully participate in the CPUC's decision-making process and benefit from CPUC programs.
- 6. Enhance enforcement to ensure safety and consumer protection for ESJ communities.
- 7. Promote economic and workforce development opportunities in ESJ communities.
- 8. Improve training and staff development related to ESJ issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction.
- 9. Monitor the CPUC's ESJ efforts to evaluate how they are achieving their objectives.



### DACAG's Equity Framework

- Health & Safety Building Resiliency for Public Health
- Access and Education Culturally-relevant and sensitive education materials
- Financial Benefits
- Economic Development
- Consumer Protection

### Timeline



# Next Steps

# Share draft CEP externally for feedback in April



### Feedback structure:

- Online form
- Direct email and social media outreach
- Webinars



Incorporate Feedback



# Closing

**Progress** 



**CEP Overview** 



**DACAG Input** 



Next-Steps



Thank you for your time and feedback!