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January 21, 2022, DACAG Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1, Welcome

• Stephanie Chen serves as Chair for the January 2022 meeting

Member Attendance			
Member	Present	Absent	
Angela joined at ~2:45pm	×		
Adrian	X		
Andres	X		
Fred	X		
Jana	X		
Roger	X		
Roman		\boxtimes	
Stephanie	X		
José	X		
Elena	X		
Curtis	×		

Group has Quorum to move forward.

Commissioners in Attendance:

• Vice Chair Gunda, CEC Introductory remarks included IEPR input Item 4

Commissioner Darcie Houck, CPUC

• Introductory remarks regarded: Affordability proceeding Phase 3 which is underway; provided link to Link to Phase 3 Affordability Proceeding scoping memo issued 1/18/22 (R.18-07-006):

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M442/K734/442734815.PDF; recommendations to be presented to various state agencies / delegations; follow up in upcoming meetings; Covid arrearages updates will be publicized soon, including supports available.

Other News:

Stephanie Chen welcomed Sarah Thomas as new legal counsel support for DACAG

ITEM 2, General Public Comment

 Member of Public - Holmes Hummel, ED Clean Energy Works – highlighted 4 focus areas of DACAG, encourage briefing on financing rulemaking at February, 2022 meeting

ITEM 3, the December 3, 2021, meeting minutes

- Public Comment?
 - o None

Motion to approve Item 3, the December 3 Meeting Minutes.

Member who makes	Andres
motion	

Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Curtis
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Member	Ave	Nay	Abstain	No Voto

Angela			\boxtimes
Adrian	\boxtimes		
Andres	\boxtimes		
Fred		X	
Jana	\boxtimes		
Roger	\boxtimes		
Roman			
Stephanie	\boxtimes		
José	\boxtimes		
Elena	\boxtimes		
Curtis	\boxtimes		

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
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ITEM 4, the CEC update

about the 2022 Integrated Energy Policy Report process and potential scope

- Heather Raitt provided an IEPR explainer presentation on the 2022 update, activities, and schedule.
- Vice Chair Gunda discussed areas of focus for IEPR
 - Energy transition and equity
 - Planning products calendar for regular cadence (e.g., demand forecast)
 - Energy issues e.g., H2
 - Transition IEPR into a summary document with companion proceedings (e.g., gas transition) to build a strong public record; IEPR integrates rather than new topics
 - Within IEPR Equity, areas of focus
 - o IEPR focus on equity using SB 350 and Barriers Study
 - Framework for CEC Equity
 - o Equity indicators relaunched
 - Non-energy benefits
 - Noemi Gallardo encouraged signing up for updates at https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report

DACAG Member Discussion

- Aspects of energy transition; SB 100 proceeding in parallel; retirement of certain types of generation especially in DACs; volume 1 of 2021 IEPR covers energy efficiency and industrial decarbonization (link https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2021/2021-integrated-energy-policy-report); scoping order is still being developed and feedback will still shape it. Natural gas R&D program is also considering decarbonization of industrialization. Appreciate elevated priority of equity

and create central repository on accomplishments to date and gaps that persist, will be great resource.

Q&A

Clarification on timeline – Phase 3 of IEPR correction of dates from 2022 to 2023.

Public Comment

None

ITEM 5, CEC will present an update about Rulemaking (21-OIR-02) to amend regulations for small powerplant exemptions and delegation of certification authority for geothermal power plants

 Deborah Dyer – provided update on actions the CEC took at its December meeting regarding power plant regulations, certification of plants, and actions to accelerate to carbon free energy, and fulfill additional 11MW generation goals; shared timeline on related 21-OIR-01 rulemaking through 8.17.2022.

Q&A

None

Public Comment

None

DACAG Member Discussion

• In small power plant exemptions, does the evaluation include cumulative emissions from numerous small power plant clustered, including during emergency use. CEC would continue to include any required cumulative impacts in review and analysis. Scope for geothermal – does it include industrial uses onsite (e.g., lithium production). Geothermal exemption – is there programmatic CEQA review being transferred to local agencies? CEC does not have a programmatic review of geothermal resources, but if County does have one, it would be evaluated. Direct air carbon capture paired with geothermal, whether co-located or non-co-located, is there local review of direct air / carbon capture component of geothermal package? CEC will incorporate this input and investigate. Given DACs need for strong permitting, compliance, and enforcement, how is capacity at the local level being considered to ensure an adequate process? Are tribal nations being engaged in this effort where they are interested in permitting geothermal or other related plants on tribal lands?

ITEM 6, DACAG members will define the scope of the 2022 priority areas and finalize the selection of lead members and subject matter experts in each priority area.4

Public Comment

 Holmes Hummel (see above) – suggested four areas have DACAG designees for Financial Rulemaking

Priority Area Developments

None

Member Discussion

None

Selection of Priority Area leads and subject matter experts and definitions

 Discussion – review of priority topics, DACAG member leads and subject matter experts identified to work with CPUC and CEC. Definition of topics – Co-leads/SMEs for each priority topic to define each topic in 1-3 sentences – send to support staff (Noemi, Phil) for review including request CEC/CPUC to proactively help match rulemakings and proceedings to priority topics, and at February, 2022 DACAG meeting plan to share input and drafts for final review and potential approval.

ITEM 7, Roman will report out regarding the presentation he made to the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Roman absent – Item 7 moved to February DACAG meeting

ITEM 8, updates, and announcements by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC.

- CEC Updates
 - Tami Haas two CEC solicitations rural EV charging applications due 3/11/22; reliable equitable charging for multi family housing applications due 2/18/22.
 https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations
- CPUC Updates
 - Phil Voris two new reports 1) societal costs, see and 2) quantifying air quality impacts of decarbonization –
 - https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energydivision/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-planirp-ltpp/2019-2020-irp-events-andmaterials/societal cost test impact evaluation.pdf
 - https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energydivision/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-planirp-ltpp/2019-2020-irp-events-and-materials/quantifying-air-quality-impacts.pdf

ITEM 9, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

None

ITEM 10, Future meeting dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled **Friday**, **February 18**, **2021**, **at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.
 - Objections

- None
- o Possible Agenda Items
 - Financial Rulemaking
 - Equity carve-out updates and investments across CEC / CPUC new funding / grants / programs, focused on investments that are <u>final</u> from the 2021-22 budget, and particularly where design for deployment or actual deployment includes equity investments / carve outs
 - Briefings on upcoming solicitations

ITEM 11, We are adjourned. "Have a great weekend!"

• Adjourned at 2:55p.