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MINUTES – February 2022 DACAG Meeting

1) Welcome and roll call of the members

Member Attendance		
Member	Present	Absent
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian (left at 3:50PM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred (Joined at 2PM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana (arrived at 2PM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roman (left at 3:30PM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
José	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis (left at 3:30PM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CEC Commissioners

- o Vice Chair Gunda

CPUC Commissioners

- o Comm. Houck
- o President Reynolds

2) General public comment

3) DACAG members review January 21, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion	To approve the Jan. 21 2022 DACAG meeting minutes
Member who makes motion	Curtis
Member who seconds	Elena

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred – absent for vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jana – absent for vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger - absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

José - absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

4) CEC staff provides update about Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Plan workshop

Discussion

- Any overarching themes or common threads emerging from the workshop comments received so far? Thinking in particular about distribution of funding – right now, CEC has committed to 50% of investments in low-income and DACs, is there support for increasing that share? How does the ZEV Infrastructure Plan align with investment in projects and the overall investment plan?
 - Themes – whether the grid will be ready to handle that load, focus on MD and HD trucks

5) CEC staff provides update about Funding Allocations for Future Electric Vehicle Charging Projects Workshop

Discussion

- Local government and community-led projects – in that process, are local governments explicitly encouraged to reach out to, and support, local CBOs in project design, and work with them on stakeholder and community leader engagement? CBOs should be able and encouraged to participate actively in processes like these.
 - CEC staff notes this idea was discussed at the workshop but will not be moving forward.
- What constitutes an energy-ready community? Ex: rural communities often lack infrastructure needed to support TE buildout. CEC should ensure rural communities are not left out due to the need for infrastructure upgrades.
 - CEC staff provided information on current and future solicitations for projects in rural communities, for renters, other hard to reach segments.
- Uplifting focus on increasing signage and visibility of charging – small investment that will help promote adoption.
- Regarding community-led projects, there are existing processes for engaging with community partners – TCC, Sustainable Transportation Equity Project, etc. Could leverage and align with these processes to make it easier for CBOs to know how to participate, reduce barriers to entry for CBOs that are interested but resource constrained. Many CBOs are overwhelmed with opportunities to participate in efforts like these – need to make it easier for them to do so, given their limited resources.
- What percentage of programs being considered are for ESJ communities? To what extent will these projects collaborate with programs like Clean Cars for All which focuses on ESJ communities and customers? Ex: will VGI pilots be deployed in ESJ communities?

- At home charging for low-income households – some of the CARB funded programs offer additional incentives for home charging. CVAP offers additional funding to support public charging if home charging isn't an option. Given that there's already some strong support for home charging, recommending a focus on MUDs since that's the tougher challenge.
- South Coast AQMD's zero-emission infrastructure working group has identified several gaps in charging access, especially in lower-income communities. Recommendation for CEC to align with work of AB 617 communities that are developing ZEV plans. Aligning efforts could lead to increased funding and bigger projects, greater impact. Great potential for such alignment especially in Southern California.

6) CEC staff provides update about Clean Transportation Program Investment Plan update in context of Governor's Budget

Discussion

- Given that much of the 22-23 budget is still in flux, what's the best time to engage with CEC staff on how spending will be directed?
 - CEC staff welcomes feedback any time, notes there will be more certainty in June.
- Many of the programs set to receive funds are active now – how are those programs going? Ex: HDV charging near ports.
 - CEC staff notes there will be new programs to complement existing, some will be run through current program administrators which will hopefully make engagement easier.
- Re: ports, especially Long Beach – some paralysis re: getting near-port public charging for drayage trucks, even though there is money available or forthcoming. CEC may need to get involved to help stakeholders navigate through this paralysis – everyone acknowledges it's necessary, but few are actually taking steps to install chargers.
- ARB and AB 617 communities are already doing work around port emissions, community emissions reduction plans that likely involve MDV and HDV. Opportunity to align with these plans and fund their priorities.
- How does the ZIP and the Infrastructure program feed into the Implementation Plan?

ADD Proposal, motion and vote to take Item 8 ahead of Item 7. Angela proposed, Curtis made motion, Andres seconded, and all present voted Aye.

8) Roman Partida-Lopez provides report regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Goal to coordinate and help advance progress on issues that are common to all our committees. Roman presented the DACAG's 2022 priority areas and highlighted those that overlap with LIOB – affordability, community engagement, reliability.

LIOB board members agreed that there was room for alignment here, and possibly in other issue areas as well. Opportunities for future discussion to develop this potential further. Could submit joint letters uplifting our recommendations where there is alignment if opportunities arise and time permits.

7) DACAG members provide updates, announcements, and may report on 2022 priority areas:

- Transportation Electrification
- Building Decarbonization & Electrification
- Workforce Training & Development
- Reliability
- Gas Transition
- Distributed Energy Resources
- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program
- Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)
- Affordability
- Community Engagement

Priority Area Descriptions

Members will finalize priority area descriptions and submit to Noemi and Dorothy by March 4 for adoption at March meeting.

Submission of a comment letter re: biomethane and LCFS

Adrian - Biomethane has been a past DACAG priority issue and is coming up again at the CPUC in R.13-02-008, in which a PD has been issued that proposes to give program credit for dairy biomethane. Adrian recommends submitting a previously drafted DACAG comment letter to the CPUC in response to this PD, as the content is applicable.

Motion	To approve Adrian submitting the DACAG’s 12/2/2020 letter to the CPUC re: A.19-02-015 Application of SoCalGas and SDG&E for Renewable Natural Gas Tariff (included in the 2021 DACAG Annual Report) to the CPUC along with a short cover letter explaining its relevance to the recently issued Proposed Decision in R.13-02-008, Decision Implementing SB 1440 Biomethane Program.
Member who makes motion	Adrian
Member who seconds	Jana

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger - absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
José - absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Curtis - absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ITEM 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

DACAG Appointments

Adrian, Andres, Angela, Fred, Jana, and Roger are all reaching the end of their current terms, and all will seek reappointment.

8) Roman Partida-Lopez provides report regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) – No Comment

9) CEC and CPUC staff provide updates and announcements

- CPUC
 - SB 1440 Implementation proceeding – revised PD just issued. Dairies and landfills contribute around 70% of all methane emissions. SB 1440 goal is to reduce methane emissions and short-lived climate pollutants. Also goal of delivering non-emissions benefits to local communities. Short term targets are all around diverting organics away from landfills, to supplement what Cal Recycle is doing under SB 1383. Will have 8m tons of organics by 2025 that have no other place to go – CPUC wants to send it to wastewater treatment plants to be co-digested to keep that material out of landfills where it will emit a lot of methane. This is the whole short-term target.
 - Medium term target (2030) around livestock, dairy biomethane, wood waste, forest management, yard waste – expanded types of feedstock, estimated to equal around 12% of bundled core customer demand (both residential and small commercial). Mandatory target for IOUs to procure up to 12.2% biomethane by 2030.
 - Will revisit everything, including targets, in 2025 – in case there’s an opportunity and/or need to pivot.
 - Dairy will be eligible in the medium term but will be capped – only from new facilities that come online after December 2021. Around 15% of all dairy biomethane potential – capped to leave room for other methods of dealing with dairy waste.
 - Some sort of biomethane is necessary in order to reach state emissions goals.
 - Will cap emissions from individual facilities (both wastewater treatment and landfills). ZEVs or near-ZEVs must haul the waste. For dairy compliance, requiring that facilities comply with air and water quality regulations – not eligible if out of compliance. Affordability considerations for CARE customers.
 - DACAG recommendation – ensure upcoming workshops are communicated to DACAG, and that DACAG and impacted communities have the opportunity to weigh in on how community benefits will be defined.

- Appreciation for how much thought CPUC has put into this Rev PD. Request to hear more about data collection components of the PD – often with big processes, even best intentions can be thwarted by insufficient data collection and transparency, which places the burden of proving any harm or opportunity for improvement on the local impacted communities. Fenceline monitoring? Satellites? Live monitoring or something less expensive? CPUC will convene a discussion to identify best options.
 - How will carbon lifecycle analysis be analyzed? Methane capture also takes power, if it takes too much and the power is too dirty, it will eliminate any gains from methane reductions. This will also be discussed at an upcoming workshop.
 - Long Term Gas Planning Rulemaking
 - Dedicated equity track will kick off in October 2022 with 2 all-day workshops, but will be discussed in other tracks throughout the year.
 - Current track examining proactive decommissioning of certain segments of gas system. Half day workshop 3/29 – high level discussion on equity issues. Still developing agenda. Will reach out to relevant DACAG SMEs, hoping to have a member participate either formally or individually.
 - Business and Community Outreach team will host informational webinar on March 16 at 10am, on the Gas Planning OIR and opportunities for stakeholder engagement. Will include background information on key issues and challenges, and on related issues including CEC electrification pilots, SJV pilots.
 - Affordability Rulemaking
 - En banc hearing on Feb. 28 and March 1, to be attended by legislators, CPUC and CEC Commissioners. To discuss blue-sky solutions to affordability challenges.
- CEC
 - Upcoming community event, Feb 24 9am – Empowering Sustainable Equitable Places. More info at empowerinnovation.net.

10) General public comment

11) DACAG members determine future meeting dates, locations, and topics

The next DACAG meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

12) Adjourn