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May 20, 2022, DACAG Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1, Welcome

Member Attendance	<i>* Write arrival time next to member name if member is late.</i>	
Member	Present	Absent
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Group [has/does not have] to move forward with voting items.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners
 - Chair Hochschild
 - Vice Chair Gunda
 - Commissioner Douglas
 - Commissioner Monahan
 - Commissioner McAllister

- CPUC
 - President Reynolds
 - Commissioner Houck
 - Commissioner Rectshaffen
 - Commissioner Shiroma
 - Commissioner Reynolds

New staff announcements:

ITEM 2, General Public Comment

1. Warren Wang, Assistant Director of Guide house (Contractor to CEC), working on a Natural Gas R&D Strategic Plan for the Energy Commission's Gas R&D Plan. Will be hosting a public workshop targeting communities, equity, and environmental stakeholders on June 9th from

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Will be an important effort to look at the Natural Gas Research Portfolio at the CEC to support their long-term decarbonization goals in a just, equitable, and effective manner. Guide house seeks to get input from the community from an environmental and equity perspective to better understand people’s concerns and discuss the potential benefits and other considerations that need to be considered as research recommendations are put together on a long-term basis.

ITEM 3, Previous Month’s meeting minutes [March 2022]

- Public Comment?
 - None
- Motion to approve Item 3, the Previous Month’s Meeting Minutes [Mar 2022]

Member who makes motion	Jana
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- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Elena
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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"/>
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Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	

ITEM 4

Presentation Title: CPUC’s Covid Arrearages, CBO Pilot Working Group

Notes: Presented by Kathleen Yip with Commissioner Houck’s Office

- Not a voting item
- SMEs would need to discuss offline which DACAG Members would like to serve on the Arrearage Working Group
 - If there are hesitations from DACAG Members about being on the working group, then they could potentially help investing certain applications for the grants

Q&A

- None

Public Comment

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- CPUC Potential Options for DACAG Participation:
 - DACAG members sit on Working Group
 - DACAG appoints a designee to sit on Working Group
 - DACAG does not participate in working group; CPUC returns to a future DACAG meeting share submitted CBO Pilot with DACAG for feedback
- CPUC would like to hear:
 - Other options for DACAG participation
 - Feedback on CBO Pilot Proposal
- Roger Lin: If there aren't too many criteria for CBO's to be involved

ITEM 5

Presentation Title: CEC's Renewable Energy Division's Equity-Focused Programs (CALSHAPE, BUILD, and CalEHP)

Notes: Presented by Matt Jones, Camille Remy-Obad, Guadalupe Corona, and David Velasquez

Q&A:

- None from Attendees
- Question from Roger
 - Regarding the City of Orange Cove project, how did you all connect with them? How do we get more of these projects out there?
 - Cities, counties, and schools that participate in the program work alongside consultants that work through the application process with them to figure out what measures they want to implement and what works with them to complete the project after they've been approved for a loan
- Question from Elena
 - Is there a mechanism to reach out to schools that are high across all those metrics to inform them about those programs?
 - CEC has done extensive outreach to districts (big and small) and charter schools so that everyone who is eligible under the criteria are considered
 - Try to get information out by any means necessary like cold calls, workshops, and webinars

Public Comment:

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Jana Ganion
 - Happy to see that tribal nations are now eligible for the ECAA program and is curious if there is a specific person in the CEC who is working to incorporate tribes into the program

- CEC Contact: Katrina Leni-Konig

ITEM 6

Presentation Title: CPUC's Clean Energy Financing Proceeding (R.20-08-022)

Notes: Presented by Hal Kane from the Energy Efficiency Branch at the CPUC and parties to that proceeding will present their proposals

Q&A:

- None from participants
- From Curtis to SoCalGas
 - What is a good repayment history?
 - What SoCalGas considers a good repayment history is when the customer hasn't received any cost election notices, would like to avoid customers who have consistently late payment notices, and have received a collection notice where they're close to being closed for non-payment.
- From Jana to SoCalGas
 - There is a good credit standing eligibility criteria, is that something that SoCalGas is planning on pursuing?
 - SoCalGas will not be looking at a customer's credit history, or traditional Fico Score, will only be looking at a customer's history with repayment and verify that they are in good standing regarding their loan repayment to the utility
- From Andres
 - COVID has had an impact on data accumulation, especially in disadvantaged communities, so how will that be considered?
- From Roman
 - A lot of the projects identified consumer protections and considerations that are being considered, but how do you ensure that you programs have protections in place to deal with situations of non-payment and potential disconnection? What safeguards are in place to ensure that these upgrades do not detrimentally impact a low-income family down the road?
 - From PG&E, one of the things that has been successful in the OBF program is the elimination of project performance risk.
 - What would be the best way of providing feedback on outstanding questions from presenters outside of the proceeding itself?
 - Delia with SCE, the best way to contact people and provide feedback is by directly contacting the presenter using the contact information they provide in their PowerPoints / slideshows

Public Comment:

- None

DACAG Member Discussion

- Explicit language of landlords not pushing the costs of projects on tenants needs to be included
- For every proposal there should be explicit resources available for engaging with community members, tenants, and ratepayers so they know how these programs work

- Putting the information on websites isn't enough, there needs to be a level of engagement involved so people can learn benefits and how to properly engage with new programs
- There needs to be additional, meaningful, and intentional engagement with the community
 - Partnering with CBO's can help get the word out to disadvantaged and low-income communities
- Group Decision:
 - Have the Affordability Subject Matter experts draft comments and feedback responding to the questions presented to the DACAG before bringing their material back to the full group at the next DACAG meeting

Motion to approve Item 6, CPUC's Clean Energy Financing Proceeding (R.20-08-022)

Member who makes motion	Roger
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Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Curtis
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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"/>
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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"/>

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ITEM 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 7, DACAG 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

Q&A:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Priority Area Developments:

- Electrification and Building Decarbonization
 - Brainstormed and put together a set of bullet points that the group felt like were important before putting their thoughts together into potential sentences
 - Made edits as necessary and agreed upon the description draft
- Affordability
 - Identified the biggest challenges for affordability which helped shape the priorities that the group wants to focus on
 - Topics that the group wants to focus on is debt accumulation, affordability, and access
- Transportation Electrification
 - Pretty robust engagement in transportation over the years
 - Draft reviewed by Andres' group, and it reflects the DACAG's role in the past and what their goals are for the future
- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program
 - Led by Stephanie and José
 - Draft discusses the four key drivers of the program and is self-explanatory
- Missing Drafts from:
 - Workforce Training & Development
 - Reliability
 - Gas Transition
 - Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
 - IEPR
 - Community Engagement
- Four Priority Area Descriptions approved by Angela
 - Made a motion to approve the high priority area descriptions

DACAG Member Discussion:

- The Affordability Subject Matter experts will be drafting comments and feedback responding to the questions presented to the DACAG in Item 7 before bringing their material back to the full group at the next meeting
- Update from EPIC Priority Group
 - Representatives from CEC and CalTrans staff presented a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and EVI Opportunity

- The EPIC Disadvantage Community subcommittee recommends that the CEC and CalTrans staff present at the June DACAG Meeting
- Update from the Transportation Electrification Group
 - They support adding the NEVI Program to a future agenda and holding an annual feedback session for the CEC's transportation program

Motion to approve Item 7, DACAG Priority Areas

Member who makes motion	Elena
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Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Andres
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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"/>
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ITEM 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 8, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update: Roman

- No update, but a good reminder to book a meeting with the LIOB in the upcoming month (June)

Q&A:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- None

ITEM 9,

Updates and announcements by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC.

- CEC Updates
 - Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards this year and nominations are open
 - Nomination Deadline is July 1st
- CPUC Updates
 - No announcements

ITEM 10, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

- None

ITEM 11, Future meeting dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **June 17 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.
 - Objections
 - Concerns about the Juneteenth weekend
 - Possible Agenda Items
 - Nevi
 - Officer Election
 - Meeting Formats
 - Lithium Update from CEC
 - New phase for gas affordability proceeding
 - Charter Review
 - Equity Segment
- DACAG Chair Announcement
 - Chair Islas announced her resignation as Chair and as a member of the DACAG, given changes in her professional circumstances. She commended the work and collaboration with the DACAG members and honored the importance of the work.

ITEM 12, Adjourn

Time Adjourned: 4:48 P.M.