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## July 15, 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
<b>Adrian</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Andres</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Fred</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Stephanie</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Elena</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Curtis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Group has quorum to move forward with voting items.

#### Commissioners in Attendance:

*\*Write any opening remarks below or next to their names*

- CEC Commissioners
  - Chair Hochschild
  - Vice Chair Gunda
    - Thanks to DACAG members who helped plan Equity and EJ workshop in IEPR (Imperial County). Next workshop is next week in Kern County.
    - Thanks to members for feedback on equity indicators – will be presented to full DACAG at a future meeting
    - Thinking through round-tables in preparation for the next SB 100 joint agency report.
  - Commissioner Douglas
  - Commissioner Monahan
    - CEC published draft Clean Transportation Plan – budget has increased 8x for this year. Next Advisory Committee meeting will be in early October, and would like DACAG input as well. Plan will be revised once budget is finalized, and will seek DACAG feedback after that.
  - Commissioner McAllister
  
- CPUC
  - President Reynolds
  - Commissioner Houck

- CBO Pilot Proposal in Disconnections proceeding (formerly in COVID 19 Proceeding). CPUC will hold a workshop, working on coordinating a joint presentation to DACAG and LIOB after proposal is finalized and ready for input (due August 16)
- Tribal consultation in SoCal Aug 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Scheduling further regional consultations in September and beyond.
- Affordability proceeding – listening sessions in Fall, first in Fresno mid-late September
- ☒ Commissioner Rechtschaffen
  - Governor has a budget proposal, still pending in legislature, for capacity building and technical assistance for tribes and CBOs to participate in CPUC proceedings and access CPUC programs. CPUC still working to get that proposal through legislature. Would be in addition to existing intervenor compensation program.
- ☒ Commissioner Shiroma
  - LIOB Member, assigned commissioner for Clean Energy Financing proceeding. CA has established ambitious climate goals, and the Financing rulemaking can accelerate deployment of clean energy technologies in affordable, accessible, equitable ways.
  - Also assigned Commissioner for Energy Efficiency and EPIC, both of which are working to drive investments in clean energy. Appreciates insights on how CPUC can improve program design and implementation.
- ☐ Commissioner Reynolds

**ITEM 2, General Public Comment**

- None

**ITEM 3, May 20, 2022 and June 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Public Comment?
  - none
- Motion to approve Item 3, May 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

<b>Member who makes motion</b>	Curtis
<b>Member who Seconds</b>	Jana

<b>Member Votes</b>				
<b>Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>No Vote</b>
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- Motion to approve Item 3, June 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

<b>Member who makes motion</b>	Jana
<b>Member who Seconds</b>	Roger

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
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Andres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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#### ITEM 4

Presentation Title: Summary of Energy Efficiency Business Plan Application Equity Segment

Notes: Stephanie Chen, being employed by MCE which is a program applicant, recused herself from the discussion to avoid a conflict of interest.

Q&A

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Public Comment

- Fabi Lao, senior equity policy manager for Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) – highlighted the need for community engagement as a principle and funded component in the program, include STEP metrics, stressed measurement is possible, type of activities and engagement CBOs, research, satisfaction surveys canvassing, listening sessions and focus groups.

DACAG Member Discussion:

- On the PA Proposed Equity Indicators slide, please explain what “energy and climate benefits (monetized within TSB)” means in greater detail. TSB = total system benefit.
- What kinds of public facilities have been suggested to include in hard to reach places? School districts, water wastewater, publicly funded facilities.
- Recommended expanding definition of disadvantaged communities within the equity segment for both IOUs and CCAs and RENs, to include both the California EPA’s Final Designation of Disadvantaged Communities Pursuant to SB 535, published in May of 2022, and this Advisory Group’s Equity Framework Definition of Disadvantaged Communities as: CalEnviroScreen (already included), Tribal Lands, Census tracts with area median household income/state median income, less than 80%, and Households with median household income less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), as listed in the 2018 Equity Framework.
- Draft equity metrics and indicators presented as totals, interested in percentages, annual metrics, savings, others. Reach of the program in relation to the total population not currently included, but can be explored. Analogy with CARE and FERA (sp?) programs.
- Non-energy benefits, health, comfort, safety should be the metrics to be focus on, regardless of difficulties in quantification and definitions, etc. Echo prior comments of working with CBOs. Both consistent asks. Cost effectiveness tests should be revised to incorporate nebs – equity carve out is productive, and a parallel revised cost effectiveness test incorporating non energy benefits; don’t put NEBS on ‘the kids table’. For the 30%, RENs are the only exceptions. More ambitious, add budget floor for equity, at 30% as the ceiling is 50%.
- Question about ending incentives for natural gas infrastructure, provide more detail. Rationale is to not perpetuate higher cost and other issues with NG infrastructure
- Related question on non-energy benefits (NEBS) – what is the CPUC role in NEBS? Warrants full discussion at future meeting DACAG agenda item.
- Process for addressing recommendations, responding to comments from a specific working group (e.g., DACAG). Up to Administrative Law Judge, allow to go on the record, and request direct response to letter or more general response. Intent is to give comments full consideration.
- Recommend setting minimum equity budget requirements – equity investments seemed very low in some entities draft proposals and higher in others.
- Several years ago, the DACAG has already developed an Equity Framework to help shape these kinds of programs. How can consideration of those recommended guidelines be institutionalized, so that we can be more efficient with our time.

<b>Motion</b>	For the DACAG IEPR subject matter experts to draft comments on this item for submission prior to or at the August 2022 DACAG meeting, and present the comments to the DACAG for review and approval at
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	the August DACAG meeting, and if approved, submit the DACAG-approved comments by September 1, 2022.
<b>Member who makes motion</b>	Roger
<b>Member who Seconds</b>	Curtis

<b>Member Votes</b>				
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Stephanie Chen returned to the meeting after the vote was complete.

#### **ITEM 5, Draft Letter to CPUC regarding Clean Energy Financing Proposals**

Notes: Members discussed the presentation from the May meeting and provided recommendations, which were documented by CPUC staff and voted on as drafted.

Q&A:

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Public Comment:

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DACAG Member Discussion:

- Need to make sure the application process is as simple as possible
- Is there potential for alternative ownership models, for example community ownership of certain kinds of assets?
- Recommendation to make available the ability to combine different technology types under a single OBF agreement – benefits residential, commercial, and communities. Also include technologies beyond just EE – include clean generation and storage technologies, and system components related to these i.e. electrical panel upgrades.
- Many proposals wanted to test out models on higher income customers before opening up to lower income customers – will exclude the customers that stand to benefit the most.

- Need to ensure programs include protections for customers at risk of potential disconnection due to nonpayment of financing charges. Better to include low income customers in first year of programs with financial protections, than to exclude them altogether as many have proposed.
- Language used to communicate with customers must be clear and protect against landlords who may want to upgrade their property and pass costs along to tenants. Both landlord and tenant must expressly consent to the financing mechanism.
- Technical assistance should be provided to tenants and landlords both for education and adoption and for quality assurance, including bill savings for the resident.
- Credit histories and income ratios should not be considered in application process – consider instead utility bill payment history, with thoughtful consideration of any arrearages accumulated during COVID, and sufficient ability to pay monthly bills associated with OBF.
- Expand OBF to include zero interest unsecured loan terms with no application fees.
- Do not disqualify applicants who have had a previous disconnection or default – would exclude the customers who need affordable financing the most. Especially if the disconnection/default happened during COVID.
- Landlords should be responsible for out of pocket expenses beyond those mutually agreed to, including operations and maintenance, warranty work, copays, etc.
- Unless otherwise specified, all recommendations apply to tariffed on-bill financing, on-bill financing, on bill repayment and other forms of financing, and to residential and non-residential settings. Residential includes but single-family homes, multi-family homes, rental accounts. Non-Residential includes industrial, commercial, government, non-profit, and other non-residential buildings or community-scale systems
- Motion to approve Item 5, Recommendations Regarding Clean Energy Financing Proposals as Documented During the Meeting

<b>Motion</b>	To approve Item 5, Recommendations Regarding Clean Energy Financing Proposals as documented during the meeting, and authorize Roger Lin to submit the recommendations on behalf of the DACAG.
<b>Member who makes motion</b>	Curtis
<b>Member who Seconds</b>	Jana

<b>Member Votes</b>				
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**ITEM 6, DACAG Officer Elections**

Notes:

Q&A:

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Public Comment:

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DACAG Member Discussion:

- It is likely that one new DACAG member will have been approved by both CEC and CPUC by the time of the August DACAG meeting, at which time the DACAG will conduct officer elections.

**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:

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Public Comment:

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Priority Area Developments:

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DACAG Member Discussion:

- Members discussed and approved several priority area descriptions – Community Engagement, Workforce Development, Reliability, and Distributed Energy Resources

DACAG Member Priority Area Selections:



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<b>Motion</b>	To approve descriptions of DACAG Priority Areas as drafted by each Priority Area’s subject matter experts
<b>Member who makes motion</b>	Andres
<b>Member who Seconds</b>	Jana

<b>Member Votes</b>				
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**ITEM 8**, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update: There has been no engagement with the LIOB since the last meeting.

Q&A:

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Public Comment:

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DACAG Member Discussion:

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**ITEM 9**, Updates and announcements by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC.

- CEC Updates

- CEC hosting a workshop July 20 in the IEPR focused on Equity and Social Justice. Kern Community College, Bakersfield. Will also be webcast via Zoom.
- CPUC Updates
  - none

**ITEM 10**, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

- none

**ITEM 11**, Future meeting dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, August 19 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.
  - Objections
    - none
  - Possible Agenda Items
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**ITEM 12**, Adjourn

Time Adjourned: 4:40pm