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DACAG Equity Framework Update

Overview

The inaugural DACAG Equity Framework ("Framework") was developed and approved by the DACAG members in 2018. The Framework was developed with the intention to serve as a guide to the DACAG to ensure "access and adequate resources reach the implementation stage and benefit communities in a meaningful and measurable way." This existing Framework also served as a guidance document for CPUC and CEC as it included a set of definitions and guiding language to help advance policies and programs that increase access and benefits to our most impacted and vulnerable communities.

Our communities continue to bear the brunt of socio-economic and environmental challenges. Even with an increased focus on equity at CPUC and CEC, our communities are still far behind in seeing direct and meaningful benefits from the various policies and programs administered by these two agencies. To best address these challenges and provide improved direction and ensure we're not just striving for equity, but justice to our communities, the DACAG will embark on updating the framework to maximize benefits provided by ratepayer and state funds. We have developed the following process to gather feedback from the agencies, but most importantly, from community stakeholders.

Process and Timeline

By the end of 2023, we plan on deploying the following strategy to help gather input and guidance from agencies and community stakeholders to update the DACAG Equity Framework.

- Monthly agenda item with unlimited comment period for community members
- Discussion between DACAG members on what needs updating and/or need to be added to reflect community needs and priorities
- Review of ESJ Plan and CEC's Equity definition efforts to identify any overlaps
- Request for CPUC and CEC to review framework and share information on how the Framework has been used, what parts require clarification, and what type of changes they would like to see (March - April)
- Open docket at CEC to request feedback from stakeholders on what we should update (Docket to remain open for...)
- For meetings in person, invite specific community stakeholders to participate and provide input. Intentional outreach efforts to community stakeholders for direct input opportunities