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August 18, 2023 - DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome and roll call of the members

- Time begun: 1:07PM

Member Attendance			
<i>* Write arrival time next to member name if member is late.</i>			
Member	Present	Absent	Location
Adrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remote via Zoom
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Public Utilities Commission
Sahara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remote via Zoom

Group **does** have quorum to move forward with voting items, pursuant to Government Code, section 11123.5.

ITEM 2, General public comment.

- Veronika Cole, FUSE Corps Executive Fellow, City of Oakland
- Shaina Nanavati, Reclaim Our Power Utility Justice Campaign
- Yuen Mun, Community Member

ITEM 3, Opening comments by the CEC and CPUC Commissioners or their advisors.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners

- ☒ Chair Hochschild
- ☐ Vice Chair Gunda
- ☒ Commissioner Gallardo
- ☐ Commissioner Monahan
- ☐ Commissioner McAllister

- CPUC

- ☒ President Reynolds
 - Via Khalil Johnson
- ☒ Commissioner Douglas
- ☒ Commissioner Houck
 - Via Victor Smith
- ☐ Commissioner Shiroma
- ☐ Commissioner Reynolds

ITEM 4, DACAG members review June 16 and July 21, 2023, meeting minutes.

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Discussion:

- N/A

Motion to approve Item 4, the Previous Months' Meeting Minutes, [June 16](#), and [July 21](#), 2023.

Member who makes motion	Curtis
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Member who seconds motion to approve:

Member who Seconds	Elena
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
Adrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sahara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 5, Discussion on Resiliency Hubs and their Challenges – Panel of Community Leaders and Stakeholders.

Panel Discussion: Amee Raval, Asian Pacific Environmental Network; Gilbert Gong, Lincoln Recreation Center; Daniel Hamilton, City of Oakland; Susan Silber, East Oakland Collective; Nathan Bengtsson, PG&E

- General:
 - Three functions of resiliency hubs: climate mitigation / climate adaptation / social cohesion (and their intersection)
 - Investment in social and community infrastructure
 - Need to be where the people are
 - Build individual resilience – make people stronger
 - Necessity of solutions at scale
 - Many ways to make our shared spaces resilient spaces
- Challenges
 - Consistent, reliable, long-term funding at scale
 - Patching together disparate funding sources
 - Reduction in funding due to budget deficit; lack of political will to sustain the program
 - Cooperative environments forced to compete for state, local resources
 - How to access abundance at the federal level
 - Private funding sources
 - Trust and community use/access
 - Significant, multi-year barriers in utility interconnection processing and approval; single biggest cost generator and technical barrier; multi-year delays; SB 410 – no mention of equity or resilience
 - RYSE Youth Center in Richmond – successfully created RYSE Commons: Liberation Hub; but still waiting on interconnection
 - Over-emphasis on energy resilience vs things like food, mental health, etc. – think more expansively (for instance: all Oakland resilience hub sites are existing food distribution sites); reasoning behind Strategic Growth Council as a lead funder
 - Lack of cross-agency collaboration
 - Grant proposals extremely hard to write
 - Resilience as the opposite of efficiency, when efficiency has been central to CEC and CPUC culture and function – requires a shift
 - PG&E: four-person climate resilience team
- Solutions

- Culture and messaging shifts – collective responses vs individual means of responding to emergency preparedness
- Understand and value the fact that the power of these hubs is their collective nature, multi-dimensionality, and intersectionality
- Authentic listening and uplifting community voices
- Site visits – feel what these spaces are
- Center belonging
- Broadening the definition of a resiliency hub – multifamily housing, farms, schools
- A separate fund of private and public funding to support smaller communities and projects
- Shared language
- Embed resiliency hubs into Climate Action Plans
- Final words
 - Don't let the perfect get in the way of the good
 - Advocate for projects of all sizes
 - Identify common ground and problem-solve together
 - Need to find ways to steer federal dollars to CA – currently behind on accessing those resources
 - Get the message out to media
 - Hold hope and vision for the future
 - What if all public buildings could serve as resilient hubs?
 - Needs to be part of ongoing, statewide strategy; scaled investments

Public Comment:

- Travis Gibrael, Community Member/Resident at Cantic Farm
- Brian Sawyer, Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast
- David Weightman
- Alice Sung, Principal, Greenbank Associates and CAEECC
- Julian Enis, Energy Division, CPUC

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Comments from participants in the site visit to the Lincoln Recreation Center and Resiliency Hub in Oakland Chinatown
 - Importance of connectivity
 - True community trust; already a trusted space used by thousands of people; intergenerational
 - Resident organizing and advocacy
 - Ambitious design of islanded microgrid
- Collective community resources like resiliency hubs are not new – just putting a new name to them
- Holistic approaches to community needs that don't clearly fit with a single funding source or agency purview
- Deployment of these resources is not equitable

- Is there a standard we could set for interconnection standard timelines, tied to fees to be paid to compensate those who aren't connected (and maybe the standard is higher in a DAC – shorter timeline)
- Draft 2023 RPS Procurement Plans were submitted by the utilities in July 2023; will be reported to the legislature in November and will include interconnection delay data reported by the utilities per SB 1174
- Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) – main vehicle for interagency recommendations to the Governor's Office and the legislature; focus will be interconnection
- Blue Lake Rancheria has interconnected 2 microgrids; PG&E team has been stellar and has been part of their expertise ecosystem
- Uplift conversation about scale – value of small projects; replicability and shared learning; CEC/CPUC role in helping to share and connect projects
- Benefit of seed capital, technical assistance, planning grants (example: SGC TCC planning and implementation grants)
- ***DACAG Letter of Support for the Lincoln Rec Center – next meeting is 9/15/2023; Roger will draft for approval and Jana will edit***
- Dramatic construction cost escalation during COVID – labor and materials
- Resiliency hubs in a rural setting; receiving clean energy dollars for warehousing, ag, transportation – but what about the people? Some cities, communities don't have the municipal infrastructure – Coachella Valley only incorporated 77 yrs. ago (Oak: 171 yrs.)
- ***Next month: can this group petition the CPUC for a proceeding to focus on resiliency hub?***
- CEC – identify which programs would fit; invite to site visits; more collab with local governments
- Lack of forums for conversations like this/for community issues to be heard by decision-makers

ITEM 6, CEC staff will present the Senate Bill 100 ("The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018") Report vision for 2025, including an overview of the joint agencies' proposed pathways and preview of content to be presented at the August 22, 2023, Senate Bill 100 kickoff workshop.

Presentation Title: [2025 SB 100 Report Vision](#), Aleecia Gutierrez, CEC

Public Comment:

- Fabi Lao, Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE)

DACAG Member Discussion:

- CARB and CPUC have also do non-energy benefit work; alignment on best practices, methodologies, practices is important across agencies as well as within teams and across departments
- Reports should make it clear where and how community input is incorporated
- Refresh on Energy Equity Indicators is in progress; it will be important that we're not just looking at data in aggregate, but also on a more granular level to identify gaps in investment; layer and cross-reference various tools

- Would like to see the DACAG's strong recommendation for green hydrogen reflected in the matrix, along with the DACAG's definition
- Request: make sure there's an environmental justice representative or entity on the Technical Advisory Committee
- CARB currently uses a "value of statistical life" metric, which assigns value based on your income; would advocate against using this inappropriate metric
- ***Roger and Elena will be at the SB 100 Workshop and will advise the DACAG on whether the DACAG should write a letter responding to the questions in the slides***

ITEM 7, DACAG discussion of equity implications of Senate Bill 544 (Laird) regarding the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act, including possible approval of a DACAG letter in support.

Public Comment

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion

- [Proposed letter](#)
- Discussion of amendments since July meeting
- Discussion of reducing requirement of 50% to 25% in-person
- How to maximize flexibility without creating loopholes for bad actors
- DACAG survey – unrealistic to plan another in-person meeting in 2023
- Advocate for different considerations for advisory groups to provide more flexibility; edits made to the letter

Motion to approve Item 7, the letter on SB 544 regarding the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act to be submitted to Assembly Appropriations by Roman on behalf of the DACAG.

Member who makes motion	Jana
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Member who seconds motion to approve:

Member who Seconds	Roger
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Member Votes				
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ITEM 8, 2023 remaining DACAG meeting planning: October – December 2023 including DACAG member discussion to plan the October, November, and December 2023 meetings.

- *Item **deferred** to the beginning of September meeting. Email exchange to follow with staff on the remaining three meetings for the year; October is likely to be rescheduled or cancelled.*

ITEM 9, DACAG member discussion on DACAG equity framework and outreach. This item will be conducted as a roundtable discussion of the possible revisions to the framework and outreach strategy to gather community input.

- *Item **deferred** to the September meeting.*

ITEM 10, DACAG Discussion about the 2021-2022 DACAG Annual Report and the preparation of the 2022-2023 DACAG Annual Report.

- *Item **deferred** to the September meeting.*

ITEM 11, DACAG members to provide updates and announcements on DACAG priority areas. Members may discuss and revise descriptions of 2023 priority areas. Members may also be identified as priority area leads or subject matter experts:

- *Affordability*
- *Workforce Training & Development*
- *Tribal and Community Engagement & Participation*
- *Building and Industrial Decarbonization, Electrification, and Gas Transition*
- *Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Deployment and Distribution Capacity in Disadvantaged Communities*
- *Resiliency*
- *Reliability and Flexibility*
- *Clean Hydrogen*
- *Senate Bill 100*
- *Transportation Electrification*
- *Senate Bill 350-related issues*
- *Energy Impacted Services*
- *Lifeline programs, broadband, etc.*
- *Integrated Energy Policy Report*
- *Electric Program Investments Charge Program (EPIC)*

- Item **deferred** to the September meeting:

ITEM 12, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB).

- Item **deferred** to the September meeting:

ITEM 13, CEC and CPUC staff provide agency updates and announcements.

- Equity and Access Grants are now available and online
- EPIC currently conducting public workshops
 - Concern raised by DACAG members about EPIC compliance with AB 523 requirements for percentage of investment in and benefitting DACs, based on the database at <https://database.epicpartnership.org/projects>
 - CPUC Staff requested that the DACAG put this concern into the CPUC EPIC Proceeding Record.

ITEM 14, General public comment.

Public Comment

- N/A

ITEM 15, DACAG members determine future meeting format, dates, locations, and topics.

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., at noticed teleconference locations.
 - Objections
 - N/A
 - Possible Agenda Items
 - EPIC panel debrief and data on DAC investment percentages
 - SBX 1-2 panel debrief
 - EPIC Strategic Planning and Establishing Measurable Goals
 - EPIC compliance with AB 523

ITEM 16, Adjourn.

- Time Adjourned: 4:47PM