

MINUTES – September 2021 DACAG Meeting

1) Welcome and roll call of the members

Member Attendance		
Member	Present	Absent
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
José (joined at 2:40 p.m.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioners

- CPUC
 - Commissioner Houck
 - Commissioner Rechtschaffen
- CEC
 - Commissioner Monahan
 - Gave a brief presentation on the draft Clean Transportation Program Investment Plan, invited feedback from DACAG members on the proposed breakdown of investment funding.
 - Commissioner Gunda

Agency Staff

- CEC
 - Drew Bohan, Executive Director

2) General public comment

3) Review August 20, 2021, meeting minutes

Motion	To approve the August 20, 2021 meeting minutes
Member who makes motion	Curtis
Member who Seconds	Roman

Member Votes			
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
José	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	Unanimous Pass	Unanimous Fail	If not unanimous, # of Votes
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4) CEC Commissioner Gunda's office provides update about Governor's Emergency Proclamation

Discussion / Member Comments

- What efforts will be undertaken to mitigate air quality impacts from gas and diesel temp gen? Would like an update at a future meeting.
- Good opportunity to focus on investments in zero emission technologies rather than just incremental improvements. Noting that this issue seems to recur every summer, and that we should be talking about it and planning our response year-round.
- Important to consider all of the available capacity – double down on analysis and make sure everything is accounted for. Don't want this to turn into an excuse to put more fossil fuels out there.

5) CPUC staff provides update about GO 156 supplier diversity efforts

Discussion / Member Comments

- CPUC can coordinate with CEC and CalSEED to identify diverse companies or entrepreneurs that might be a good fit for contracting opportunities
- SJV proceeding discussed job creation opportunities, refer to those discussions and to the Community Energy Navigators for ideas specific to the Central Valley.
- Least cost best fit model for contracting can be a barrier to creating equitable opportunities in areas like the SJV
- Current reporting doesn't sufficiently cover construction of new renewable projects, where there's a lot of potential for developers to contract with diverse construction-related firms, because it happens before the project's commercial online date. Potentially missed opportunity to further emphasize the importance of supplier diversity with renewable developers.

6) CPUC staff presents Distributed Energy Resources Action Plan (comment deadline is 10/8/2021)

Discussion / Member Comments

- DACAG needs to think about how to engage in more detail with the action plan which crosses different DACAG priority issues. Lots of opportunities for members to engage on many aspects of the Action Plan.
- Question about what outreach and engagement CPUC is undertaking with stakeholders who are not part of the typical regulatory processes (CBOs, etc.) to provide an overview and get feedback
- Question about how the ESJ action plan principles will show up in the DER action plan itself – specific goals and actions? How will equity outcomes be evaluated?
- Question about whether and how the action plan will address access gaps re: DERs in ESJ communities?
- Some of the Action Plan’s goals may encounter barriers that are outside of the CPUC’s jurisdiction, such as the upfront costs of DERs. CPUC should make recommendations where it identifies barriers that require a legislative solution, for example.

7) DACAG reviews and approves 2020 DACAG Annual Report

Discussion / Member Comments

- None

Motion	To approve the 2020 DACAG Annual Report
Member who makes motion	Roger
Member who Seconds	Fred

Member Votes			
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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8) DACAG member discussion about 2021/2022 priority areas and any other updates, community developments, and recommendations in the following 2020/2021 priority areas:

- a. Storage

- b. Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)
 - i. Subject matter experts have had two productive meetings with ERDD staff on the upcoming EPIC 4 draft investment plan, and staff has asked to bring it to the full DACAG at the October meeting. Encourage members to review the deck when meeting materials are distributed, and come prepared with comments and questions.
- c. Solar Access
- d. Transportation Electrification
- e. Biomethane
- f. Building Electrification
- g. Workforce Development
- h. Assembly Bill 617
- i. Senate Bill 100
- j. Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
- k. Telecommunications / Broadband / Digital Divide
- l. COVID-19 response
- m. Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan
- n. Community Engagement

9) Updates by the Low-Income Oversight Board Liaison

The DACAG officers presented an alternative plan for promoting coordination between the LIOB and DACAG.

10) General updates and announcements provided by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC

- CPUC
 - Public release of ESJ Action Plan anticipated mid-October, staff will present at Oct 15 DACAG meeting, looks forward to public comments
 - Invitation to join Universal Application System working group – single statewide application for ESAP, CARE and FERA. Coordinators would like to invite one DACAG member to join the group. Group is tasked with overall purpose and goals, system requirements, and inter- and intra-agency coordination opportunities. Kickoff meeting mid-October, anticipating 90-minute meetings every 2 weeks through EOY, then every month during the first 6 months of 2022.
 - Introducing Phil Voris, lead analyst on Equity issues on CPUC team led by Cheryl Cox. New CPUC staff liaison for DACAG.

11) General public comment

12) Determine future meeting dates, locations, and topics

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Potential topics: Equity segment in the upcoming energy efficiency applications, new phase of the CPUC's Affordability proceeding.

13) Adjourn