



Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting

November 15, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Teleconference & Remote Access via Webex

See attendance instructions below.

Primary Physical Meeting Location(s)

California Public Utilities Commission – San Francisco Office
1st Floor Courtyard Room
505 Van Ness Ave
San Francisco, CA 94102

Notice of Meeting

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) aims to begin promptly at the start time, and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The meeting may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

The meeting will be held via Teleconference & Remote Access, with a primary physical meeting location as noted above. Any of the members of the DACAG may participate remotely. The public can participate remotely as instructed below or physically attend at the primary physical meeting location. The meeting may be recorded.

Agenda

Any of the agenda items, other than welcome, public comments, member announcements, and future meeting planning, may include a motion for specific action related to the topic and vote of the DACAG.

- 1) Welcome and roll call of the members.
- 2) Public Comment. General public comment regarding items on or off the agenda related to the work done by the DACAG.
- 3) Opening remarks by CEC and CPUC leadership.
- 4) Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of October 18, 2024, DACAG meeting minutes.
- 5) New DACAG Member(s). Introduction and meet and greet with any newly appointed DACAG member(s).
- 6) Societal Cost Test. CPUC staff will present on the Societal Cost Test (SCT). The 2024 Avoided Cost Calculator includes an SCT option for both electric and gas models. The SCT considers the benefits and costs experienced by society (e.g. the impact of particulate air pollution on human health) in its evaluation of cost-effectiveness. The SCT is an information-only test. The Total Resource Cost (TRC) Test remains the primary cost-effectiveness test for evaluating DER cost-effectiveness. Learn more at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/demand-side-management/energy-efficiency/der-cost-effectiveness>.

- 7) Break. The DACAG will break for 5 Minutes.
- 8) [DACAG Equity Framework](#). DACAG discussion of goals and options for providing broad awareness and consideration of the DACAG Equity Framework in state energy policies and programs.
- 9) Governor's [Executive Order N-5-24](#) regarding affordability of customer energy bills. DACAG discussion of Executive Order issued on October 30, 2024, and its potential implications. This Executive Order instructs state agencies including the CEC and CPUC to examine all electric programs, rules and orders; make recommendations in a report to the Governor on assessment of costs and benefits to ratepayers by January 1, 2025.
- 10) Priority Areas. DACAG members to provide updates and announcements regarding DACAG priority areas and associated activities. Members may discuss and revise items related to the 2024 priority areas, including the identification of subject matter experts.
 - a. Affordability.
 - b. Building, Industrial, Gas System Decarbonization, and Clean Renewable Hydrogen.
 - c. Electric Program Investment Charge Program (EPIC).
 - d. Electricity Reliability, Resiliency, and Load Flexibility (Including Distribution and Transmission Grid Planning and Distributed Energy Resources).
 - e. Long-term Planning (SB 100, SB 350, IEPR, Offshore Wind, Lithium Valley Vision, Long-term Natural Gas, Smart Grids and Broadband).
 - f. Transportation Electrification and Zero Emission Transportation.
 - g. Tribal and Community Engagement and Participation.
 - h. Workforce Training and Development.
- 11) Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB). DACAG member(s) to provide any update(s) regarding engagement with the LIOB.
- 12) Agency Announcements. CEC and CPUC staff to provide any agency announcements.
- 13) Agenda-Setting and Attendance. DACAG member(s) may propose and discuss any agenda items, dates, location, and attendance for future DACAG meetings.
- 14) Public Comment. General public comment regarding items on or off the agenda related to the work done by the DACAG.
- 15) Adjourn.

Background

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 350, Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), the CEC and the CPUC have established the DACAG. The charter and appointment information can be found on the [CEC website](#) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG>. The DACAG advises the two Commissions on the effectiveness of programs related to SB 350 in disadvantaged communities.

Attendance and Commenting Instructions for Webex

To join remotely, click this link:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m908f4c3e31e7dc08f6f247eb6fd40280>

Meeting ID (Webinar Number): 2491 778 7290

Password: DACAG (32224 from phones and video systems)

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Webex Difficulty: If you are experiencing difficulties accessing the DACAG meeting using the link or call-in information appearing above please visit the DACAG meeting event page for this meeting at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/about/campaigns/equity-and-diversity/disadvantaged-communities-advisory-group/dacag-meetings> for the most up-to-date information. You can also contact the CPUC at (415) 703-5263.

Commenting at the Meeting. If you join by the Webex platform, use the "raise hand" feature to get in the queue to speak and a moderator will call on you. If you join by phone, press *3 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute/mute. If you are in-person, you will be called upon.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The DACAG will accept public comments before or during the DACAG's discussion of each agenda item. The DACAG will also accept general public comments about any topic not on the agenda yet relevant to the DACAG at the beginning and conclusion of the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record. Please see the instructions provided above for commenting at the meeting.

Written comments. Please note that written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, address, phone number, and email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via internet search engines.

Written comments will be accepted via one of the following three options:

1) Email comments to CEC staff at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov and CPUC staff at DAC-AG@cpuc.ca.gov in the subject line that comments are regarding the meeting of the DACAG.

2) Submit comments using CEC's electronic commenting system:

- a. Go to: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/ECommentSelectProceeding.aspx>.
- b. Type "16-OIR-06" into the "Select a Proceeding" field and select when prompted.
- c. Click "Continue" to add a comment. Commenters are required to input their name, email address, and comment title.
- d. Comment title can be "[Individual or Company Name] Comment re: Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting."
- e. Type comments into the "Comment Text" field or upload a document with your comments.

- f. Uploaded documents should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat® and 10 MB or under in size.
- g. Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming on the website. Then click on "Agree and Submit your Comments."

3) Mail paper comments to: California Energy Commission, Docket Unit, MS-4, Re: Docket No. 16-OIR-06, 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. DACAG members may not receive mailed paper comments before the meeting, due to delays in the distribution of physical materials to members statewide. Therefore, electronic submission of any comments via e-filing or email is encouraged.

Contacts

CPUC Specialized Accommodations. If specialized accommodations are required to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll-free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the meeting.

CEC Media inquiries. Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

CPUC Media inquiries. Email news@cpuc.ca.gov or call (415) 703-1366.

CEC General Inquiries. Email Dorothy Murimi at dorothy.murimi@energy.ca.gov with "DACAG" in the subject line for emails or call (916) 957-7910.

CPUC General Inquiries. Email DAC-AG@cpuc.ca.gov or call 1-866-849-8390.

Commissioner Attendance

A majority of commissioners from the CEC or CPUC may be present at this event in compliance with Government Code section 11122.5(c)(4) but will not act on any matters. Advisors to the commissioners may also be in attendance. Parties to any proceedings pending before the CEC or CPUC who are participating in this DACAG meeting are asked to abide by any ex parte rules applicable to those proceedings regarding specific communications that may require prior notice.

Availability of Documents

[Documents and presentations](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-OIR-06) for this meeting will be available online at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-OIR-06>, as well as the CEC's DACAG webpage found at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG> "www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG".

Distribution

This document was sent to the following CEC email subscriptions: Barriers Report SB 350, Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group, Diversity Outreach Program, Clean Transportation Program, Tribal Program, Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program, Climate Change Issues, Decarbonization Topics, Efficiency Topics, Greenhouse Gas Emission Impacts of Power Plants, and Joint-Agency Report – SB 100, Efficiency Financing, Decarbonization Topics, Order Instituting Informational Proceeding on Justice, Access, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

This document was also sent to the following CPUC service lists R.19-10-005, R.12-11-005, R.20-05-012, R.14-07-002, R.20-08-020, R.18-12-006, A.18-06-015, R.13-02-008, R.18-10-007, R.18-12-005, I.19-11-013, R.15-05-006, R.18-12-006, R.19-09-009, A.19-11-003, A-20-03-014, R.20-05-003, R.23-12-008, R.20-08-022, R.15-03-010, A.20-03-014, R.13-11-005, R.18-07-005, R.18-07-006, R.20-07-013, R.17-06-024, R.20-01-007, R.19-01-011, A.21-12-009, A.22-08-003, R.18-04-018, R.20-01-007, A.23-01-004 and R.22-11-013.