

In-Person Climate Adaptation Equity Metrics Workshop Agenda

Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator
525 S. Hewitt Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013
Remote Webex Option Available
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Background

Through its Climate Adaptation Proceeding (R.18-04-019), the CPUC requires the large investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to file a Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA) every 4 years with the CPUC. The CAVA is meant to identify vulnerabilities and risks to IOU assets, operations, and services caused by climate change impacts and describe adaptation options to address those vulnerabilities. The CAVA can then inform climate adaptation investment proposals presented in the IOU's subsequent General Rate Case (GRC) or other relevant applications. The CPUC also requires the IOUs to develop and submit a Community Engagement Plan (CEP) one year prior to their CAVA, which is meant to inform IOU engagement with Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Communities (DVCs) as defined in the proceeding, before, during, and after the development of their CAVA. Pursuant to Decision (D).24-08-005, the IOUs are required to publicly present the results of their CAVAs 90 days before submission for public comment.

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I.	Welcome & Introduction <i>Meghan Cook, California Public Utilities Commission Staff</i>	9:30 – 9:40 AM
II.	Commissioner Opening Remarks <i>Commissioner Darcie L. Houck</i>	9:40 – 9:50 AM
III.	Overview & Background <i>Meghan Cook, California Public Utilities Commission Staff</i>	9:50 – 10:10 AM
IV.	Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) Roundtable: Identifying and Prioritizing Equity in CAVAs – Lessons Learned and Proposals for Refinements <ul style="list-style-type: none">IOU Presentations: Refinement to Equity Integration in CAVAs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Southern California Edison (SCE) – Anna Brockway & Anuj Desai</i><i>San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) – Sandeep Aujla</i><i>Southern California Gas (SoCalGas) – Geoffrey Danker</i>BreakFacilitated Roundtable Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>County of Los Angeles – Minh Le</i><i>Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative – Josh Simmons</i><i>CPUC Resilience & Microgrids Team – Rosanne Ratkiewich</i><i>Schatz Energy Research Center – Peter Alstone, Awbrey Yost</i>	10:10 AM – 12:15 PM 10:10 – 11:30 AM 11:30 – 11:40 AM 11:40 – 12:15 PM
V.	Lunch Break	12:15 – 1:45 PM
VI.	Integration of Technical Equity Metrics into CAVA Process	1:45– 3:15 PM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder Presentations – Technical Equity Metrics Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation – Ankitha Doddanari RAND Corporation – Dr. Ben Preston Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) – Heidi Scarth CPUC Rates Team – Ankit Jain CPUC High Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Team – Angelica Gloria Velasco Break and Interactive Activity Facilitated Discussion 	1:45 – 2:25 PM 2:25 – 2:40 PM 2:40 – 3:15 PM
VII.	Refinement of Community Engagement Requirement and Metrics for CAVA Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder & Tribal Presentations – Community Engagement Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA Strategic Growth Council – Ena Lupine Climate Action Campaign Orange County – Tomas Souza de Castro Inland Southern California Climate Collaborative (ISC3) – Beth Tamayose Break and Interactive Activity Facilitated Discussion 	3:15 – 4:45 PM 3:15 – 3:55 PM 3:55 – 4:10 PM 4:10 – 4:45 PM
IX.	Next Steps & Closing Remarks	4:45 – 5:00 PM
	No Host Networking Post-Workshop Event – Arts District Brewing Company	5:15 – 7:00 PM

Lunch Option Suggestions

- Urth Caffe
- Tatsu Ramen