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Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG)

Annual Report Summary

In early 2018 the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission jointly approved members of a new advisory group consisting of representatives of disadvantaged communities who will provide advice on state programs proposed to achieve clean energy and pollution reduction. The creation of the advisory group fulfills a requirement in Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015.

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group was created to advise both commissions on how programs can effectively reach and benefit communities burdened by pollution and socio-economic challenges, including rural and tribal communities. Program areas include renewable energy, energy efficiency, and transportation electrification.

The members represent the diverse nature of disadvantaged communities throughout the state, reflecting the different rural and urban, cultural and ethnic, and geographic regions. The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group members are:

- Stephanie Chen, Energy and Telecommunications Policy Director at the Greenlining Institute
- Kevin Day, Tribal Chairman of the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council, who was chosen to be the Advisory Group's tribal representative by the Governor's Tribal Liaison and was later replaced by Jana Ganion.
- Stan Greschner, Chief Policy and Business Development Officer at GRID Alternatives
- Angela Islas, Community Health Worker at Central California Asthma Collaborative • Roger Lin, Senior Attorney at the Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment
- Adriano Martinez, Staff Attorney at Earthjustice
- Jodi Pincus, Executive Director at the Rising Sun Energy Center
- Andres Ramirez, Clean Energy Director at Pacoima Beautiful
- Waudieur Rucker-Hughes, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Riverside Branch (Ms. Rucker-Hughes passed away on July 13, 2018). The position will be filled.
- Phoebe Seaton, Co-Director and Attorney at the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
- Tyrone Roderick Williams, Director of Development at Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and Director of the Sacramento Promise Zone.

The charter states that the Advisory Group may hold meetings on key issues related to the design and implementation of clean energy programs, with respect to potential benefits and impacts in disadvantaged communities. The charter also requires that the Advisory Group shall submit an annual report listing the SB 350 programs they have reviewed and providing written feedback to the CPUC and Energy Commission on the effectiveness and usefulness of those clean energy programs on disadvantaged communities. The Advisory Group will also report summaries of its meetings and may choose to provide written recommendations or advice to the CPUC and Energy Commission in addition to its annual report.

Since the DACAG has been meeting it has established the following priorities and taken the following actions:

5 initial priorities

- EPIC program (in particular pursuant to AB 523)
 - Energy Storage
 - DAC-Net Metering
 - SJV Affordable Energy Proceedings
 - Climate Adaptation proceedings
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- The California Energy Commission provided Equity Indicators in SB 350 Low-Income Barriers Study. The DACAG identified the Equity Indicators as a critical tool and prioritized further development of the indicators among the DACAG's priorities.
 - The DACAG's provided proposed changes to CPUC's Environmental Justice/Social Justice Action Plan
 - The DACAG provided recommendation to the e California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission to aid in the implementation of AB 617
 - The DACAG provided a letter with recommendations regarding the CPUC proceeding R.15-03-010, examining affordable energy options in San Joaquin Valley communities.