



# Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting

January 22, 2021  
1:00 p.m.



## Notice of Meeting

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will meet Friday, January 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. **Please note this meeting will be held remotely via Zoom™ and telephone**, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Presentations will appear on your electronic device and you may listen to audio via the computer or telephone. Meeting agendas, notices, and supporting documents prepared in advance may also be viewed at the CEC and CPUC websites identified below. Please be aware that the meeting may be recorded.

### To Participate:

Join [this Zoom meeting](https://energy.zoom.us/j/96553616816?pwd=SlpxTlpnck50VjM5ckZvNnIRY09HUT09) at

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/96553616816?pwd=SlpxTlpnck50VjM5ckZvNnIRY09HUT09>.

The meeting may also be accessed via [Zoom](https://energy.zoom.us) at <https://energy.zoom.us>, by entering the unique **Meeting ID: 965 5361 6816 and password: DACAG**

To comment, click on the “raise hand” icon.

### To Participate by Telephone:

Dial: (877) 853-5257 (Toll Free) or (213) 338-8477

Webinar ID: 965 5361 6816

To comment, dial \*9 to “raise your hand” and \*6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

## Meeting 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) Review November 20, 2020, meeting minutes
- 3) CPUC Commissioner Martha Guzman-Aceves presents and discusses Net Energy Metering and Telecommunications/Energy Nexus

- 4) CEC Deputy Director of Energy Research and Development Laurie ten Hope presents and discusses proposed initiatives for Fiscal Year 2021/22 Natural Gas Research and Development Budget
- 5) The DACAG's [appointed workgroups](#) may provide updates and recommendations in the following priority areas:
  - Storage
  - Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)
  - Solar Access
  - Transportation Electrification
  - Biomethane
  - Building Electrification
  - Workforce Development
  - Assembly Bill 617
  - Senate Bill 100
  - Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
  - Telecommunications / Broadband / Digital Divide
  - COVID-19 response
  - Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan
  - Community Engagement
- 6) The DACAG welcomes updates and recommendations from liaisons from the following organizations:
  - a. Liaison update about Low-income Oversight Board
- 7) Public comment
- 8) Updates and announcements provided by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC
- 9) Determine future meeting dates, locations, and topics
- 10) 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](https://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG> and on the [CPUC website](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/dacag) at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/dacag>. The DACAG advises the two commissions on the effectiveness of programs related to SB 350 in disadvantaged communities.

Commissioners from the CEC and the CPUC may also attend and participate in the meeting, but no votes by the commissioners will be taken.

## **Public Comment**

**Oral comments.** The DACAG may accept oral comments on each agenda item during the meeting, as well as general comments about any non-agendized topic relevant to the DACAG at the conclusion of the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record. If you join by the Zoom platform, use the “raise hand” feature to get in the que to speak and a moderator will call on you. If you join by phone, press \*9 to raise your hand and \*6 to unmute/mute.

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

- A. Email comments to commission staff by 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2021: [PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov) AND [DAC-ag@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:DAC-ag@cpuc.ca.gov). Please specify in the subject line that comments are regarding the meeting of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group.
- B. Submit comments to the CEC’s Dockets Unit. The CEC uses an electronic commenting system to accept comments. Please follow the instructions below to provide written comments:
  1. Go to the CEC’s [website](http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/): (<http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/>).
  2. Click “Comment on a Proceeding” in the Additional Information box.
  3. Type “16-OIR-06” into the Select a Proceeding field.
  4. Click “Continue” to Add a Comment. Commenters are required to input their full name, email address, and comment title.
  5. Comment title should be “Jane Doe or Company Name Comment re: Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting.”
  6. Type comments into the “Comment Text” field or upload a document with comments. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®.
  7. Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming on the website. Then click on “agree and Submit your Comments.”

For additional information, see [Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the CEC](#) available at [www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief\\_counsel/docket.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html).

Please note that your 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 may also be submitted by emailing them (include the docket number 16-OIR-06 and 6/19 Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting in the subject line) to the [Docket Unit \(docket@energy.ca.gov\)](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

- C. Send a paper copy of comments to:

California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 16-OIR-06

1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Please note that for comments submitted via paper, there will be a significant delay in the DACAG receiving the comments due to very limited staff access to physical mail during the current requirement for physical distancing. For that reason, the CEC and CPUC encourage submission of any comments via e-filing or email.

## **CEC/CPUC Contacts**

The CEC's and CPUC's Public Advisor's Offices provide the public with assistance in participating in proceedings. For information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Noemí O. Gallardo at [PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov), (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228, or [Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov), (866) 849-8390. For requests for reasonable accommodations and interpreting services, please contact [PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-4489 at least five days in advance. We will work diligently to accommodate late requests.

Zoom™: If you experience difficulties, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666, ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor's Office via email or the phone number provided above.

Direct media inquiries to the CEC's Media and Public Communications Office at [MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov), (916) 654-4989, or CPUC News and Outreach Office, [News@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:News@cpuc.ca.gov), (415) 703-1366.

Direct questions about the subject matter of this meeting to Noemí O. Gallardo at [Noemi.Gallardo@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Noemi.Gallardo@energy.ca.gov), (916) 654-4818, or Kathleen Yip at [Kathleen.Yip@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Yip@cpuc.ca.gov) (415) 703-2059, with "DACAG" in the subject line.

## **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(b)(4). 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 for this meeting will be available online](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-OIR-06) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-OIR-06>, as well as the CEC's and CPUC's respective DACAG webpages found at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/dacag/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/dacag/) and [www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG).

## **Distribution**

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