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Date: **February 20, 2018**

To: **Commissioners and Advisors**

From: **Public Utilities Commission—San Francisco**
 Energy Commission—Sacramento

Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen
Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves
Chair Robert Weisenmiller
Commissioner Janea Scott

Subject: **Discussion and Action on Proposed Appointments to Disadvantaged
Communities Advisory Group**

Senate Bill 350 (De Leon, 2015), as codified in Public Utilities Code section 400(g), requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) to establish an Advisory Group consisting of representatives from disadvantaged communities (Advisory Group). The Advisory Group is to review and provide advice on proposed clean energy and pollution reduction programs and determine whether those proposed programs will be effective and useful in disadvantaged communities.

The Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission adopted the Charter for the Advisory Group on December 13, 2017 in Energy Commission Resolution 17-13-2, and on December 14, 2017 in California Public Utilities Commission Resolution E-4893, respectively. On November 1, 2017, the Commissions issued a solicitation for application to membership in the Advisory Group, with an application deadline of December 22, 2017 to fill ten positions. Thereafter, Commissioners Rechtschaffen and Guzman Aceves of the CPUC and Chair Weisenmiller and Commissioner Scott of the Energy Commission (Commissioners) reviewed the applications and conditionally selected the following applicants, pending review for conflicts of interest and other eligibility screening. The eleventh seat will be occupied by

Kevin Day, who was chosen to be the Advisory Group's tribal representative by the Governor's Tribal Liaison.

The Commissioners recommend that, during the February 21 business meeting of the Energy Commission and the March 1, 2018 business meeting of the CPUC, the respective Commissions approve the appointment of the following persons to the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group:

Stephanie Chen	Jodi Pincus
Stan Greschner	Andres Ramirez
Angela Islas	Woodie Rucker-Hayes
Roger Lin	Phoebe Seaton
Adriano Martinez	Tyrone Williams

Biographical sketches:

Stephanie Chen has worked at the Greenlining Institute since 2007. She is Energy and Telecommunications Policy Director (2012-present), and previously served as legal counsel and fellow (2008-12). She has a law degree from University of San Francisco (2008) and her BA in Government from Dartmouth University (2000). (Oakland, California)

Stan Greschner is a solar industry executive with 16 years of local, state and federal government relations experience. He is Vice President of Governmental Relations and Market Development at GRID Alternatives in Oakland (2013-present), and was GRID Alternatives' director of programs (2008-13). He holds a Master of Arts in Philosophy and Public Policy from American University in Washington, DC, and a BS in Bio-Mechanical Engineering from Marquette University. (Oakland, California)

Angela Islas is a recent college graduate in Public Health, and over the past two years has been a Community Health Worker at Central California Asthma Collaborative in Fresno, a Legislative Assistant at Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, and a community activist. She received her Public Health degree from California State University, Fresno in 2017. (Selma, California)

Roger Lin joined the Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment in Oakland in 2017 as a senior attorney focused on environmental justice advocacy and creating organizing capacity for low-income communities of color in California, in particular the San Joaquin Valley. He was a staff attorney at Communities for a Better Environment from 2012-17, and at the Alameda County Homeless Action Center from 2006-11. He received his law degree at Golden Gate University in 2006 and a BA in Classics from Stanford in 2001. (Oakland, California)

Adriano Martinez has been a staff attorney at Earthjustice (2013-present) and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) (2004-13) since graduating from law school in 2004. He handles environmental justice and clean air litigation. He is an adjunct professor at UCLA School of Law. He has his JD from University of Denver School of Law in 2004 and received his BA from Duke University in Environmental Sciences and Policy in 2001. (Los Angeles, California)

Jodi Pincus has served as the Executive Director of the Rising Sun Energy Center in Berkeley since 2007. Rising Sun is a nonprofit organization working since 1994 at the intersection of economic equality and climate resilience in the greater California Bay Area. She is a UC Berkeley graduate in Peace and Conflict Studies and holds a MBA from the Presidio Graduate School in Sustainable Management. (Berkeley, California)

Andres Ramirez is Clean Energy Director at Pacoima Beautiful in Northeast San Fernando Valley and since 2013 has been part of the community faculty of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in South Los Angeles. He is board chair of Multicultural Communities for Mobility (2012-present). He attended UCLA from 2000-05. (Los Angeles, California)

Woodie Rucker-Hayes is the current President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Riverside Branch. She taught high school History in Riverside, California from 1969-75, and held several high school leadership positions including Dean of Students and Assistant Principal and Child Welfare and Attendance manager. In 1979 she became Executive Director of Opportunities Industrialization Center, Incorporated and remained until 1990. She received her undergraduate degree from D.C. Teachers College, with a major in History, and her MA in Educational Administration from University of Redlands. (Riverside, California)

Phoebe Seaton has been co-director and attorney at the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability since 2013. She is involved in community education, organizing, policy/legal advocacy to improve conditions in low income, rural regions of the state. She worked at California Rural Legal Assistance in as director of the Community Equity Initiative in Fresno from 2008-13, in Delano as directing attorney from 2006-08, and as staff attorney in Delano from 2005-07. She received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law in 2005 and a BA in History from UC Berkeley in 1999. She is fluent in Spanish. (Berkeley, California)

Tyrone Williams has since 2014 been the Director of Development at the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and Director of the Sacramento Promise Zone. Mr. Williams has 20 years of experience in Sacramento, Boston, Houston and Atlanta leading large-scale, sustainable revitalization initiatives totaling over \$700 million. He received a Master in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1987 and a BA in Architecture from Prairie View A&M University in Texas in 1985. (Sacramento, California)

Kevin Day is tribal chairman of the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council, a position he has held since 1996. He is also a member of the 29th District Agricultural Association, Mother Lode Fair Board of Directors. He was an officer at the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority Governing Board from 2000 to 2004 and served as a correctional officer at the Sierra Conservation Center from 1991 to 2000. He is a member of the Sierra Conservation Center Citizens Advisory Committee, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Advisory Board and the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce. Day is vice chair of the Central California Tribal Chairman's Association. (Tuolumne, California)

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RESOLUTION NO: 18-0221-05

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

[PROPOSED] RESOLUTION APPROVING DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 350 (SB 350) (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), as codified in the California Public Utilities Code Section 400 (g), requires the Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Commission to establish a Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group (DACAG) consisting of representatives from disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the DACAG will review and provide advice on proposed SB 350 clean energy and pollution reduction programs and determine whether those proposed programs will be effective and useful in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners Rechtschaffen and Guzman-Aceves from the Public Utilities Commission and Chair Weisenmiller and Commissioner Scott from the Energy Commission have reviewed the applications received, and have prepared a joint memorandum proposing ten individuals for membership on the DACAG; and

WHEREAS, the eleventh seat will be occupied by Kevin Day, who was chosen to be the Advisory Group's tribal representative by the Governor's Tribal Liaison.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission accepts the commissioners' joint recommendations, and appoints the individuals identified in the joint memorandum to the DACAG; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his/her designee is authorized to take all action, including coordinating with the CPUC and its staff as necessary, to ensure the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group accomplishes the purposes set forth in California Public Utilities Code section 400(g).

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on February 21, 2018.

AYE: [List of Commissioners]

NAY: [List of Commissioners]

ABSENT: [List of Commissioners]

ABSTAIN: [List of Commissioners]

Cody Goldthrite,
Secretariat