

# Memorandum

To: Commissioners and advisors

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Subject: POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROPOSED APPOINTMENT TO THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ADVISORY GROUP

Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 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. The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) 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 CPUC adopted the Charter for the DACAG on December 13, 2017 in Energy Commission Resolution 17-13-2, and on December 14, 2017 in CPUC Resolution E-4893, respectively. On May 31, 2019, the Commissions issued a solicitation for application to membership in the DACAG, with an application deadline of June 24, 2019 (which was later extended to July 22, 2019), to fill one position.

The Commissioners recommend that during the February 20, 2020 business meeting of the Energy Commission, and the February 27, 2020 Voting Meeting of the CPUC, that the respective Commissions approve the appointment of the following person to the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group:

**Fred L. Beihn**  
**Biographical Sketch**

Fred L. Beihn has worked at the Journeyman-level in the Hydro Electric Department of Southern California Edison, managing major electrical and operations projects. He has also been an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 47 representative for over 16 years. He has managed operations; electrical and mechanical maintenance; and construction personnel in new construction, repair, and maintenance of hydro generating stations, waterways, reservoirs, dams, and transmission/distribution substations.

In 2010, he started Arrowhead Solutions, LLC, which provides consulting services to the power industry, advises on Native American-issues, and invests in real estate. It is located in North Fork, CA.

Examples of projects managed include: Generator Rewinds, Generator/Turbine Repowers, Generator Protection replacements, Excitation replacements, transformer replacements, Transmission level 220kv CB replacements, sub-transmission and distribution level equipment replacement, Protection replacement for Generation and Substation equipment, Governor replacement, Procedure development for Start-ups, energizing equipment, Switching, and Black Start Testing.

His tribal affiliation is The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, and is currently the Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council. In addition, he is on the advisory board to the Temporary Assistance of Needy Families Advisory Board, which is part of the tribal Social Services program. He also serves on the board of the tribe's Environmental Protection Department.

In summary, Mr. Beihn possesses a wide variety of knowledge and experience in the power generation; transmission and distribution electrical system; real estate/housing markets; and Native American issues on individual and tribal organization levels, government-to-government environmental relationships, and social services.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES**  
**CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION APPROVING DISADVANTAGED  
COMMUNITIES 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 Communities 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 Vice Chair Scott and Commissioner Douglas from the Energy Commission have reviewed the applications received, and have prepared a joint memorandum proposing that Mr. Fred L. Beihn be appointed to the DACAG; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Energy Commission accepts the commissioners' joint recommendations, and appoints Mr. Fred L. Beihn 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 DACAG 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 CEC held on February 20, 2020.

AYE:  
NAY:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Secretariat