



Item 12: Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) Appointments

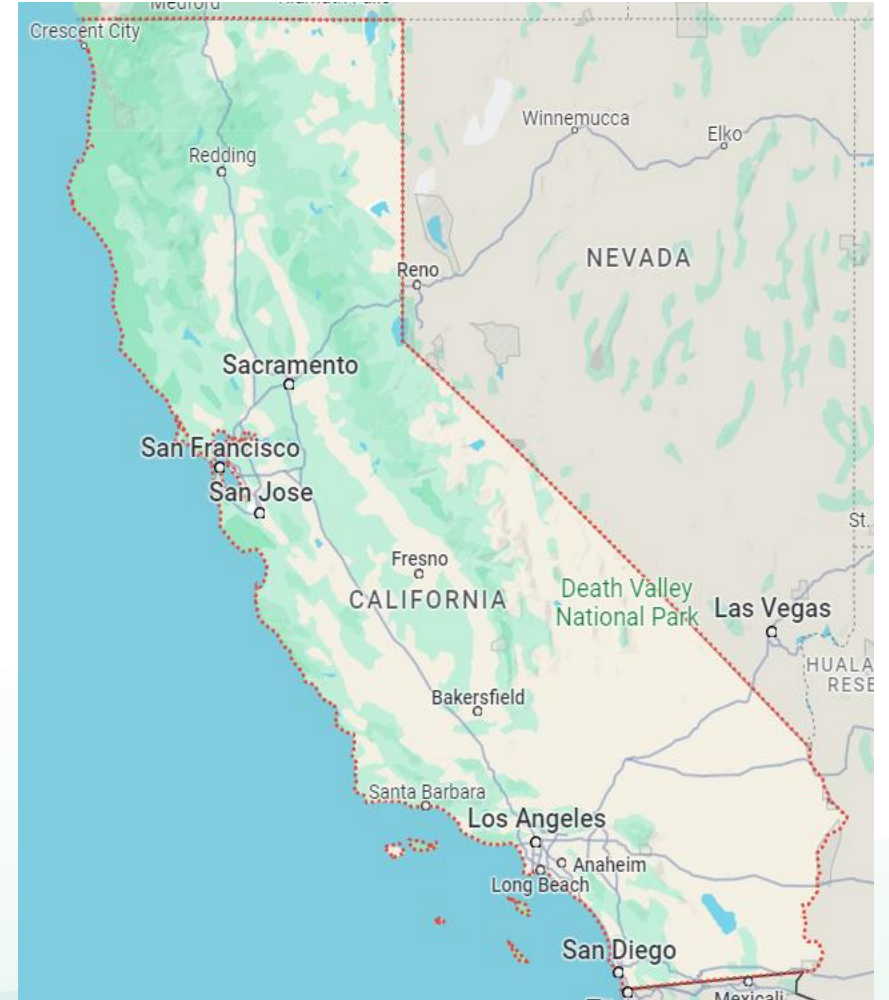
May 8, 2025, Business Meeting

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DACAG Overview

- 11 members
- From or representing disadvantaged communities throughout California
- Diverse backgrounds, expertise, and geographic locations



Source: Google



Benefits to Californians

- Inform CEC policies and programs with lens of disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Advance state equity and environmental justice goals





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Román Partida-López **

Chair
The Greenlining Institute
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025



Julia Mary Popolizio Hatton **

Vice Chair
Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
May 9, 2024 - March 31, 2026



Sarah Sharpe *

Secretary
Central California Asthma
Collaborative
May 9, 2024 - March 31, 2026



Fred L. Beihn ***

Arrowhead Solutions
May 9, 2024 - March 31, 2026



Abimael Chavez-Hernandez *

West Modesto Community
Collaborative
May 9, 2024 - March 31, 2026



Senait Forthal ****

OC Goes Solar
June 12, 2024 - March 31, 2025



Chelsea Kirk *

Strategic Actions for a Just
Economy
May 9, 2024 - March 31, 2026



Elena Krieger, PhD **

April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025



VACANT ****

DACAG Tribal Representative



Three Proposed Reappointments



Román Partida-López
Current DACAG Chair,
The Greenlining Institute



Senait Forthal
OC Goes Solar



Elena Krieger, PhD
Just Solutions



New Appointment Gem Montes



- San Bernadino County (Imperial Valley)
- Policy Analyst, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
- Project Manager, Air I Breathe
- Experienced in both policy and pollution issues
- 12+ years of working with DACs



New Appointment Christopher Walker



- Los Angeles
- Vice President, Policy and Programs, GRID Alternatives
- Experienced in both policy and climate equity issues
- 9+ years of working with DACs



Recommendation

- Reappoint three members:
 - Román Partida-López
 - Senait Forthal
 - Elena Krieger, PhD
- Appoint two new members:
 - Gem Montes
 - Chris Walker