



Item 4: Information Item – Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) 2024 Annual Report and Updated Equity Framework.

September 10, 2025, Business Meeting

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DACAG Overview & 2024 Members



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2024 Annual Report

- Purpose of the DACAG
- 2024 Membership
- Background
- 2024 Priorities
- Summaries of Actions and Recommendations
- Appendices:
 - Updated DACAG Equity Framework
 - Summary of Meeting Minutes
 - Comment Letters



2024 DACAG Priority Areas & Discussions

Priority Area	SME Meetings	DACAG Meeting Items
Affordability.	2	10
Building, Industrial, Gas System Decarbonization, and Clean Renewable Hydrogen.	8	5
Electric Program Investment Charge Program (EPIC).	0	1
Electricity Reliability, Resiliency, and Load Flexibility (Including Distribution and Transmission Grid Planning and Distributed Energy Resources).	1	2
Long-term Planning (SB 100, SB 350, IEPR, Offshore Wind, Lithium Valley Vision, Long-term Natural Gas, Smart Grids and Broadband).	3	8
Transportation Electrification and Zero Emission Transportation.	9	7
Tribal and Community Engagement and Participation.	1	6
Workforce Training and Development.	2	2



2024 DACAG Equity Framework : Background and Contents

- CEC Home > About > Campaigns > Equity and Diversity > Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group > Related Links and Resources
- DACAG Webpage: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/about/campaigns/equity-and-diversity/disadvantaged-communities-advisory-group-dacag>
- Updated DACAG Equity Framework: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=259133>
- Table of Contents
 - Background
 - Guiding Principles
 - Purpose
 - Definitions
 - Framework: DACAG Equity Guidance and Considerations



2024 DACAG Equity Framework

1. **Guide and focus the DACAG** as it engages in discussing and commenting on proceedings and programs before the CPUC and CEC
2. **Guide agency staff and Commissioners** as they determine **how to embed and center equity** within their efforts
3. **Prioritize funding and resources** for the individuals and communities in California most impacted by climate change, recognizing that they have been underinvested
4. **Guide proceedings and decision-making process**, particularly those lacking the engagement of individuals and communities most impacted
5. **Guide agency staff and Commissioners on DACAG's general position** on specific equity-related considerations



2024 DACAG Equity Framework : Guidance Areas

1. *Non-Energy Benefits*
2. *Affordability*
3. *Access, Outreach, and Education*
4. *Community Engagement*
5. *Health and Safety*
6. *Financial Benefits and Economic Development*
7. *Workforce Development*
8. *Consumer Protection*
9. *Metrics, Evaluation, and Accountability*



2024 DACAG Equity Framework : Example

Invest in Talent

- Fund training: apprenticeships, clean energy, climate infrastructure
- Build pathways to high-quality careers

Advance Equity

- Set hiring goals for underserved & re-entry populations
- Prioritize economic mobility over temp jobs

Ensure Job Quality

- Enforce labor standards: wages, benefits, career growth
- Support programs for limited English proficiency & justice-impacted individuals

Updated DACAG Equity Framework (page 7):

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2024 DACAG Equity Framework : Example

Align Institutions

- CWDB “High Road” model
- MOUs with CPUC & CEC
- UC Berkeley: *Jobs & Climate Action Plan 2030*

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2024 DACAG Equity Framework : Next Steps

1. Socialization
2. Implementation
3. Iteration



CEC use of the DACAG Equity Framework



- The Electric Program Investment Charge Investment Plan
- Gas Research and Development Program Budget Plan
- Justice Access Equity Diversity & Inclusion (JAEDI) Framework



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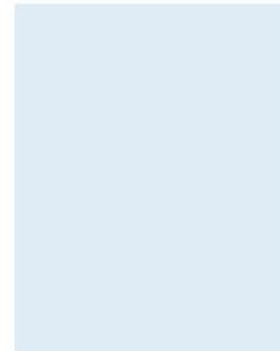
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2025 DACAG Priority Areas

Affordability &
Disconnections

Building, Industrial,
Gas System
Decarbonization, and
Clean Renewable
Hydrogen

Electric Program
Investment Charge
Program (EPIC)

Electricity Reliability,
Resiliency, and Load
Flexibility.

Long-term Planning

Transportation
Electrification and
Zero Emission
Transportation

Workforce Training
and Development



Thank You

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