



**California Energy Commission
August 17, 2026, Business
Meeting**

**Backup Materials for Approval of Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group
(DACAG) New Member Appointment.**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available as described below:

1. Proposed Resolution, attached below
2. Selection and Nomination of New Member Executive Summary, attached below

For additional information, please visit the [Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group \(DACAG\) page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/about/campaigns/equity-and-diversity/disadvantaged-communities-advisory-group-dacag) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/about/campaigns/equity-and-diversity/disadvantaged-communities-advisory-group-dacag>.

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE
DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ADVISORY GROUP**

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0817-XX

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

WHEREAS, the DACAG reviews and advises the CEC and CPUC on how clean energy and pollution reduction programs and policies can benefit and be effective for disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the DACAG allows for members to be appointed by the CEC and CPUC for two-year terms, and to be reappointed for up to three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, DACAG has one vacancy, and the CEC and CPUC wish to fill this vacated seat beginning in August 2026; and

WHEREAS, the CEC and CPUC staff solicited applications from candidates interested in being appointed to the DACAG, and Jacob Norte is seeking appointment for a two-year term beginning August 2026; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners [Noemí Otilia Osuna](#) Gallardo and Nancy Skinner from the CEC and Commissioners Darcie Houck and Karen Douglas from the CPUC jointly nominate to appoint Jacob Norte to the DACAG; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC accepts the Commissioners' joint nomination and approves the appointment of Jacob Norte to the DACAG for two-year terms beginning August 2026.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of August 2026, by the following vote:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on July 08, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat



SELECTION AND NOMINATION OF A PROPOSED NEW MEMBER TO THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Executive Summary

Commissioners Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo and Nancy Skinner from the CEC and Commissioners Darcie Houck and Karen Douglas from the CPUC jointly nominate the following candidate to the Disadvantage Communities Advisory Group.

Candidates

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Primary Expertise</i>
<i>Jacob Norte</i>	Los Coyotes Band of Indians	San Diego County	Tribal energy sovereignty and grid interconnection

Biography

Jacob Norte is the Environmental Director for the Los Coyotes Band of Indians, leading the development and implementation of tribal environmental programs in air and water quality, solid waste, wetlands, emergency response, housing, and economic development. His work centers on strengthening tribal sovereignty, environmental protection, and climate resilience. He plays a key role during tribal, state, and federal disaster declarations, coordinating response efforts, backup power planning, debris removal, and intergovernmental communication to ensure tribal interests are prioritized. Jacob has advanced tribal access and safety standards for outside entities operating on trust land and designed outreach initiatives that empowered tribal members and increased participation in critical programs. He also addresses longstanding infrastructure challenges to support responsible residential and commercial development aligned with tribal goals. Jacob serves as the Policy and Regulatory Advocacy Lead on the Executive Board of the Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative and is an Executive Board Member of the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Pepperdine University.

Addressing regional gaps

These selections strengthen representation in the North State, and San Joaquin Valley, ensuring communities facing significant climate and energy burdens are included in statewide advisory processes.

- **Tribal leadership**

Jacob Norte brings essential experience in tribal governance, energy sovereignty, and navigating utility interconnection challenges for tribal microgrids. His presence ensures meaningful inclusion of tribal nations in statewide energy planning.

Next Steps

Jacob has expressed a strong commitment not only to the community he represents but to the state as a whole and affirmed that, if appointed, he would carry out his responsibilities in accordance with statute and provide informed, constructive guidance to both the CEC and the CPUC on clean energy policies and programs. Commissioners Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo and Nancy Skinner from the CEC and Commissioners Darcie Houck and Karen Douglas from the CPUC jointly recommend formalizing this appointment to ensure DACAG maintains balanced and effective representation, with strengthened regional, tribal, and implementation-focused perspectives.

If these three nominations are approved by both the CEC and CPUC, there will be one remaining seat available for appointment. The recommendation for that appointment will be proposed for CEC consideration at the next Business Meeting.