

CPUC Public Agenda 3553

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners:

Alice Reynolds, President

Darcie L. Houck

John Reynolds

Karen Douglas

Matthew Baker

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California Public
Utilities Commission

CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

CPUC Core Values



Accountability



Excellence



Integrity



**Open
Communication**



Stewardship

Commissioner Code of Conduct

- I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.
- II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.
- III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.
- IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-252, any member of the public (excluding parties and their representatives) who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission may comment in person at the Commission Meeting or may call in to the toll-free number:



1-800-857-1917

Passcode: 9899501

- ***Para escuchar esta reunión en español, por favor llame: (800) 857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627.***
- Once called, each speaker has 1 minute at the discretion of the Commission President. If there are a large number of callers wishing to speak, the time limit may be changed to accommodate all callers.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- **Written comments on a specific proceeding can be submitted via the CPUC's docket card. Please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket, input the proceeding number, then click on the public comment tab. You can also visit the Public Advisor's Office webpage at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao for further information.**
- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:
 - 9, 24, 30

Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 1 are: **1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, and 30.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **5, 12, 15, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43.**
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **Item 3** has been withdrawn.
- **Items 14 and 29** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

Held to 11/7/2024: 2, 6, 16, 22, and 33.

Held to 12/5/2024: 47

Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: www.cpuc.ca.gov
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table; or in paper format or via QR Code at the Commission Meeting site.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions

Item #14 [22915] – Modifications of the Energy Cost of Capital Mechanism and Future Cost of Capital Applications

A.22-04-008, A.22-04-009, A.22-04-011 and A.22-04-012 - Related matters.

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Establish Its Authorized Cost of Capital for Utility Operations for 2023 and to Reset the Cost of Capital Adjustment Mechanism.

Ratesetting

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Lakey

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Modifies the Cost of Capital Mechanism by changing the adjustment ratio from 50percent to 20 percent, effective January 1, 2025.
- Adopts the following returns on equity for each applicant, effective January 1, 2025.
- Applicant: Return on Equity, Pacific Gas and Electric Company:10.28%, Southern California Edison Company: 10.33%, San Diego Gas & Electric Company: 10.23%, Southern California Gas Company: 10.08%.
- Denies Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Yield-Spread Adjustment.
- Approves a filing date for cost of capital applications of March 20 in the year prior to the test year of the next cost of capital application.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline

Item #29 [22939] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

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Ratesetting

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Lakey

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends the Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until December 31, 2024.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

Item #44 [22920] – Distribution Planning and Execution Process Improvements

R.21-06-017

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Modernize the Electric Grid for a High Distributed Energy Resource Future.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr Houck - Judge Hymes

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts, with modifications, proposals to improve the Distribution Planning and Execution Process (DPEP) requiring Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company (Utilities) to make changes to the DPEP.
- Directs Utilities to use reliable bottom-up data to estimate load growth; improve the method for setting caps on load growth; extend the distribution planning forecast horizon and Utilities' planning horizon; implement scenario planning; improve disaggregation methodologies; create a Pending Load category in the DPEP and conduct an evaluation of it; implement integrated planning; develop bridging strategies; prepare a load flexibility assessment; submit a community engagement plan; deprioritize the Distribution Investment Deferral Framework emphasizing distribution planning; and develop reporting metrics.
- Requires Utilities to hold several workshops on certain implementation aspects and submit advice letters.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

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Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports

Item #45 [22921] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

Res T-17852

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

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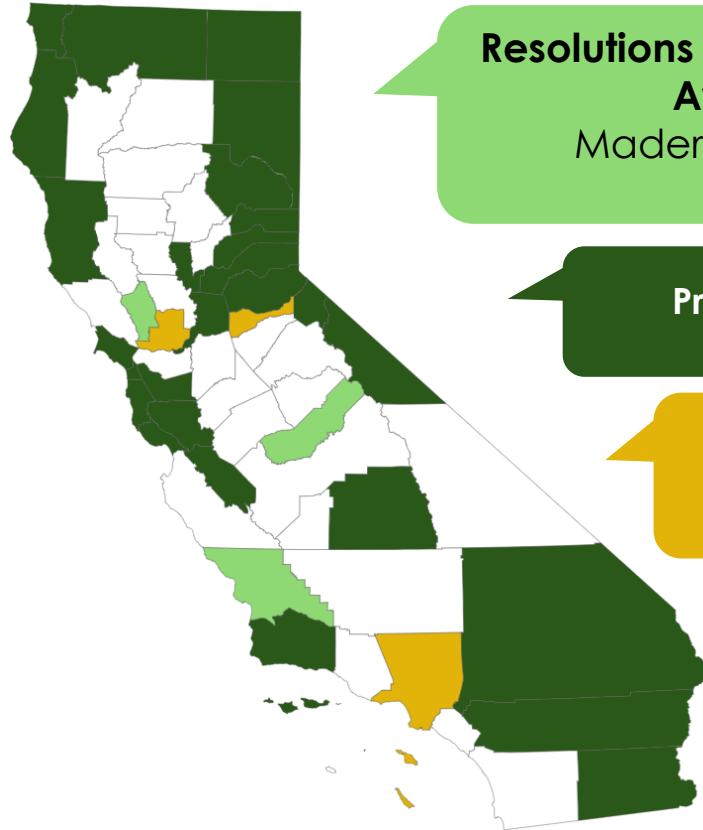
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recommend awards of \$41 million benefitting an estimated 32,000 Californians.

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Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

Item #46 [22922] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

Res T-17850

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Recommends approval of two last mile Federal Funding Account broadband infrastructure grants for up to \$23,036,295 in Madera and Napa Counties.

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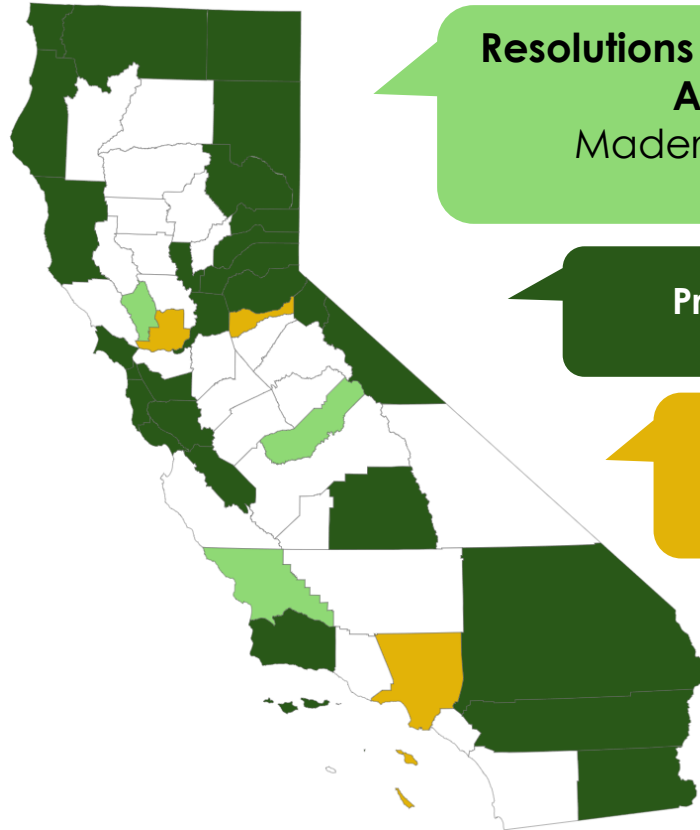
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Item #48 [22947] –

Management Report on Administrative Actions and Consumer Protection and Safety Activities



Item 48: Information Item – Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) Annual Report

October 17, 2024, Voting Meeting #3553

Román Partida-López, Chair
CEC-CPUC Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group



DACAG Overview



Román Partida-López **

DACAG Chair
The Greenlining Institute
April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2025



Jana Ganion ****

DACAG Vice Chair
DACAG Tribal Representative
Blue Lake Rancheria
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024



Julia Mary Popolizio Hatton *

DACAG Secretary
Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
July 13, 2022 - March 31, 2024



Adrian Martinez ***

Earthjustice
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024



Fred L. Beihn **

Arrowhead Solutions
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024



Roger Lin ***

Center for Biological Diversity
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024



Stephanie Chen ***

Marin Clean Energy
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025



Sahara D. Huazano *

Alianza Coachella Valley
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025



Andres Ramirez ***

Mobility Justice
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024



Elena Krieger, PhD **

Physicians, Scientists, and
Engineers (PSE) for Healthy Energy
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Curtis Silvers **

Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2025



2022 & 2023 DACAG Priority Areas Included

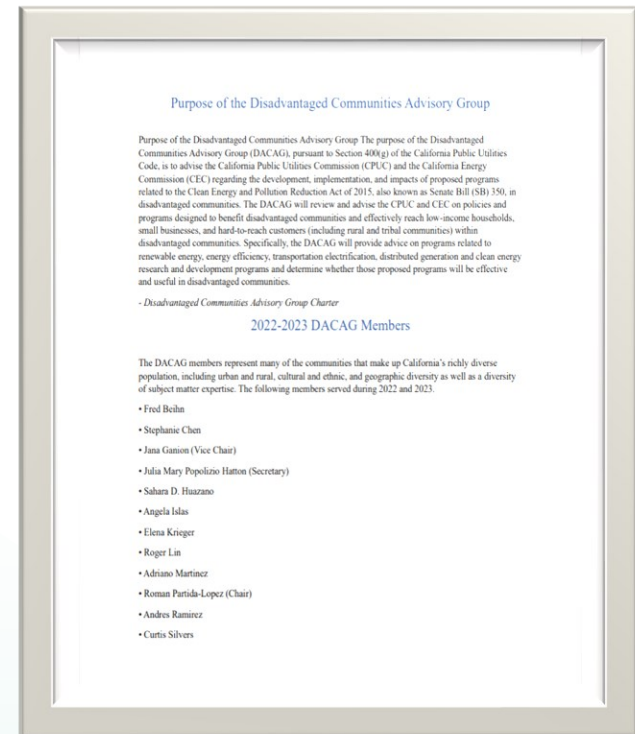
- Affordability
- Building and Industrial Decarbonization, Electrification, and Gas Transition
- Clean Hydrogen
- Distributed Energy Resources
- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program
- Energy-Impacted and -Impacting Services
- Lifeline Programs, Broadband, etc.
- Long-term Planning (SB 100, SB 350, IEPR)
- Reliability
- Resiliency
- Transportation Electrification
- Tribal and Community Engagement & Participation
- Workforce Training & Development



2022 & 2023 Annual Report



- Purpose
- Membership
- Background
- Summaries of Actions and Recommendations
- Comment Letters



Available at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=255603&DocumentContentId=91421>



2024 DACAG Priority Areas



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



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West Modesto Community Collaborative
May 9, 2024 – April 31, 2026



Chelsea Kirk *
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Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
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Member
OC Goes Solar
6/12/2024 to 4/1/2025



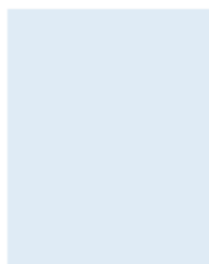
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Management Reports



Commissioner's Reports



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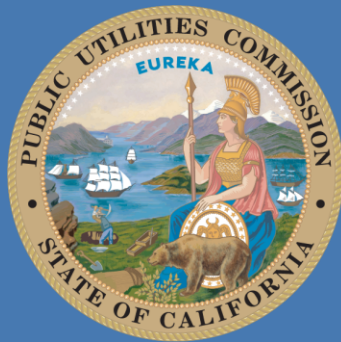
Commissioner
Matthew Baker

The CPUC thanks you for
participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

November 7, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Bakersfield, CA





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