



Clean Energy Access Working Group

Presentation to the Low Income Oversight Board
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History



- **Background:**

- SB 535 (2012): Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund partially earmarked for projects within and benefitting “Disadvantaged Communities” (DACs)
 - CalEPA’s CalEnviroScreen defines DACs
- AB 32 (2002), SB 350 (2015), and others
 - SCE estimates 47% of all DACs in CA are within SCE service territory

- **June 2017:**

- Southern California Edison invited The Greenlining Institute to co-facilitate and co-convene a working group, now called the Clean Energy Access Working Group





Purpose



- **Clean Energy Access Working Group (CEAWG):**
 - Diverse, cross-sector, multi-issue-area body that meets bimonthly
 - Space to discuss, propose, and workshop clean energy ideas, programs, and projects within DACs
 - Forum for long-term collaboration, skillful facilitation, strategic community engagement, and cross-sector relationships
- **Purpose:**
 - Convene key stakeholders to discuss, design, and review policies, programs, and projects specifically targeting DACs from an equity framework
 - Design, plan, and implement demonstration projects or programs to model the necessity of community-led approaches for clean energy in DACs





Participants



- **CBOs:**

- Social Justice Learning Institute, Ujima, API Forward Movement, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment, Mujeres de la Tierra

- **Foundations:**

- Liberty Hill Foundation, Village Solutions Foundation, Beneficial State Foundation

- **Businesses:**

- KIGT, EV Nirvana, Electrify America, Plug In America

- **Nonprofits:**

- Valley Clean Air Now, Community Environmental Council, San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization, BREATHE LA, Coalition for Clean Air, Center for Sustainable Energy, Business Resource Group, GRID Alternatives

- **Utilities:**

- Southern California Edison, Clean Power Alliance

**partial list, not all participants attend regularly*





Focus Group -> Working Group



- June 2017 - December 2017:
 - Space to talk, present, offer ideas and presentations (focus group)
 - *Topics: transportation electrification, electric vehicle incentive programs, marketing, outreach, and engagement challenges and strategies*
- January 2018:
 - Venue for change and opportunity for cross-sector planning, engagement, and implementation of a specific demonstration project (working group)
 - *Topic: community-owned community solar project*
 - *Related topics: rate design, EV charging, financing, program design*





Best Practices



- Recognize and value different types of expertise
 - Community voices & lived experience just as valuable as technical expertise
- Welcome questions
 - New process, new players working together - all learners here
- Minimize technical speak, where possible
 - Keep barrier to entry in conversation low
 - And/or explain the technical speak, offer entry points for non-technical folks
- Stay solutions-oriented
 - Navigate differences of opinion diplomatically and respectfully
 - Identify both challenges and possible paths forward





Learnings



- How to set a diverse table
 - Logistics of how to accommodate needs, perspectives, learning edges of diverse body of stakeholders
- How to lead while learning
 - New process, players, and learnings all around - especially for GLI & SCE
- Cross-sector engagement is challenging - and necessary
 - Encourage more spaces and venues like this





Questions?



- Please stay in touch!
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