



California Public Utilities Commission 22nd Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 10, 2024 | 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Riverside Convention Center
3637 5th St.
Riverside, CA 92501

GO 156: Transforming Business Growth Through Expansion, Innovation, and Technology

Agenda

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Alice Reynolds, President, CPUC
Darcie L. Houck, Commissioner, CPUC
John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC
Karen Douglas, Commissioner, CPUC
Matthew Baker, Commissioner, CPUC

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Summary of Utility Supplier Diversity Performance

Stephanie Green – Supplier Diversity Manager, External Affairs Division, CPUC

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

PANEL 1: The Diverse Community Panel

Expanding outreach and procurement success through technology and innovative services.

Moderator: Darcie Houck, Commissioner, CPUC

Panelists:

Frank Montes, Chairman, Hispanic Coalition of Small Business
Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner, Chief Executive Officer, Veterans in Business (VIB) Network
Ahmad Holmes, President & Chief Executive Officer, California African American Chamber of Commerce
Philip DeVliegheer, Vice President Supplier Diversity, Disability:IN
Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce
Jay Ungos, President & Founder, Small Business Diversity Network
Patrick Kirkwood, Executive Director, Los Angeles LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce.

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Janice Greene, President/Chief Executive Officer, Women’s Business Enterprise Council - Pacific

10:50 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. **Break**

10:55 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. **PANEL 2: Supplier Panel**
Implementing innovative solutions to maximize supplier efficiency and drive client success.

Moderator: Alice Reynolds, President, CPUC

Panelists:

- Warren James, President, Pro Energy Services
- Sherry Shafiei, Chief Executive Officer, Shift Diverse Business Solutions
- Lucy M. Labruzzo, President & Chief Executive Officer, The Engineering Partners Inc.
- Christopher Mills, President of Union Operations, Primoris Power Delivery
- Laura Weber, Vice President West, World Wide Technology

11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Fireside Chat**

Moderator: Karen Douglas, Commissioner, CPUC

- Fernald Swearingen, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Innovative Consulting Concepts
- James Coleman, Chief Executive Officer, Pinnacle Power Services
- Benjamin Garcia, Chief Executive Officer, Precision Services Unit
- Elizabeth Martinez, Vice President of Business Development, Meruelo Enterprises

12:15– 1:15 p.m. **Lunch – Sponsors:**



1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **PANEL 3: Energy Panel**
Driving utility performance through technology and innovative strategies.

Moderator: John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC

Panelists:

- Sumeet Singh, Executive Vice President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Caroline Winn, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Gas & Electric

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Steven D. Powell, President, & Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Edison
Scott Drury, Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Gas
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer, MCE Clean Energy

2:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. **Break**

2:05 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. **PANEL 4: Communication/Cable/Water Panel**

Implementing new strategies to enhance supplier diversity performance and contract opportunities.

Moderator: Matthew Baker, Commissioner, CPUC

Panelists:

Kevin Tilden, President, California American Water
Olga Perelman, Senior Director, Technology Procurement, T-Mobile
Alexis Dennard, Assistant Vice President, Supplier Diversity & Sustainability, AT&T
Jesus Roman, Managing Associate Counsel and Head of Regulatory, Verizon
Bob Zook, Vice President, Procurement Field Operations, Charter

2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. **Public Comments**

3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Alice Reynolds, President, CPUC
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3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

3:30 p.m. -5:00 pm **Network Social at the Plaza**

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