



CPUC Public Agenda 3356
Thursday, May 7, 2015 9:30 a.m.
San Francisco, CA



Commissioners:
Michael Picker, President
Michel Peter Florio
Catherine J.K. Sandoval
Carla J. Peterman
Liane M. Randolph

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The Pledge of Allegiance



“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.”





Safety and Emergency Information

- In the event of an emergency, please calmly proceed out the exits.
- We have four exits: Two in the rear and one on either side of the speakers.
- In the event that we do need to evacuate the building:
- **(For the Rear Exits)** - Head out through the courtyard, and down the front steps. Continue west on McAllister Street. Turn north onto Franklin Street. Turn west onto Turk Street and proceed to Gough Street.
- **(For the Side Exits)** - Go out of the exits and you will be on Golden Gate Avenue. Proceed west to Franklin Street. Turn north onto Franklin Street. Turn west onto Turk Street and proceed to Gough Street.
- Our assembly point is Jefferson Square Park on Turk and Gough Streets.





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 must sign up with the Public Advisor's Office table before the meeting begins. If an individual has signed up using the electronic system on the Commission's website, they must check in with the Public Advisor's Office on the day of the meeting, by the sign-up deadline.
- Once called, each speaker has up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Commission President. Depending on the number of speakers, the time limit may be reduced to 1 minute.
- A sign will be posted when 1 minute remains.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- At the end of the Public Comment Section, the Commission President will ask if there are any additional individuals who wish to speak. Individuals who wish to speak but did not sign up by the deadline, will be granted a maximum of one minute to make their comments.

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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 are: 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45.
- 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.
- Item 54 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.
- No items have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- Item 8 has been withdrawn.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:
 - Held to 5/21/15: 3, 4, 18, 23, 35, 48 and 48a.
 - Held to 6/11/15: 2, 46 and 46a.





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 Escutia Table.





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 47 [13794] – San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Application for Authority to Enter Into Purchase Power Tolling Agreement with Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC

A14-09-007 – Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for Authority to Partially Fill the Local Capacity Requirement Need Identified in D.14-03-004 and Enter into a Purchase Power Tolling Agreement with Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC.

Ratesetting

Comr. Florio / Judge Yacknin

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Denies application without prejudice.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Balances the need for electric reliability and the need to reduce greenhouse gas through the Loading Order.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with the outcome of the proposed decision.





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 47a [13887] – PRESIDENT PICKER’S ALTERNATE TO ITEM 13794

A14-09-007 – Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for Authority to Partially Fill the Local Capacity Requirement Need Identified in D.14-03-004 and Enter into a Purchase Power Tolling Agreement with Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC.

Ratesetting

Pres. Picker

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves San Diego Gas & Electric Company’s (SDG&E) request for authority to enter into a purchase power tolling agreement with Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC subject to the following two conditions:
 - The project contract capacity is reduced from 600 megawatts (MWs) to 500 MWs while otherwise subject to the same per unit price and other terms and conditions as the agreement first presented in the application; and
 - All of the 100 MWs in residual procurement authority resulting from the amendment of the purchase power tolling agreement must consist of preferred resources or energy storage.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Approval of the purchase power tolling agreement will provide local reliability needs in SDG&E’s service territory and will assist with the integration of renewables resources in the state.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Actual costs of the power purchase tolling agreement are confidential at this time.





Regular Agenda – Communication Orders

Item # 49 [13783] – Denying Bright Fiber Network LLC's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

A13-03-010 – In the Matter of the Application of Bright Fiber Network, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities Based and Competitive Local Exchange Access and Interexchange Services within California and specifically, within Nevada County.

Ratesetting

Comr. Sandoval / Judge Colbert

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Denies Bright Fiber Network LLC a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- By not issuing a CPCN, the Commission avoids permitting a non-telephone company to operate without the ability to regulate it.

ESTIMATED COST:

- This decision denies the application and therefore there are no costs.





Regular Agenda – Communication Orders

Item # 49a [13785] – COMMISSIONER SANDOVAL'S ALTERNATE TO ITEM 13783

A13-03-010 – In the Matter of the Application of Bright Fiber Network, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities Based and Competitive Local Exchange Access and Interexchange Services within California and specifically, within Nevada County.

Ratesetting

Comr. Sandoval

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Grants the application of Bright Fiber Network, LLC (Bright Fiber) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for limited-facilities based local exchange and access services.
- Requires Bright Fiber to file tariffs with the Commission before it can offer local exchange services.
- Requires that Bright Fiber must receive additional authority from the Commission as part of its California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) grant application before it can perform any construction activities other than installation of equipment in existing buildings or structures.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Holders of CPCNs are subject to Commission Orders, Rules, Decisions and Regulations, including those enforcing consumer protection, service quality, privacy, and providing reliable access to emergency services via 911.

ESTIMATED COST:

- No cost.





Regular Agenda – Water / Sewer Orders

Item # 50 [13920] – Orders Water Utility Compliance With the State Water Resources Control Board’s Regulation Implementing Governor Brown’s Executive Order, B-29-15, Issued April 1, 2015

Res W-5041

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- On April 1, 2015, Governor Edmund Brown Jr. issued Executive Order B-29-15 ordering further reductions in potable water usage through February 28, 2016.
- The State Water Resources Control Board and the Commission are to impose restrictions on urban water suppliers and the investor-owned utilities to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable water usage.
- Both the State Board and the Commission are to develop rate structures and other pricing mechanisms to maximize water conservation to achieve the 25% reductions, along with monetary penalties – to the water agencies and water utilities – for failure to comply.
- The State Board anticipates adopting these new regulations on May 5/6, 2015 and the Commission is to follow suit.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The severe drought is putting Californians’ water needs for basic health and safety at risk and issuing these new restrictions on the use of potable water is a key step in water conservation.

ESTIMATED COST:

- \$500,000 for all investor-owned utilities for direct mailings and notices to comply with Schedule 14.1 requirements.





Regular Agenda – Transportation / Rail Safety Orders

Item # 51 [13884] – Revising Procedures Regarding Processing Applications of Passenger Stage Corporations

R09-12-001 – Order Instituting Rulemaking to Examine Whether the Current Procedures for Processing Applications to Obtain or Transfer a Passenger Stage Corporation Certificate, to Acquire or Control a Passenger Stage Corporation, and to Establish a Zone of Rate Freedom Should be Revised.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Florio / Judge Colbert

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Revises procedures for: granting/denying applications for a passenger stage corporation (PSC) certificates; granting authority to transfer an existing PSC certificate; granting authority to acquire or control a PSC; and for establishing a zone of rate freedom (ZORF).
- Revises Rule 3.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure to conform to the changes.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The proposed revisions simplify the Commission's regulatory procedures regarding PSCs in accordance with recent regulatory changes. The decision does not modify existing safety regulations.

ESTIMATED COST:

- None anticipated.





Regular Agenda – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

Item # 52 [13901] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

112-10-013, A13-01-016, A13-03-005, A13-03-013 and A13-03-014 – Related Matters –

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Services and Facilities of Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas and Electric Company Associated with the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3.

Ratesetting

Comr. Sandoval / Judge Darling, Judge Dudney

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends statutory deadline for completion of these proceedings until July 29, 2015.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

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

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated.





Regular Agenda – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

Item # 53 [13930] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

R11-03-012 – Order Instituting Rulemaking to Address Utility Cost and Revenue Issues Associated with Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Ratesetting

Comr Peterman / Judge Halligan, Judge Semcer

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding until July 26, 2015.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

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

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated.





Commissioners' Reports





Apps for Ag Hackathon April 17 – 19, 2015



Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval
California Public Utilities Commission







**Tomato field left fallow for
want of water**



**Newly planted melon field; drip irrigation 9
inches under each row.**



Metered canal. Local farmers paid for the lining to prevent leakage.



Local canal. Water is pumped from aqueduct on the other side of Interstate 5.





Welcome to the
**Apps for AG
Hackathon**





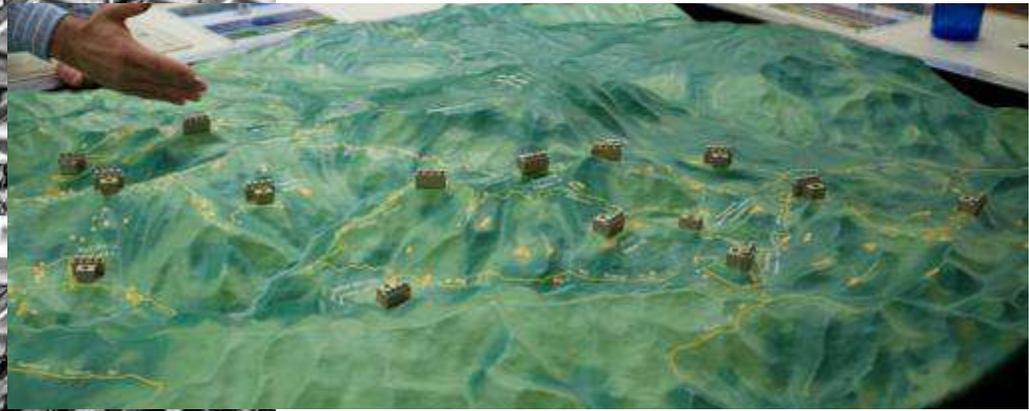
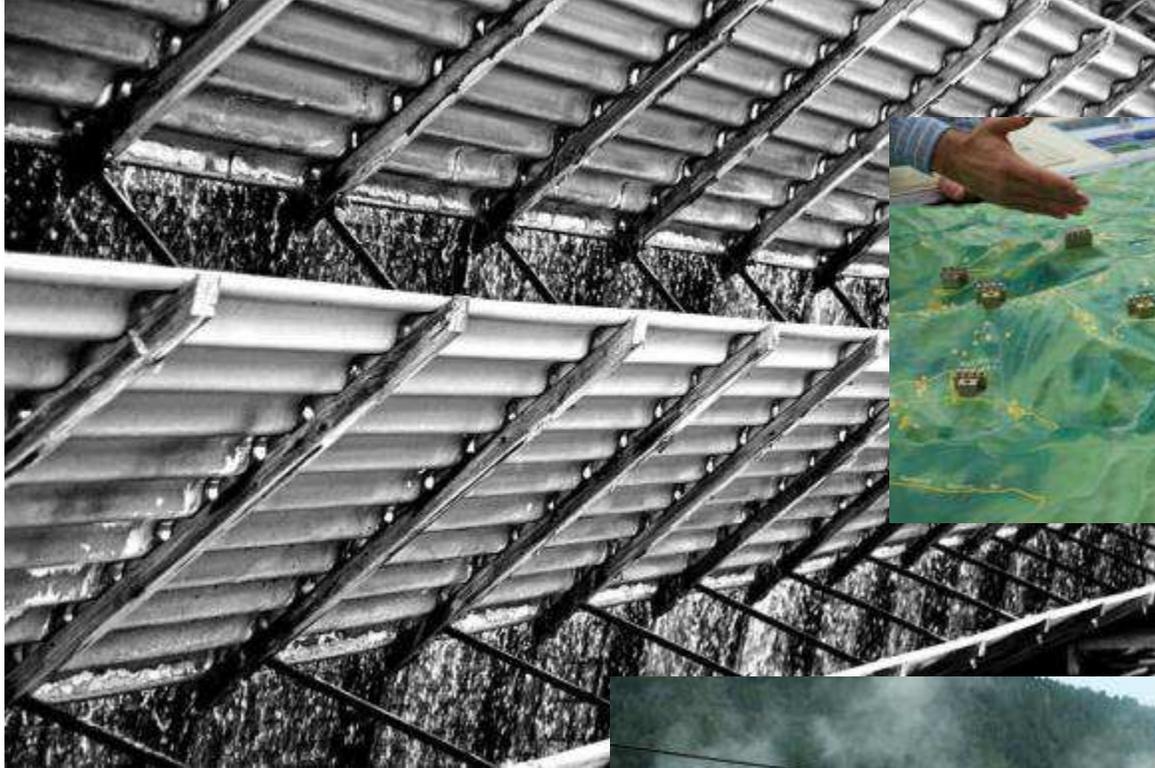
Tour of Geysers at Calpine, Jackson Family Wines and Sonoma County Water Agency April 23 – 24, 2015



**Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval
California Public Utilities Commission**











Water/Energy Nexus at Jackson Family Wines





The official
drip irrigation
of 2014.

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Sonoma County Water Agency





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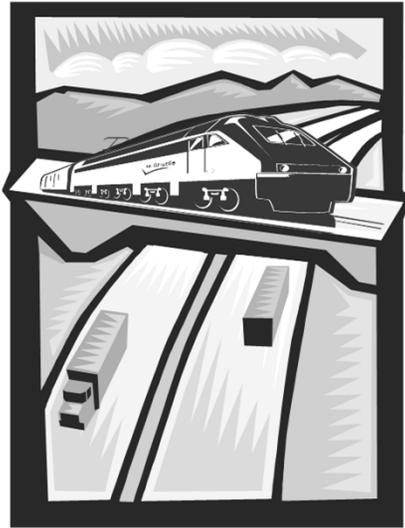
Item #55 [13833]

**Report and Discussion by Safety and Enforcement
Division on Recent Safety Program Activities**





California Public Utilities Commission Highway-rail Crossing Improvement Programs



Section 190 and 130 Overview

May 2015





Background

The Section 190 program provides State funding to public agencies to grade-separate highway-rail crossings. The funds are allocated based on a prioritized list of projects established by the Public Utilities Commission. The State allocates \$15 million a year to public agencies.

The Section 130 program provides Federal funding to railroads and local agencies to improve existing at-grade highway-rail crossings. New projects are identified and prioritized annually by Commission staff.





Selection Process

Factors considered for selecting crossings

- Vehicular and train volumes
- Project Costs
- Accident History
- Sightlines along the crossing approaches
- Geometry (crossing angle)





Section 190 Project - Brea Canyon Road, City of Industry Grade-Separation



\$43,000,000



May 2015





Section 190 Project - North Milliken, Ontario

\$74,000,000



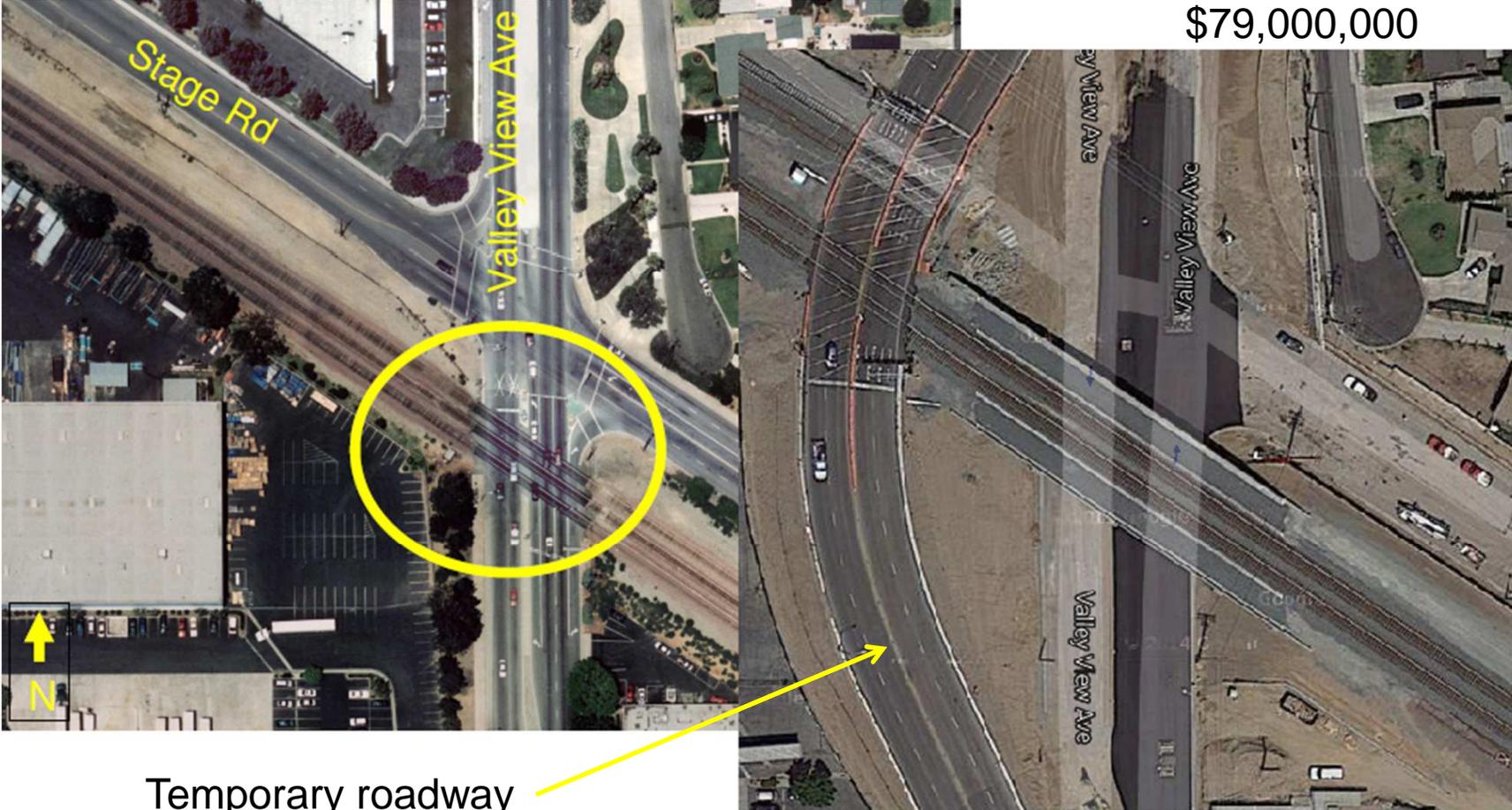
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Section 190 Project - Valley View BL, Santa Fe Springs Grade Separation

\$79,000,000



Temporary roadway during construction

May 2015





Section 130 Project



Upgraded warning devices and added medians





Section 130 Project



Upgraded warning devices





Section 130 Project



Upgraded warning devices and pedestrian pathways





Section 130 Project





Next Milestones for the Programs

- Section 190:
 - The current call for projects is set to open June 2015
 - Applications are due October 23, 2015
- Section 130:
 - The 2015 Cycle begins in September 2015

May 2015





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Item #56 [13834]

Management Report on Administrative Activities





Overview of “CAB” The Consumer Affairs Branch

**California Public Utilities Commission
Consumer Services & Information Division**

May 7, 2015





Presentation Overview

- General Information
- CAB's Mission
- Quick Facts
- Stats for 2014





General Information

CAB has:

- 2 Offices
 - San Francisco
 - Los Angeles

- 2 Sections
 - Informal (Process) Complaint Resolution
 - Data Analysis

- Staff includes
 - 30 Consumer Affairs Representatives
 - 3 Data Analysts & 3 vacancies

Through CAB, the Commission continues to perform an informal consumer assistance function that has been its history for over 90 years.





CAB's Mission

Assist consumers by answering questions and helping to resolve complaints on billing, service quality, disconnects, payment plans and LifeLine.

- Act as a neutral facilitator for consumer informal complaints with regulated energy, water and telecommunications utilities.
- Refer consumers to appropriate resources in cases where the utility/issue is not regulated by the CPUC or they have called the CPUC by mistake.
- Offers a way to resolve issues quickly without the organizational expense of a formal complaint.





Quick Facts 1 of 3

-How CAB Provides Customer Service-

- Consumers can contact CAB using:
 - **Phone**: state-wide toll-free number (800-649-7570) where calls are routed by subject matter and skill set to representatives.
 - **Writing**: Via U.S. Mail, fax or an online web portal at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/cec/e_complaint/.
- CAB is responsible for responding to appeals from consumers regarding eligibility for the California LifeLine Program (G.O. 153).





Quick Facts 2 of 3

-How CAB Provides Customer Service-

- CAB is able to serve consumers in various languages, including Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog. We also have access to the Language Assistance Line that provides real-time translation to assist limited-English speaking consumers in up to 170 languages.
- CAB is almost entirely paperless:
 - The Consumer Information Management System (CIMS) database captures informal contact details including incoming and outgoing correspondence.





Quick Facts 3 of 3

- At a Glance: Selected Informal Consumer Contact Processing -

	CAB	PAO	Referral	Notes
Examples of Traditional Work				
Billing	X			
Service Quality Issues	X			
LifeLine	X			
Formal Proceedings & Commission Decisions		X		
Municipal Utilities			X	Referred to the consumer's own municipal utility, such as SMUD, LADWP, etc.
Propane Service			X	If it is a safety issue, it is referred to SED. If it is a billing or service issue, it is referred to Western Propane Gas Association.
Examples of Emerging Issues				
CARE Removal High Usage Appeal			X	Referred to ED under D.12-08-044.
Solar Initiative			X	Referred to ED under the CSI for issues other than billing (installation and connection issues).
Core Transport Agents	X		X	Emerging Issue - Working with ED and ALJ on R.14-03-002 phase on consumer protections.





CAB Stats as Reported in the CPUC Annual Report

	2014
Approx. Number of IVR Hits	209,800
Approx. Written Contacts Processed	33,400
Approx. Phone Contacts Processed	22,000





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Item #56 [13834]

Management Report on Administrative Activities





Management Reports





The CPUC Thanks You For Attending Today's Meeting

**The Public Meeting is adjourned.
The next Public Meeting will be:**

**May 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
in San Francisco, CA**

