

CPUC Public Agenda 3545

Thursday, May 9, 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:
 - 12, 21

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, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 21.
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are:
4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38.
- 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.
- **No Item** has been withdrawn.
- **Items 2 and 20** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

Held to 5/30/2024: 3, 15, 25, and 39.

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 #2 [22246] – California LifeLine Foster Youth Program

R.20-02-008

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Update the California Universal Telephone Service (California LifeLine) Program.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Wang

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Establishes a permanent California LifeLine foster youth program and a process for transitioning foster youth from the pilot program to the permanent program.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- This decision would improve safety for foster youth by providing access to mobile communications services.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions (continued)

Item #20 [22536] – Southern California Edison Company's 2020 Energy Resource Recovery Account A.21-04-001

Application of Southern California Edison Company for a Commission Finding that its Procurement Related and Other Operations for the Record Period January 1 Through December 31, 2020, complied with its Adopted Procurement Plan; for Verification of its Entries in the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Other Regulatory Accounts; and for Recovery of \$60.772 Million Recorded in Four Accounts.

Ratesetting

Comr. John Reynolds - Judge Lau

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Closes this proceeding without addressing the Phase Two Issues, which consider whether to disallow the utilities from collecting revenues they did not collect during the Public Safety Power Shutoff events that occur during the compliance review period.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

Item #40 [22469] – Assembly Bill 205 Requirements for Electric Utilities

R.22-07-005

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Advance Demand Flexibility Through Electric Rates.

Ratesetting

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Wang

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Implements the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 205, Stats. 2022, Ch. 61 to (a) authorize all investor-owned electric utilities to change the structure of residential customer bills by shifting the recovery of a portion of fixed costs from volumetric rates to an income-graduated fixed charge without changing the total costs that utilities may recover from customers, and (b) adjust the large electric utilities' methodology for calculating the average effective discount for California Alternate Rates for Energy.
- Directs Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company to begin to implement income-graduated fixed charges in the fourth quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026.
- Adopts a settlement agreement regarding income-graduated fixed charges between Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., Liberty Utilities, PacificCorp d/b/a Pacific Power, and the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission, with exceptions to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- This decision would ensure compliance with statutory requirements to provide bill savings to a low-income customer with average electricity usage in each baseline territory without making any changes to usage. Lower bills for low-income customers will reduce the potential for disconnections of service that jeopardize safety.
- This decision would result in a new residential billing structure that would encourage customers to adopt electric vehicles and electric appliances. California seeks to electrify homes and transportation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and associated climate impacts that jeopardize safety.

ESTIMATED COST:

- This decision would approve a total of \$35.6 million in implementation costs for the large utilities.

Regular Agenda | Communications Orders

Item #41 [22499] – Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

R.23-02-016

Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding to Consider Rules to Implement the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Houck - Judge Glegola

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts Volume One of the Initial Proposal (Volume One) for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.
- Adopts process, whereby a unit of local government, nonprofit organization, or broadband service provider can challenge a determination regarding whether a particular location or community anchor institution is eligible for grant funds, including whether a particular location is unserved or underserved.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Management Reports



Regular Agenda- Management Reports and Resolutions

Item #42 [22516]

Management Report on Administrative Actions and Consumer Protection and Safety Activities

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Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council

**A Presentation to the California
Public Utility Commission regarding
implementation of D.03-12-035**

May 9, 2024



Stewardship Council

**Conserving
Watershed
Lands and
Investing in
Our Youth**

The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) is a private, nonprofit foundation established in 2004 as part of a 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Decision 03-12-035.



Stewardship Council Mission

- To protect and enhance 140,000 acres of PG&E's watershed lands and uses
- To invest in efforts to improve the lives of young Californians through connections with the outdoors





PG&E's Land Conservation Commitment

As part of a 2003 Settlement Agreement, PG&E agreed to permanently protect approximately 140,000 acres of its watershed lands located primarily in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges and conserve these lands for a broad range of public benefits.



Financial Overview

Stewardship Council Funding

\$100 MILLION PG&E FUNDING

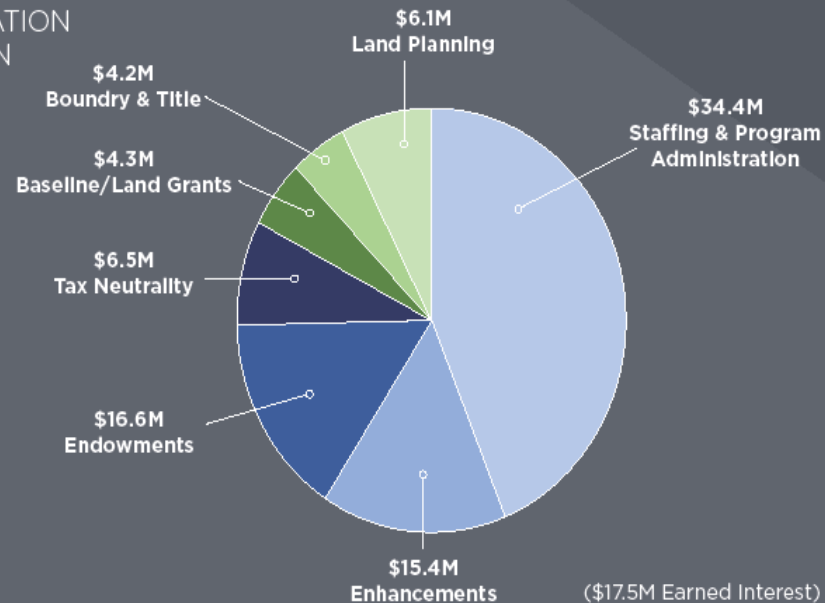


\$70 MILLION
LAND CONSERVATION



\$30 MILLION
YOUTH INVESTMENT

LAND CONSERVATION
BREAKDOWN





Stewardship Council Roles Land Program

- ✓ To oversee the planning and implementation of PG&E's Land Conservation Commitment and ensure the land transactions comply with the requirements of the PG&E Settlement Agreement
- ✓ To make recommendations of qualified entities to hold the conservation easements and receive fee donations
- ✓ To award grants for enhancement projects on PG&E's Watershed Lands



Stewardship Council Governing Board





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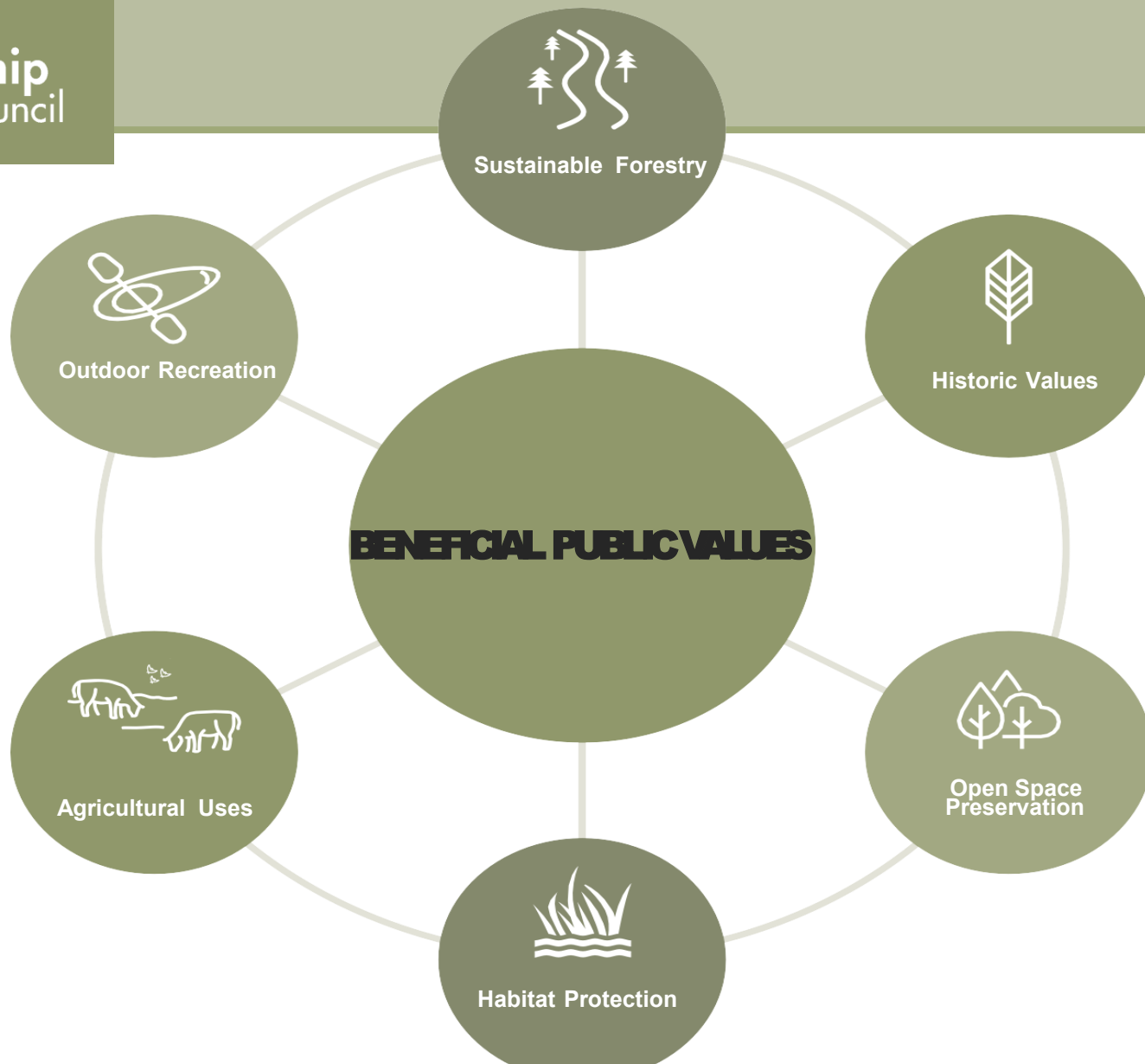
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- CA Department of Fish & Wildlife
- CA Farm Bureau
- CA Forestry Association
- CA Hydropower Reform Coalition
- CA Public Utilities Commission
- CA Resources Agency
- CA Native American Interests
- Central Valley RWQCB
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- Regional Council of Rural Counties
- California State Water Resources Board
- Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Forest Service

PG&E Watershed Lands

- 140,000 acres of land
- 1,000 parcels located across 22 counties
- Grouped into 47 planning units within 9 watershed areas
- 96 land transactions

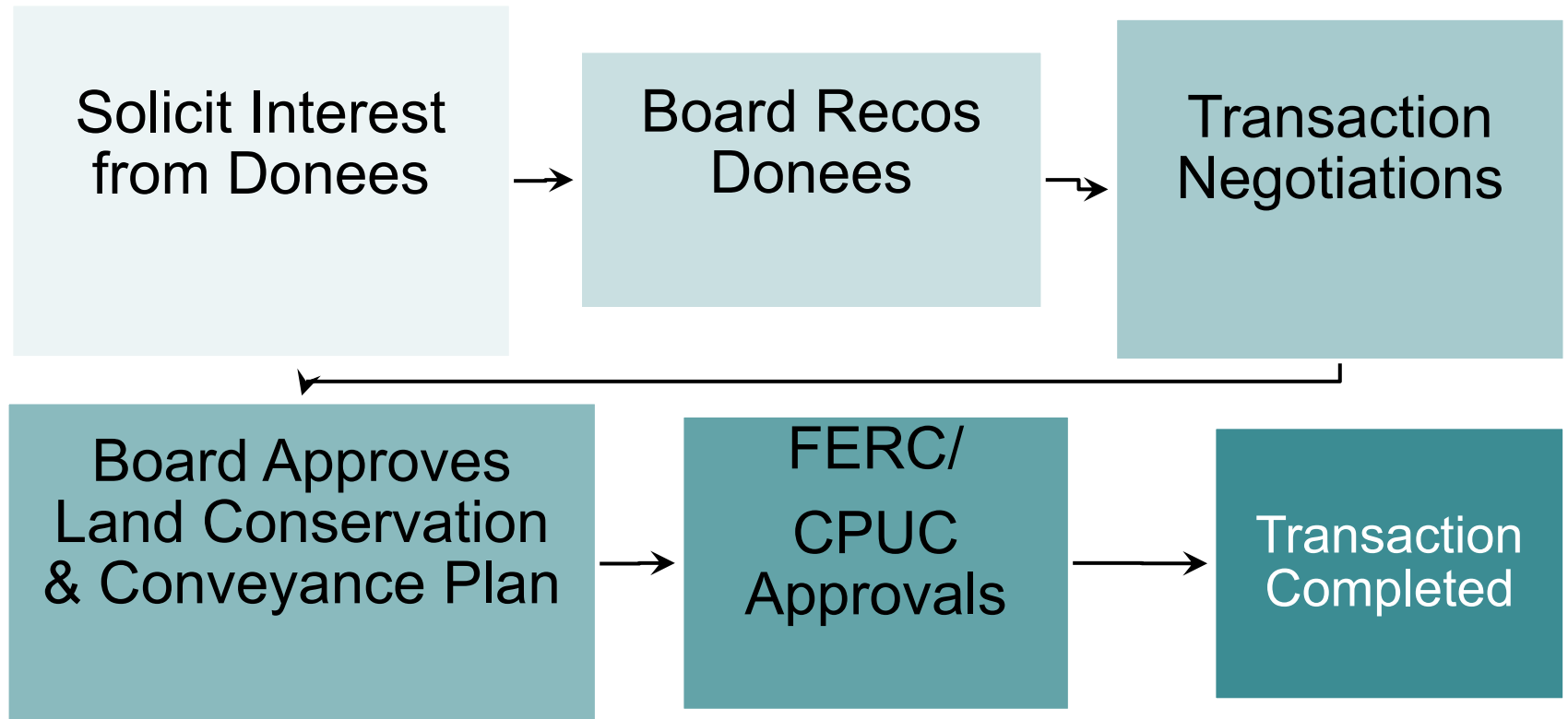


Watershed Lands



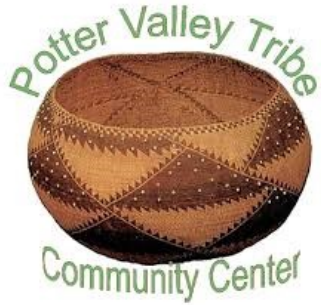


Land Conservation and Conveyance Process





Fee Title Donees



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
James A. Mousalimas, County Superintendent of Schools

Fall River Resource Conservation District





Conservation Easement Holders

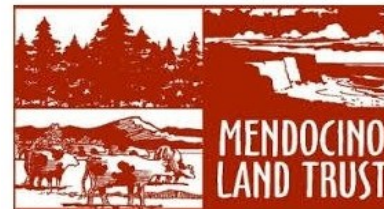


FEATHER RIVER



LAND TRUST

SHASTA LAND TRUST



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL LAND TRUST





Land Program Accomplishments

- Adopted 96 Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCPs)
- 96 land transactions-40 land donations, placement of conservation easements on 86 properties and 10 conservation covenants on 10 land donations to USFS, protecting approximately 140,000 acres in perpetuity





Status of Environmental Enhancement Program

Approximately \$15.4 million awarded or budgeted for projects ranging from habitat restoration to cultural resource protection, to recreational improvements

Remaining funds will primarily be used to fund additional enhancement projects via Sierra Nevada Conservancy





Hat Creek Enhancement Project

Sponsors: Cal Trout, Pit River Tribe, Lomakatsi Restoration Project

Habitat restoration, cultural resource protection, recreational improvement, and youth involvement





McArthur Swamp Enhancement Project

Sponsoring Agency: Fall
River Resource
Conservation District

Irrigation system
development for ag and
habitat

Exclusion fencing

Development of
management plan

Cultural resource surveys





Bucks Lake Trail System



Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship



Tribal Engagement





Youth Investment Program





Youth Investment Program

The Settlement directed PG&E to provide \$30 million in ratepayer funding to provide a wilderness experience for urban youth, especially disadvantaged urban youth, and to acquire and maintain urban parks and recreation areas.

In 2013, Stewardship Council executed a Major Grant Agreement with Justice Outside for \$10.76 million to oversee and award grants to youth-serving entities in PG&E territory and to establish a permanent youth-focused program.



Youth Investment Program

Purpose of the Major Grant Agreement to Justice Outside:

“To provide greater resources to connect children, youth, and young adults in the PG&E service territory to nature, parks, open spaces, and the outdoors, and will particularly serve the needs of underserved youth. A portion of the Grant Funds may be used to provide seed money that would establish a permanent program for young people who are least likely to enjoy the wonder of California’s natural beauty.”



Youth Investment Program

- Since 2013, Justice Outside has awarded 300 grants for more than \$7 million.
- As of 1/1/23, Justice Outside has completed its work funded through our Major Grant Agreement.
- End of the program report included as part of the Stewardship Council's final report.
- Justice Outside continues to support youth programs throughout California and across the country.



Youth Investment and Land Program

As part of our environmental enhancement program, Stewardship Council also allocated over \$5 million to San Joaquin County Office of Education at the Sky Mountain Camp to purchase and update a science camp for Central Valley youth.



Sky Mountain Camp





Stewardship Council Dissolution

Stewardship Council has officially dissolved

A small group of board officers will stay to make any remaining decisions through 2024

Sierra Nevada Conservancy will award additional grants to grantees on Watershed Lands and oversee the environmental enhancement program through 2025.





Stewardship Council

The Board wishes to thank the CPUC for its support, vision and leadership in establishing and overseeing the Land Conservation Commitment and Youth Investment Program over the past twenty years.

Questions?

Regular Agenda- Management Reports and Resolutions

Item #42 [22516]

Management Report on Administrative Actions and Consumer Protection and Safety Activities

Regular Agenda- Commissioner Reports

Item #43 [22532]

Reappointments and New Appointments to the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group

Management Reports



Commissioner's Reports



President
Alice Busching Reynolds



Commissioner
Darcie L. Houck



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John Reynolds



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Commissioner
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The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

May 30, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Sacramento, CA





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