



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
Steven Bradford, 35th District, Senator

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

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Jay Ungos, President & Founder, Small Business Diversity Network
 Patrick Kirkwood, Executive Director, Los Angeles LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce.
 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
 Todd Caporal, Client Director, Energy and Utilities, 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

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Electric Company
Caroline Winn, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Gas & Electric
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**

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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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