



## California Public Utilities Commission 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc Implementing Best Practices to Reshape the Future of Supplier Diversity

October 13, 2022 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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### Agenda

9 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

#### Opening Remarks

Alice Busching Reynolds, President, CPUC  
Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner, CPUC  
Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner, CPUC  
Darcie L. Houck, Commissioner, CPUC  
John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC  
Senator Ben Hueso, Chair of Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee  
Senator Steven Bradford, Chair of Senate Public Safety Committee

9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

#### Summary of Utility and CCA Supplier Diversity Performance

Stephanie Green – Supplier Diversity Manager, News and Outreach Office, CPUC

9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

#### GO 156 Order Instituting Rule Making Discussion

*Updates on the Progress of Implementing and Enhancing  
Internal Supplier Diversity Programs*

**Moderator:** Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner, CPUC



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**Panelists:**

Alexandra McGee, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, MCE  
Brian Goldman, Principal Compliance Analyst, Sonoma Clean Power  
Scott Gropp, Strategic Sourcing Manager, Clean Power Alliance  
Joe Maak, Chief Executive Officer, Pride Resources Partners LLC  
Paul Pendergast, Founder, BuildOUT California  
Philip DeVlieghe, Vice President Supplier Diversity, Disability IN

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10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

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10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **PANEL 1: The Diverse Community Panel**  
*Shifting Norms to Support Membership & Utility Engagements*

**Moderator:** Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner, CPUC

**Panelists:**

Cole Woodman, Chairman, VIB Network  
Angela Gibson, President, Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce  
Dennis Huang, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, Asian Business Association  
Julian Canete, President & Chief Executive Officer, California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce

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11:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **Break**

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11:20 a.m. – Noon **PANEL 2: Prime and Subcontractor Panel**  
*Creating Partnerships to Maximize Utility Engagement*

**Moderator:** Alice Busching Reynolds, President, CPUC

**Panelists:**

Douglas Taft, Executive Vice President, Utility Services, NV5 Inc.  
Sydney Furbush, Chief Executive Officer, Emergence Consulting Group  
Andee McCoy, Vice President of Business Operations, Quanta West  
Steve Garcia, President, Patriot General Engineering Inc.  
Erica Beal, Chairwoman, Radix Services

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Noon – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

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12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **PANEL 3: Communication/Cable/Water Panel**  
*Leveraging Best Practices to Increase the Pool of Diverse Suppliers*

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**Moderator:** Darcie L. Houck Commissioner, CPUC

**Panelists:**

George Richter, Sr. VP Supply Chain Management, Cox Communications

Alexis Dennard, AVP Supplier Diversity & Sustainability, AT&T

Rudolph Reyes, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Verizon

Kevin Tilden, President, California American Water

Tom Smegal, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, & Treasurer, California Water Service

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1:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. **Break**

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1:20 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. **PANEL 4: Energy Panel**

*How Utilities Increase Opportunities for Diverse Subcontractors to Achieve Goals*

**Moderator:** John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC

**Panelists:**

Patricia K. Poppe, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation

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

Justin L. Brown, President, Southwest Gas

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2:05 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. **Public Comments**

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2:50 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Alice Bushing Reynolds, President, CPUC

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3 p.m. **Adjourned**

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