



California Public Utilities Commission 21st Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc GO 156 - Supplier Diversity Impact

September 28, 2023 | 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N. Escondido Blvd.
Escondido, CA 92025

Agenda

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Alice Reynolds, President, CPUC
Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner, CPUC
Darcie L. Houck, Commissioner, CPUC
John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC
Karen Douglas, 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, News and Outreach Office, CPUC

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

PANEL 1: The Diverse Community Panel

Building a Stronger Foundation of Influence

Co-Moderators: Commissioner Houck/Commissioner Shiroma

Panelists:

Ronald B. Garnett, President & Chief Executive Officer, Council for Supplier Diversity
Cole Woodman, Chairman, Veterans in Business (VIB) Network
Philip DeVlieghe, Vice President Supplier Diversity, Disability:IN



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Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce
 Melissa Jawaharlal, Board Officer, Asian Business Association
 Julian Canete, President & Chief Executive Officer, California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 Paul Pendergast, Founder, BuildOUT California

10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Break**

10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **PANEL 2: Supplier Panel**
Setting the Bar for Competition

Moderator: Commissioner John Reynolds

Panelists:

Robert Robinson -Vice President & General Manager, Honeywell Smart Energy & Thermal Solutions (SETS)
 Michael Robirds, Chief Executive Officer, Charge EPC
 Lora Jones, President, One Source Supply Solutions
 David Stader, Chief Operating Officer, MasTec Power Delivery
 Brad Adamske, Chief Growth Officer, Smart Energy Water (SEW)
 Cameron Hale, President, Alvah Group

11:30 a.m. – Noon **Speaker:**
Building a Sustainable Supplier Diversity Program

Jessie Knight, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Knight Angels LLC

Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch – Sponsors:**



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1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

PANEL 3: Energy Panel

Building a Larger Pool of Suppliers for the Future

Moderator: President Alice Reynolds

Panelists:

Sumeet Singh, Executive Vice President, Operations and Chief Operating 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
Ted Bardacke, Chief Executive Officer, Clean Power Alliance

1:45 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Break

1:55 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

PANEL 4: Communication/Cable/Water Panel

Leveraging Best Practices to Increase the Pool of Diverse Suppliers

Moderator: Commissioner Karen Douglas

Panelists:

George Richter, Sr. VP Supply Chain Management, Cox Communications
Olga Perelman, Senior Director, Technology Procurement, T-Mobile
Alexis Dennard, AVP Supplier Diversity & Sustainability, AT&T
Rudolph Reyes, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Verizon
Edward Jackson, President, Liberty California

2:40 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Public Comments

3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Alice Reynolds, President, CPUC
Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner, CPUC
Darcie L. Houck, Commissioner, CPUC
John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC
Karen Douglas, Commissioner, CPUC

3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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