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## **CPUC TO HOST ANNUAL UTILITY DIVERSITY EN BANC ON OCT. 4 IN RICHMOND**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices, will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> annual public hearing to examine the diversity programs of the state's regulated utilities, discuss the CPUC's own commitment to diversity, and hear from community based organizations and other interested parties about their views on the future of supplier diversity and the impact it has had on the communities in which the utilities serve.

**WHEN:** October 4, 2018, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Richmond Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

Please see the agenda below.

The CPUC's Commissioners will be joined by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), the Hon. Gwen Moore, executives of investor-owned utilities, and others, to review the progress, commitments, and initiatives made to increase the participation of women, minorities, disabled veterans-owned, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender business enterprises in procurement by regulated utilities and other entities.

Representatives of industry, government, academia, labor, community-based organizations, and other interested parties are expected to attend the hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend; a public comment session will be held.



While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend the En Banc, no official action will be taken.

For more information, including an agenda, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/supplierdiversity](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/supplierdiversity).

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## Agenda

California Public Utilities Commission  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 4, 2018, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Richmond Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center,  
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

***“General Order 156- Next Generation of Supplier Diversity Excellence”***

**9 – 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome**

Tom Butt, Mayor of Richmond

**9:05 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Opening Remarks**

Michael Picker, *President, CPUC*

Carla J. Peterman, *Commissioner, CPUC*

Liane M. Randolph, *Commissioner, CPUC*

Martha Guzman Aceves, *Commissioner, CPUC*

Clifford Rechtschaffen, *Commissioner, CPUC*

Steven Bradford, *Senator, 35<sup>th</sup> District*

*The Honorable Gwen Moore, Former California State Assemblymember and Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GeM Communications Group*

**9:30 – 9:45 a.m.**

**Summary of Utility Performance & Report to the Legislature on GO 156**

Stephanie Green – Supplier Diversity Manager, CPUC

**9:45 – 10:30 a.m.**

**The Diverse Community Perspective on General Order 156**

Moderator — The Honorable Gwen Moore – former Assembly Member

Pat Fong Kushida, President & CEO, CALASIAN Chamber of Commerce

Julian Canete, President & CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Aubry Stone, President & CEO, California Black Chamber of Commerce

Paul Prendergast, Vice President of Public Policy, Golden Gate Business Association

Cole Woodman, Chairman, VIB Network Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

Schena Rourk, President, National Association of Women Business Owners-LA



**10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**

**Alternative Energy Markets- Exploring the Possibilities**

Moderator — Michael Picker, Commissioner

Dawn Weisz, CEO, Marin Clean Energy (CCA)

Beth Vaughan, Executive Director, California Community Choice Association

Janice Lin, Co-Founder & Executive Director, California Energy Storage Alliance

Rick Umoff, California Director, Solar Energy Industries Association

Bernadette Del Chiaro, Executive Director, California Solar & Storage Association

Felicia Mayo, Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion, Tesla

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Strategic Sourcing-Navigating the Future of Procurement**

Moderator — Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner

Dawn Gilbert, Director of Supplier Diversity, Frontier Communications

Sydney Furbush, Supplier Diversity Manager, San Diego Gas & Electric

Joe Chow, Supplier Diversity Manager, Southern California Gas

Frank Robinson, Managing Director, Union Bank

Travis Walsler, Senior Vice President, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.

**12 – 12:30 p.m.**

**Public Comments – The Supplier’s Perspective**

(No more than 3 minutes per speaker)

**12:30 – 1: 30 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Executive Energy Panel- The Power of Performance**

Moderator – Carla J. Peterman, Commissioner

Scott Drury, President, San Diego Gas & Electric

Patti Wagner, CEO, Southern California Gas Company

Ron Nichols, President, Southern California Edison

Steve Malnight, SVP Energy Supply & Policy, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Karen S. Haller, Executive Vice President/Chief Legal & Administrative Officer, Southwest Gas

Glenn LaPorte, Director of Procurement, PacifiCorp

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Executive Telco & Water Panel- Meeting the Challenge**

Moderator — Liane Randolph, Commissioner

Kenneth Northrup, SVP of Finance & Strategic Sourcing, Frontier Communications

James Blain, Director of Procurement & Supplier Diversity, Sprint Corporation

Jalayna F. Bolden AVP Global Supply Chain & Strategic Initiatives, AT&T

Eric F. Reed, Vice President, Entertainment/Tech Policy, Verizon Wireless

George Richter, SVP of Supply Chain Management, Cox Communications

Jeff Votaw, Vice President of Engineering, Comcast Cable Corporation

Michelle Hawkins PMP, SVP Strategic Procurement, Charter Communications

Michael Simpson, Sr. VP Technology Procurement, Planning & Development, T-Mobile

Rich Svindland, President, California American Water

**3:30 – 3:45 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

President Michael Picker, CPUC

