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## **CPUC WELCOMES NEW COMMISSIONER**

SAN FRANCISCO, January 31, 2019 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today welcomed Genevieve Shiroma as Commissioner following her oath of office ceremony in Sacramento.

Governor Gavin Newsom announced Commissioner Shiroma's appointment to the CPUC on Jan. 22, 2019.

"I would like to thank Governor Newsom for this incredible opportunity. There are many important issues facing California that the CPUC must address this year," said Commissioner Shiroma. "I look forward to contributing to the policy discussions before us and working closely with my colleagues on the CPUC, the Legislature, and our sister agencies."

"I am pleased to welcome Genevieve to the CPUC," said CPUC President Michael Picker. "We are honored and blessed to have another strong, smart, capable woman to lead us forward."

Prior to joining the CPUC, Commissioner Shiroma served as a member of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board since 1999, serving as chair since 2017 and from 2011 to 2014 and 1999 to 2006. Previously, she was Chief of the Air Quality Branch at the California Air Resources Board from 1990 to 1999 and as an air quality engineer from 1978 to 1990. From 1999 to 2018, Commissioner Shiroma was the elected director of Ward 4 of the Sacramento Utility Municipal District (SMUD).

Commissioner Shiroma resides in Sacramento, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering from University of California, Davis. She was born and raised as a farm worker's daughter in the Acampo-Lodi area of San Joaquin County.



Commissioners are appointed to the CPUC for six-year terms and require Senate confirmation. Commissioner Shiroma was appointed to fill the Commissioner seat vacated by former Commissioner Carla J. Peterman. Her term expires at the end of 2024.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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