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**UPDATED: CPUC JOINS HIE TO HOST CA ENERGY STEM INITIATIVE**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16, 2021 -The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Hispanics in Energy (HIE) will hold an innovative virtual summit to explore key partnerships and pathways for African American, Native American, and Latinx students to succeed in energy-focused Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

**WHAT:** Driving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: CA Energy STEM Initiative

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Remote access via WebEx, webcast, or conference line. Participation information and an agenda are below.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Driving Diversity and Inclusion: CA Energy STEM Initiative summit is designed to form a working partnership between the largest energy providers in California, including Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Sempra Energy, Southern California Edison, and California Community Choice Association with the higher education community, including University of California institutions, California State Universities, and California Community Colleges. The goal is to develop pathways for African American, Native American, and Latinx students to succeed in energy focused STEM fields. The summit will focus on how this partnership could attain a goal of 25,000 diverse STEM graduates by 2025. The CPUC and HIE welcome feedback and engagement at this summit to explore ways to build collaborative partnerships.



## **PARTICIPATION INFORMATION:**

- WebEx: Provides event audio and video and allows participants to submit written comments/questions.
  - Link:  
<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e779dcf0cbb5a122e8faf33ab67cbd7cb>
  - Password: 2021
- Live video broadcast with English and Spanish captions via webcast:  
[www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/other/202104282](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/other/202104282).
  - Participants who choose to participate via webcast only will have audio and video, but will not be able to make verbal comment. If you would like to make comments during the meeting, refer to the phone-in information below.
  - After clicking on the meeting link, click the green button below the video for captions. Then select captions by clicking on the white icon next to the word “live” at the bottom of the video.
  - The event will be recorded and archived for future viewing.
- Phone (English): 888-282-9628, passcode: 1123716#
  - Participants will have audio (in English) and will be able to make comments or ask questions.
- Phone (Spanish): 888-843-9977, passcode: 5180519#
  - Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish will be available by phone.
  - Participants will have audio (in Spanish) and will be able to make comments or ask questions in Spanish.
- Confirmed participants in the summit include: CPUC Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves, Hispanics in Energy CEO Jose L. Perez, UC Board of Regents Chair John A. Perez, University of California President Michael Drake, Edison International President & CEO Pedro Pizarro, San Diego Gas & Electric Chief Executive Officer Caroline Winn, PG&E Chief Operating Officer Adam Wright, California State University System Chancellor Joseph I. Castro, California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Independent California Colleges & Universities President Kristen Soares, Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science President & CEO Stephania I. Herrera, PhD, Indigenous Knowledge River Chief Executive Officer Daniel Cardenas, Parent Institute for Quality



Education President & CEO Gloria Corral, and American Association of Blacks in Energy Interim President & CEO Ralph Cleveland

- In collaboration with the following organizations: American Association of Blacks in Energy, National Tribal Energy Association, Asians in Energy, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU – HSI), Parent Institute for Quality Education, Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Mexican American Engineering in Science, TELACU Education Foundation, Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement, Science and Technology Policy Fellowships, and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – California Chapter

The most updated information related to the event will be posted on [www.cpuc.ca.gov/calEvent.aspx?id=6442468649](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/calEvent.aspx?id=6442468649).

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on this matter.

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## AGENDA

### Driving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: CA Energy STEM Initiative April 28, 2021, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Time	Topic
9 - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome Remarks & The State of Diversity in the Energy Sector
9:10 - 9:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Community Perspectives: Advancement for Diversifying the Energy Sector
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Academic Leadership: Institutionalizing STEM Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Industry Contributions: Initiatives to Diversify the Energy Workforce
12:30 - 1 p.m.	Q&A and Closing Comments
1 p.m.	End

