

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Terms of Governors and Commissioners since 1911

Year	Governors	Commissioners (five-member board)				Year	
1911	Hiram Johnson 1911-1917		John Eshleman Elected 11-4-1910	H.D. Loveland Elected 11-4-1910	Alex Gordon Elected 11-4-1910	1911	
1912		Max Thelen App'd 3-15-1912	E.O. Edgerton App'd 3-15-1912	Term began 1-1-1911	Term began 1-1-1911	Term began 1-1-1911	1912
1913				President 1911-14			1913
1914							1914
1915		App'd 1-4-1915 President 1915-17	Edgerton re-app'd 1-4-1915	Frank Devlin App'd 1-4-1915	App'd 1-4-1915	App'd 1-4-1915	1915
1916				Resigned 1-1-1917			1916
1917	William Stephens 1917-1923		Alex Gordon Re-app'd 1-1-1917		Frank Devlin Re-app'd 1-1-1917	1917	
1918		Resigned 6-16-1918	President 1918-20				1918
1919		H.D. Loveland Re-app'd 1-1-1919		Irving Martin App'd 1-1-1919	H.W. Brundige App'd 1-1-1919		1919
1920						President until resigned 5-1-1921	1920
1921		Re-app'd 1-1-1921	C.H. Rowell App'd 2-2-1921 Resigned 1-1-1923		President mid-1921 - 1922 Resigned 1-1-1923	H.S. Benedict App'd 5-2-1921	1921
1922		Died 6-11-1922					1922
1923	Friend Richardson 1923-1927	H.W. Brundige Re-app'd 1-5-1923	E. Shore App'd 1-5-1923	J.T. Whittlesey App'd 1-5-1923	Clyde L. Seavey App'd 1-5-1923 President 1923-24	1923	
1924			Resigned 6-30-1925			1924	
1925		President 1925-26		Ezra W. Decoto App'd 1-13-1925	G.D. Squires App'd 1-13-1925		1925
1925							1925
1926			Leon Whitsell App'd 7-28-1925		Died 1-31-1926 Thomas Louttit App'd 7-14-1926		1926
1927		C.C. Young 1927-1931	Brundige Re-app'd 1-1-1927 Died 7-16-1927	Whitsell Re-app'd 1-1-1927	President 1927		1927
1927		William J. Carr App'd 8-2-1927				1927	
1928			President 1928			1928	
1929				President 1929	Seavey Re-app'd 1-1-1929 President 1930 until resigned 8-10-1934	1929	
1930		Resigned 12-31-1930				1930	
1931	James Rolph 1931-1934	F.S. Stevenot App'd 1-1-1931		William J. Carr Re-app'd 1-1-1931	M.B. Harris App'd 1-1-1931	1931	
1932						1932	
1933		Wallace L. Ware App'd 1-1-1933	Re-app'd 1-1-1933			1933	
1934	Frank Merriam 1934-1939		President 8-1934 to 1935			1934	
1934					Frank R. Devlin App'd 10-9-1934 Re-app'd 1-1-1935	1934	
1935							1935
1936					President 1936		1936
1937			President 1937 until resigned 7-31-1938		Ray L. Riley App'd 1-9-1937	Ray C. Wakefield App'd 1-2-1937	1937
1938			C.C. Baker App'd 12-12-1938			President 8-1938-1939	1938
1939	Culbert Olsen 1939-1943	Baker Re-app'd 1-1-1939	Justus F. Craemer App'd by Governor Merriam 1-1-1939	President 1940		1939	
1940						1940	
1941		President 1941			Resigned 3-21-1941	Frank Havenner App'd 1-1-1941	1941
1941					R. Sachse App'd 5-1-1941		1941
1942				President 1942			1942
1943		Earl Warren 1943-1953	Died 1-30-1944		Fred W. Clark App'd 1-1-1943	Re-app'd 1-1-1943	1943
1944		Ira H. Rowell App'd 2-18-1944				1944	
1945		Re-app'd 1-1-1945	Re-app'd 1-1-1945		Resigned 10-31-1945	L.H. Anderson App'd 1-4-1945	
1945					Harold P. Huls App'd 11-9-1945	1945	
1946					President until resigned 7-31-1946	1946	
1946					R.E. Mittelstaedt App'd 8-8-1946	1946	
1947				Resigned 1-15-1947	Re-app'd 1-1-1947	1947	
1947				Kenneth Potter App'd 2-5-1947		1947	
1948					President 1948 until he retired 4-30-1954	1948	
1949				Re-app'd 1-1-1949	Re-app'd 1-1-1949	1949	
1950						1950	
1951		Peter E. Mitchell App'd 1-17-1951	Re-app'd 1-2-195			1951	
1952						1952	
1953						1953	
1953	Goodwin Knight 1953-1959				Resigned 9-30-1953	Re-app'd 1-1-1953	
1954		President mid-1954 to mid-1958				Retired 4-30-1954	1954
1954						Ray Untereiner App'd 9-8-1954	1954
1955							1955
1956				Retired 10-31-1956	Rex Hardy App'd 5-26-1955	Matthew Dooley App'd 1-24-1955	1956
1956				C. Lyn Fox App'd 11-1-1956			1956
1957		Re-app'd 1-1-1957	Re-app'd 1-1-1957			1957	

1958			Resigned 2-28-1958			1958	
1958		President mid-1958 to mid-1959	Theodore Jenner App'd 3-29-1958			1958	
1959	Edmund G. "Pat" Brown 1959-1967				Everett McKeage App'd 2-16-1959 President until mid-1962	1959	
1960						1960	
1961				Frederick B. Holoboff App'd 1-31-1961	George Grover App'd 1-26-1961 President mid-1962 to mid-1963	1961	
1962						1962	
1963		Re-app'd 1-1-1963	William M. Bennett App'd 1-1-63 President mid-1963 to mid-1964			1963	
1964				President mid-1964 to mid-1966		1964	
1965					A.W. Gatov 2-10-1965 Oath of Office	1965	
1966		President mid-1966 to mid-1968				1966	
1967	Ronald Reagan 1967-1975			William Symons, Jr. App'd 1-16-1967 President mid-1968 to mid-1970	Fred P. Morrissey App'd 1-16-1967	1967	
1968						1968	
1969					Resigned 8-31-1969		1969
1969			John Vukasin, Jr. App'd 1-6-1969 President mid-1970 to mid-1972	Thomas Moran App'd 1-13-1969	Vernon Sturgeon App'd 9-2-1969		1969
1970						1970	
1971					David W. Holmes App'd 2-10-1971	1971	
1972						1972	
1973				Re-app'd 1-1-1973	President mid-1972 to mid-1975 Re-app'd 1-1-1973	1973	
1974		Resigned 10-22-1974				1974	
1974		Robert McDavid App'd 10-22-1974 Leonard Ross App'd 1-20-1975				1974	
1975	Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown 1975-1983				President mid-1975 to 1976	1975	
1976			Robert Batinovich App'd 3-25-1975 President 1977-78			1976	
1977			Resigned 4-14-1977			Richard Gravelle App'd 1-26-1977	1977
1977			Claire Dedrick App'd 7-1-1977				1977
1978			Resigned 1-16-1979			1978	
1979			Vernon Sturgeon Re-app'd 1-24-1979	Leonard Grimes, Jr. App'd 1-26-1979	John E. Bryson App'd 1-24-1979 President 1979 until resigned 12-31-1982	1979	
1980						1980	
1981		Priscilla Grew App'd 3-25-1981	Victor Calvo App'd 2-19-1981			1981	
1982				President 1982 until resigned 9-7-1984		1982	
1983	George Deukmejian-1983-1991				William Bagley App'd 5-4-1983	Donald Vial App'd 12-21-1982 President 9-1984 to 1986	1983
1984				Frederick Duda App'd 11-27-1984			1984
1985				Re-app'd 1-1-1985	Re-app'd 1-1-1985		1985
1986					Resigned 4-7-1986		1986
1986		G. Mitchell Wilk App'd 12-16-1986			Stanley Hulett App'd 5-6-1986 President 1987-88	1986	
1987						1987	
1988			John B. Ohanian App'd 3-4-1987			1988	
1989		President 1989-90				1989	
1990					Patricia Eckert App'd 3-13-1989	1990	
1991	Pete Wilson 1991-1999	Resigned 10-4-1991		Norman Shumway App'd 2-12-1991	Daniel Fessler App'd 2-12-1991 President 1992 thru 4-1996	1991	
1992		Vacant					1992
1993		P. Gregory Conlon App'd 2-11-1993	Jessie J. Knight, Jr. App'd 8-23-1993			1993	
1994						1994	
1995				Resigned 2-23-1995		1995	
1995				Henry M. Duque App'd 4-3-1995		1995	
1996		President 5-1996 – 12-97			Josiah L. Neeper App'd 9-20-1995	1996	
1997				Re-app'd 1-2-1997	Richard A. Bilas App'd 1-2-1997 Resigned 3-8-02 President 2-1-1998 to 3-1-2000	1997	
1998						1998	
1999	Gray Davis 1999-2003	Carl Wood App'd 6-21-1999	Joel Hyatt App'd 6-10-99 Resigned 12-17-99			1999	
2000						2000	
2000			Loretta Lynch App'd 1-5-00 President March 2000 to Dec 31, 2002			2000	
2001					Geoffrey Brown App'd 1/18/2001	2001	
2001						2001	
2002					Michael R. Peevey App'd 3-10-2002	2002	
2003	Davis reelected			Susan Kennedy Appt 1/1/2003 Resigned 12/2005	Michael R. Peevey Reapp'd 1-1-2003 President 1-2003	2003	
2003	Arnold Schwarzenegger Nov 2003					2003	
2004						2004	
2005	(Davis was recalled)	John Bohn App'd 5/2/2005	Dian Grueneich App'd 1/1/2005			2005	
2006				Rachelle Chong Appt 1/11/2006		2006	
2007					Reapp'd 12/08	2007	
2008						2008	
2009						2009	
2010				Nancy E. Ryan App'd 1/27/10		2010	

2011	Edmund G. Brown Jr. 2011-	Mike Florio App'd 1/25/11	Catherine J.K. Sandoval App'd 1/25/11	Mark J. Ferron App'd 3/22/11		
2012						Carla Peterman App't 12/21/2012
2013						
2014				Michael Picker App'd 1/29/14		
2015				Michael Picker Reapp'd 1-1-2015 President 1-1-2015	Liane M. Randolph 1-1-2015 App'd	
2016		Clifford Rechtschaffen App'd 12/28/16	Martha Guzman Aceves App'd 12/28/16			

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Commissioners are appointed by the Governor for six-year terms, except those appointed to fill a vacated position.