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**Workshop on Government Decision-Making and Open Meetings
Governor's Office of Planning and Research**

June 22, 2015, 9:00am to 1:00pm
CalEPA Headquarters, Coastal Hearing Room

Live Broadcast (Link will be active at beginning of the meeting):

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>

**Co-Chairs – Secretary Matt Rodriguez (CalEPA), Secretary John Laird (CNRA),
Executive Director Ken Alex (OPR)**

9:00-9:15 AM: Welcome Remarks

- Ken Alex, Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research

9:15-10:00 AM: Presentations

- Edward O'Neill, Senior Advisor on CPUC Modernization & Reform, Office of Governor Brown
Edward O'Neill has been reviewing existing processes and procedures, and has developed recommendations to provide for greater efficiency and accountability that may have applicability to other agencies.
- Michael Strumwasser, Partner, Strumwasser & Woocher LLP, and Beverly Grossman Palmer, Partner, Strumwasser & Woocher LLP
Strumwasser & Woocher LLP was retained by the CPUC to provide independent advice and counsel on its existing ex parte rules, and best practices employed by other State and federal agencies, as well as to make recommendations for potential legislative and internal reforms on ex parte communications and related agency practices.
- Carole D'Elia, Executive Director, Little Hoover Commission
The Little Hoover Commission is reviewing transparency in state government, specifically the effects of amendments enacted in 2009 to Bagley-Keene on the ability of state boards and commissions to effectively conduct business and opportunities to improve ex parte rules throughout state government.

10:00-10:15 AM: Break

10:15-11:00 AM: State Agency Comment

- California Public Utilities Commission
Tim Sullivan, Executive Director
- California Energy Commission
Kourtney Vaccaro, Chief Counsel
- California Strategic Growth Council
Mike McCoy, Executive Director

11:00-12:45 PM: Public Comment & Discussion

12:45-1:00 PM: Closing