



# California Public Utilities Commission 15<sup>th</sup> Annual GO 156 Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 5, 2017, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
California Ballroom

Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center, 601 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768

*“Supplier Diversity: Broadening the Opportunity for Prosperity”*

## AGENDA

**9 a.m. – 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*

*Christopher Holden, Assemblymember, 41<sup>st</sup> District*

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

**9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.**  
**Summary of Utility Performance & Report to the Legislature on GO 156**  
Stephanie Green – Supplier Diversity Manager, CPUC





## **Agenda Continued**

**9:40 a.m.-10:40 a.m.**

### **The Diverse Community Perspective – How Competition & Deregulation Reshape GO156**

Diversity groups will discuss how competition and deregulation reshape GO 156.

Moderator — The Honorable Gwen Moore – Former California State Assemblymember

Julian Canete, President, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Dennis J. Huang Executive Director/CEO, California Asian Business Association

Debbie Lumpkin, Black Business Association

Marquita Thomas, Executive Director, Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

Marty Keller, Executive Director, Disabled Veteran Business Alliance

Betty Jo Toccoli, President, California Small Business Association

Faith Batista, President, National Asian American Coalition

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

**10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

### **Engaging New Participants in Supplier Diversity**

By the end of 2017, as much as 40 percent of electricity sold in California will come from non-utility sources. Does this create new opportunities for diverse firms?

Moderator — Orson Aguilar, President, Greenlining

Dawn Weisz, CEO, Marin Clean Energy (CCA)

Erica He, Senior Advisor, Energy Solutions, Sumitomo Electric

Eddie Ahn, Executive Director, Brightline Defense Project

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

**11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Supplier Diversity Public Comments**

(During this public comments session – no more than 3 minutes per speaker)





## Agenda Continued

12:00 p.m. – 1 p.m.

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1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

### **Supplier Diversity: Impact on Communities**

How does GO 156 affect the communities in which diverse businesses operate? Do diverse contractors spend their dollars in the cities in which they operate?

Moderator – President Michael Picker, CPUC

Samara Hakim, JD, The Culture Factor LLC

Shannon Conaway, COO & Vice President, GIS Surveyors Inc.

Joshua Knoefler, P.E. Business Development Manager, Burns and McDonnell

Lucy Labruzzo, SVP. Energy Infrastructure, Cordoba Corporation

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2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### **Energy: The Investor-Owned Utility Perspective on the Effect of New Competitors in the Energy Market**

Will changes in California energy policy affect investor-owned energy utility contracting dollars? What are the trends? How should investor-owned utilities sustain and improve their diverse spending?

Moderator – Carla J. Peterman, Commissioner

Scott Drury, President, San Diego Gas & Electric

Patti Wagner, CEO, Southern California Gas Company

Nickolas Stavropoulos, President & Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Kevin Payne, CEO, Southern California Edison

Brad Harris, Vice President, Southwest Gas

Etta Lockey, Vice President of Regulation, Pacificorp







## Agenda Continued

**2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### **Telco: The Effect of New Technology in the Telecommunications Market**

How are telecommunication companies utilizing diverse suppliers in new unregulated technologies?

Moderator — Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner

Mariano Legaz, Senior Vice President, Sprint

Kenneth Northrup, VP of Financing & Strategic Sourcing, Frontier

Ken McNeely, President, AT&T California

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

George Richter, Vice President of Supply Chain Management, Cox Communications

Jeff Votaw, Regional Vice President, Technical Operations, Comcast

Rhonda Nesmith Crichlow, SVP, Chief Diversity Officer, Charter

Allan Tantillo, Sr. Director National Site Development, T-Mobile

**3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

### **Water: Infrastructure**

How do diverse suppliers contribute to California water infrastructure?

Moderator — Martha Guzman Aceves, Commissioner

Jeanne-Marie Bruno, President, Liberty-Park Water

Richard Rich, Managing Director, Suburban Water

Richard Svindland, President, California American Water

Elissa Ouyang, Chief Procurement & Lead Continuous Improvement Officer, California Water

Robert Sprowls, President/CEO, Golden State Water

Andy Gere, President/COO, San Jose Water

Robert Nicholson, President, San Gabriel Valley Water

**4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

### **Closing Remarks**

President Picker

