



# California Public Utilities Commission 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 3, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center  
Valdez Hall  
702 M. Street, Fresno, CA 93721

*“Success Through Geographic Diversity”*

## AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Opening Remarks

Marybel Batjer, *President, Commissioner, CPUC*  
Liane M. Randolph, *Commissioner, CPUC*  
Martha Guzman Aceves, *Commissioner, CPUC*  
Clifford Rechtschaffen, *Commissioner, CPUC*  
Genevieve Shiroma, *Commissioner, CPUC*

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

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
**Summary of Utility Performance & Report to the Legislature on GO 156**  
Stephanie Green, Manager – Supplier Diversity Manager, CPUC





## Agenda Continued

**9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

### **GO 156 Utility Contract Opportunities**

(Utility CEO's will provide an outlook of contract opportunities in the Central Valley and throughout California. They will also report/update the Commission on vegetation management.)

Moderator — Marybel Batjer, President, CPUC

Kevin M. Payne, Chief Executive Officer & President, Southern California Edison  
Andy Vesey, Chief Executive Officer & President, Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Michael Simpson, Sr. Vice President Technology Procurement, Planning & Development, T-Mobile  
Jalayna F. Bolden AVP Global Supply Chain & Strategic Initiatives, AT&T  
Keith Switzer, President, California Water Association

**10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

### **GO 156: Regional Perspectives on Geographic Diversity –**

How can the program incorporate more participation from diverse firms in the Central Valley?

Moderator — Tate Hill, Director, Access Plus Capital

Cole Woodman, Chairman, DVBE, VIB Network  
Joel Hockman, President, Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce  
Blong Xiong, Executive Director, Asian Business Institute & Resource Center  
Carlos Mendoza, President, Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tara Lynn Gray, Chief Executive Officer, Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce  
Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce

**11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

### **Public Comments – The Supplier's Perspective**

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





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12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### **Executive Diversity & Economic Impact**

*(A discussion of how Board and Management diversity supports and improves diverse contracting opportunities. How the CPUC supplier diversity program impacts the economy and the communities in which the utilities serve.)*

*Moderator-Martha Guzman Aceves, Commissioner, CPUC*

Bret Lane, Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Gas  
Kevin Sagara, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Gas & Electric  
Rich Svindland, President, California American Water  
Sharon Braddy-McKoy, Vice President of Human Resources, Southwest Gas  
Cyril Pourrat, Chief Procurement Officer, Sprint  
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer, Marin Clean Energy







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**2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

### **Prime & Sub Contractors: Supplier Diversity Best Practices and Contracting Barriers**

(The panelist will discuss the benefits of supplier diversity and how they implement supplier diversity programs into their supply chain to grow sub-contracting businesses. Panel participants will also discuss sub-contracting challenges, the lack of contract transparency, and the strain of adopting new business strategies to keep up with advanced technologies and regulated policy changes in the utility industry.)

Moderator – Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner, CPUC

David Mowry, President & Chief Executive Officer, Blair Church & Flynn  
Joshua Knoefler, Business Development Manager, Burns & McDonnell  
Elizabeth Martinez, Director Government Relations, Meruelo Enterprises, Inc.

Heidi Britt, Director of Business Operations, ATM Inc.  
Steve Garcia, President, Patriot General Engineering Inc.

**3:45 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.**  
**Closing Remarks**

Marybel Batjer, *President, CPUC*

**4:00 p.m.**  
**Adjourned**

