



California Public Utilities Commission 13th Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 8, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco

“General Order 156 – A Roadmap for Excellence”

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Michael Picker, *President, CPUC*
Mike Florio, *Commissioner, CPUC*
Catherine J.K. Sandoval, *Commissioner, CPUC*
Carla Peterman, *Commissioner, CPUC*
Liane M. Randolph, *Commissioner CPUC*
The Honorable Gwen Moore – *former California Assembly Member*

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Morning Address

The Honorable La Doris “Dot” Harris, *Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity*
U.S. Department of Energy

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*





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9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Smaller Utility CEO Panel – GO 156 – A Guide to Program Enhancement Strategies for Success

Moderator – Commissioner Mike Florio

Brad Harris, Vice President – Northern Nevada, Southwest Gas Co.

Marty Kropelnicki, President, California Water Co.

Greg Sorensen, President, Liberty Utilities

Sarah Wallace, Vice President & General Counsel, Pacific Power

Melinda M. White, President – West Region, Frontier Communications

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The State of California's Small Businesses

Betty Jo Toccoli, California Small Business Association

10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

The Diverse Community Perspective on General Order 156

Moderator — The Honorable Gwen Moore – former Assembly Member

Paul Pendergast, Golden Gate Business Association

Frank Montes, California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Peter Ramirez, California Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business, Inc.

Tracy Stanhoff, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California

Aubry Stone, California Black Chamber of Commerce

Dee Dee Towery, National Association of Women Business Owners

Julian Canete, California Asian Chamber of Commerce

Orson Aguilar, Executive Director, the Greenlining Institute

Jose Perez, Chairman, the California Utilities Diversity Council

11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comments – The Supplier's Perspective

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

12 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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12:45 – 1:00 p.m.

National Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce – Supplier’s Perspective

Sam McClure, Vice President, NGLCC

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Speaker

Dr. Randal Pinkett, Founder, Chairman and CEO, BCT Partners

1:30 p.m. – 2:00

Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) – Supplier Diversity Success Stories

Moderator – Commissioner Liane M. Randolph

Dr. David C. Lizárraga, President & CEO, TELACU

Tom Nguyen, Senior Partner and Co-Founder, WinCorp Solutions

Melanie Shelby, Managing Director,

Gray, Greer, Shelby & Vaughn

2:00 – 2:15

CPUC’s Survey to Quantify the Value of Supplier Diversity to GO 156

Jake Beniflah, PhD, Executive Director, the Center of Multicultural Science

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

CEO Panel — GO 156 – Continuing an Evolution of Success

Moderator — President Michael Picker

Ken McNeely, President, AT&T California

Eugene Agee, Vice President of Procurement & Real Estate, Sprint

Tim McCallion, President, Verizon

Amy Lynch, Regional Vice President Operations, Comcast

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

Pedro J. Pizarro, President, Southern California Edison

Geisha Williams, President, Electric Operations, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Dennis V. Arriola, President & CEO, Southern California Gas Company

Jeff Martin, CEO, San Diego Gas and Electric Company

3:15 – 3:30

The Supplier Clearinghouse - Update

Michael Moss – The Supplier Clearinghouse Operator

3:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

President Michael Picker