



# California Public Utilities Commission 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 4, 2018

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Richmond Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center  
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

**“General Order 156-  
Next Generation of Supplier Diversity Excellence”**

## AGENDA

9 – 9:05 a.m.

**Welcome**

Tom Butt, Mayor of Richmond

9:05 – 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*

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

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

**Summary of Utility Performance & Report to the Legislature on GO 156**

Stephanie Green – Supplier Diversity Manager, CPUC





## Agenda Continued

**9:45 – 10:30 a.m.**

### **The Diverse Community Perspective on General Order 156**

Moderator — The Honorable Gwen Moore – former Assembly Member

Pat Fong Kushida, President & CEO, CALASIAN Chamber of Commerce  
Julian Canete, President & CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce  
Aubry Stone, President & CEO, California Black Chamber of Commerce  
Paul Prendergast, Vice President of Public Policy, Golden Gate Business Association  
Cole Woodman, Chairman, VIB Network Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise  
Schenae Rourk, President, National Association of Women Business Owners-LA

**10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**

### **Alternative Energy Markets- Exploring the Possibilities**

Moderator — Michael Picker, Commissioner

Dawn Weisz, CEO, Marin Clean Energy (CCA)  
Beth Vaughan, Executive Director, California Community Choice Association  
Janice Lin, Co-Founder & Executive Director, California Energy Storage Alliance  
Rick Umoff, California Director, Solar Energy Industries Association  
Bernadette Del Chiaro, Executive Director, California Solar & Storage Association  
Felicia Mayo, Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion, Tesla

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Strategic Sourcing-Navigating the Future of Procurement**

Moderator — Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner

Dawn Gilbert, Director of Supplier Diversity, Frontier Communications  
Sydney Furbush, Supplier Diversity Manager, San Diego Gas & Electric  
Joe Chow, Supplier Diversity Manager, Southern California Gas  
Frank Robinson, Managing Director, Union Bank  
Travis Walser, Senior Vice President, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.





## Agenda Continued

12 – 12:30 p.m.  
**Public Comments – The Supplier's Perspective**

(No more than 3 minutes per speaker)

12:30 – 1: 30 p.m.  
**LUNCH**

**Caterer:**

**GDC**   
**KITCHEN**

**Sponsors:**







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**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

### **Executive Energy Panel- The Power of Performance**

Moderator – Carla J. Peterman, Commissioner

Scott Drury, President, San Diego Gas & Electric

Patti Wagner, CEO, Southern California Gas Company

Ron Nichols, President, Southern California Edison

Steve Malnight, SVP Energy Supply & Policy, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Karen S. Haller, Executive Vice President/Chief Legal & Administrative Officer, Southwest Gas

Glenn LaPorte, Director of Procurement, PacifiCorp

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

### **Executive Telco & Water Panel- Meeting the Challenge**

Moderator — Liane Randolph, Commissioner

Kenneth Northrup, SVP of Finance & Strategic Sourcing, Frontier Communications

James Blain, Director of Procurement & Supplier Diversity, Sprint Corporation

Jalayna F. Bolden AVP Global Supply Chain & Strategic Initiatives, AT&T

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

George Richter, SVP of Supply Chain Management, Cox Communications

Jeff Votaw, Vice President of Engineering, Comcast Cable Corporation

Michelle Hawkins PMP, SVP Strategic Procurement, Charter Communications

Michael Simpson, Sr. VP Technology Procurement, Planning & Development, T-Mobile

Rich Svindland, President, California American Water

**3:30 – 3:45 p.m.**

### **Closing Remarks**

President Michael Picker, CPUC

