



DVBE Advisory Council – 2015

CPUC Committee

Progress on Objectives and Metrics

July 16, 2015

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Member: Robert Morrow

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Member: William Schroyer

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CalVet Liaison: Robert Beamer

Meetings held since last council: June 9, 2015, July 8, 2015

Next Meeting: August 3, 2015

Objective Statement #1 - Establish communications with Commissioner Sandoval of the CPUC who appear to be receptive to the DVBE community by Spring 2015.

Progress on Objective #1 – In preparation for this meeting, the CalVet Liaison checked with Stephanie Green, Manager of Small Business Outreach at the CPUC. Ms. Green stated that President Peavey retired at the end of December. The New President, Michael Picker, announced he will examine current responsibilities of the commissioners and may make changes. Therefore, Ms. Green recommended waiting until the new President acts.

CalVet requested that Ms. Green and Mr. Phason, a member of her staff, participate in the Committee's January teleconference call. During the call, Ms. Green and Mr. Phason informed the committee that the CPUC outreach staff meets with all of the utilities in March and April after the utilities submit the Small Business participation reports to the legislature. Ms. Green recommended that her staff continue to participate in the committee's monthly teleconferences. At that time, Ms. Green recommended meeting with Commissioner Sandoval.

As a result of the committee's recommendations, Comcast attended its first CPUC outreach event on April 16, 2015.

Metric #1 Completed – Gain a clear understanding of the new CPUC President's status on the commissioner's duties and the CPUC Outreach Staff's position on DVBE participation.

Metric #2 – The CPUC Committee will recommend at the April 16, DVBE Advisory Council meeting to schedule a meeting with the President of the CPUC as soon possible. The meeting request is in process at the CPUC headquarters and a reply with three meeting date options should arrive the week of July 13, 2015

Objective Statement # 2 – Have the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and appropriate Advisory Council members meet with new President of the CPUC and Commissioner Sandoval

in 2015. The meeting will provide a clear understanding of CalVet and the DVBE Advisory Council's mission to increase opportunities for the DVBE community.

Progress on Objective #2 - Waiting on Objective #1

Metric #1 - Have the CPUC commissioner arrange a meeting/s with utilities Executive Management in 2015 that would like assistance with meeting the DVBE participation goals.

Objective Statement #4 - Gain additional seats for veteran owned businesses on the California Utilities Diversity Council and the National Utilities Diversity Council in FY 2015/2016.

Metric #1 - The committee will get feedback from the DVBE Advisory Council at the July 16, 2015 meeting.

Metric #2 – Based on feedback from the meeting, the committee will take appropriate action for the October 29, 2015 meeting.

Action Items: Mission Statement (Draft)

The committee developed several drafts and will have a recommended Mission Statement at the next DVBE Advisory Council Meeting on October 29, 2015.

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Objective Statement - By September 2014, conduct an analysis of the March 2013 DVBE participation reports of the Investor Owned Utilities' (IOUs) and develop a list of utilities that need assistance with their DVBE program by September 2014.

Progress on Objective – At the DVBE Council meeting on January 29, 2015, Rene Cota presented the CPUC committee's findings on the Investors Owned Utilities, FY 2013 DVBE Participation Report. The committee recommends that Commissioner Sandoval of the CPUC start a new DVBE Joint Utilities Working Group sponsored by Sprint, Comcast, or T-Mobile that would include the Investor Owned Water Companies.

Metric #1 - DVBE participation report analysis completed and presented to the DVBE Advisory Council on January 29, 2015.