



## DVBE Advisory Council – 2015

### CPUC Committee

### Progress on Objectives and Metrics

January 5, 2015

Chair – Rene Cota

vice Chair – Sandy Schneeberger

Member – Robert Vermillion

Member – Don Gonneville

CalVet Liaison – Robert Beamer

Meetings held since last council: November 10, 2014 and January 5, 2015.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2015

**Objective Statement #1** - 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 #1** – At the DVBE Council meeting the October 16, 2014, 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 Completed** - DVBE participation reports analysis and presented it to the DVBE Advisory Council on October 16, 2014.

**Objective Statement #2** - Establish communications with a CPUC Commissioner/s assigned to the DVBE community and/or General Order 156 in 2015.

**Progress on Objective #2** – In preparation for this meeting, the CalVet Liaison checked with the 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.

**Metric #1** – Work with the CPUC Staff to recommend an Action Plan to the CPUC President and Commissioners by June 2015.

**Objective Statement # 3** - Meet with new President of the CPUC and appropriate Commissioners in 2015 and provide a clear understanding of our mission to increase opportunities for the DVBE community.

**Progress on Objective #3** - Waiting on Objective #2

**Metric #1** - Have the CPUC commissioner arrange a meeting with targeted utilities Executive Management in 2015.