



DVBE Advisory Council – 2014

CPUC Committee

Progress on Objectives and Metrics

July 10, 2014

Chair – Rene Cota

Vice Chair – Sandy Schneeberger

Member – Robert Vermillion

Member – Don Gonneville

CalVet Liaison – Robert Beamer

Meetings held since last council: August 4, 2014, July 7, 2014

Next Committee conference call: October 14, 2014

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 - Southern California Edison (SCE) is the only large utility that has failed to meet their DVBE participation goal. As part of his research, Rene Cota met the new SCE Director of Purchasing, Doug Bauder. He asked Mr. Bauder if SCE could develop a Prime Contractor Management Program similar to the PGE's. Mr. Bauder stated that he would be interested and asked Mr. Cota to send it in writing. At the July 7, 2014, committee meeting, the committee discussed the topics to be included on the draft analysis. It decided to recommend a Contractor Management Plan for all IOUs and start a new Joint Utilities Working Group sponsored by Sprint, Comcast, or T-Mobile and would include the Publicly Owned Water Companies.

Draft of report completed. Will discuss with committee on October 14, 2014

Metric #1 - Complete draft of the participation reports analysis and present to DVBE Advisory Council by October 16, 2014.

Objective Statement #2 - Establish communications with at least two commissioners of the CPUC who appear to be receptive to the DVBE community by October 16, 2014.

Progress on Objective #2 - Commissioner Sandoval is the designated CPUC Small Business Expert and will be the point of contact.

Metric #1 - Schedule meeting with Commissioner Sandoval in October 2014

Objective Statement #3 - Meet with Commissioner Sandoval by fall of 2014, and provide her with a clear understanding of our mission and that the ultimate goal is providing the DVBE community with information on opportunities relating to a minimum of two specific utilities.

Progress on Objective #3 - Waiting on Objective #1

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

Metric #2 - Establish communications with the designated utilities by January 2015.

Objective Statement #4 - Gain additional seats for veteran owned businesses on the California Utilities Diversity Council in 2014

Progress on Objective #4 - The committee discovered that there is only one seat for a veteran representative and additional seats are not possible. The current veteran representative, Robert Mulz, plans to this membership until his DVBE project is complete. Objective on hold.