



# CA ENERGY VIRTUAL SUMMIT



## Driving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Creating An Energy STEM Initiative

April 28, 2021 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### PURPOSE

Is it possible to graduate 25,000 students of diverse backgrounds representative of California's diverse populations?

The California Public Utilities Commission and Hispanics In Energy are convening a group of influential stakeholders and key thought leaders to ponder that question. Can California prepare and produce 25,000 energy STEM graduates by 2025 and sustain that for a generation?

There are promising approaches to creating a diverse pool of Black, Native American, and Latinx students to excel in energy sector STEM jobs. Underlying obstacles will have to be managed effectively by those in a position to make a difference.

**Framing questions:** How can California create and support an educational pathway for an energy STEM career? What are the tasks to attain 25,000 graduates of diverse students per year by 2025? We will encourage collaboration between stakeholder representatives from industry, government, academia, and community organizations to diversify the energy sector's STEM job.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9:00 AM      **Overview of today's virtual session procedures, asking questions, and related information**

**Pilar Manriquez, California Public Utilities Commission**

#### **Welcome Remarks & The State of Diversity in the Energy Sector**

**José L. Pérez**, President & CEO, Hispanics in Energy

**Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves**, California Public Utilities Commission

**Henry Martinez, PE**, General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District & the CA Municipal Utilities Association Board of Governors

9:30 AM      **Keynote Speaker**

**John A. Pérez**, Chair of UC Board of Regents

9:45 AM      **Community Perspectives: Challenges preventing diverse youth from energy STEM education**

**Moderator: Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves**, California Public Utilities Commission

- **Gloria Corral**, Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
- **Stephanía A. Herrera, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- **Ralph Cleveland, Interim Chief Executive Officer**, American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)
- **Daniel Cardenas, Chairman**, National Tribal Energy Association and Knowledge River

- **Alicia A. Mitchell, AISES**

10:30 AM

**Academic Leadership: Opportunities to create a diverse energy STEM pathway in higher education**

**Moderator: Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves**, California Public Utilities Commission

- **Dr. Michael Drake**, President, University of California
- **Joseph I. Castro**, Chancellor, California State University
- **Eloy Ortiz Oakley**, Chancellor, California Community Colleges
- **Kristen Soares**, President of Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities

11:30 AM

**Industry Contributions: Should CA create a pathway for diverse youth to obtain an energy STEM education?**

**Moderator: Judge Nelson Diaz, HIE**

- **Pedro Pizarro**, President & CEO, Edison International
- **Caroline Winn**, CEO, San Diego Gas & Electric
- **Adam Wright**, Executive Vice President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Gas & Electric
- **Scott Drury**, Southern California Gas

12:30 PM

**Q&A and Closing Comments**

**Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves**, California Public Utilities Commission  
**José L. Pérez**, President & CEO, Hispanics In Energy 1:00

1:00 PM

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