



# WOMEN EMPOWERED

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – 9:00 – 9:15

KATHY NEAL, PARTNER, VIRIDIS FEEDSTOCK – 9:15 – 9:45

Kathy Neal is a partner of Viridis Feedstock, a minority-owned biodiesel feedstock company based in Oakland. Kathy has over 35 years of business management experience, more than 25 years of public sector involvement, 15 years of significant statewide and local government regulatory and policy-making positions, including serving as a Commissioner of the Port of Oakland. Kathy will share her story of leadership and success in business as well as her experience as an unrelenting champion for civic education and involvement.

## NOW IS OUR TIME – 9:45 – 11:00

As women, we're pulled in a multitude of directions on a daily basis. How do we create and grow successful careers while balancing the rest of our lives? This panel will provide insights on finding that balance.

Moderated by: Mikhail Haramati, California Public Utilities Commission

### **Finding Yourself**

*Kim Stone, Civil Justice Association of California*

### **Finding Balance**

*Commissioner Janea Scott, California Energy Commission*

### **Casting your Net**

*Cassandra Pye, 3.14 Communications*

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## BREAK – 11:00 – 11:15

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## MAKING CENTS OF ENERGY: ELECTRICITY PRICING - 11:15 – 12:30

What goes into the price of electricity? This panel will dig deep into various aspects of electricity pricing including long-term contracts, day-ahead and spot markets, and rate structures. They will also take you through your electric bill step-by-step.

Moderated by: Martha Guzman-Aceves, Office of Governor Jerry Brown

### **Electricity Pricing**

*Virginia Thompson, California Independent System Operator*

### **Your Bill: Generation, Transmission and Distribution**

*Margot Everett, Pacific Gas & Electric*

### **Changing Behavior with Price**

*Karen Herter, Herter Energy Research Solutions*

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## LUNCH CONVERSATION WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER CRISTINA GARCIA – 12:30 – 1:45

Women in politics face unique challenges. We continue to be underrepresented in elective offices and a minority in the Legislature – not to mention the stereotypes women politicians face. We will explore these issues and more in a conversation with the leader of the Legislative Women's Caucus to discuss politics generally, women in politics specifically and we can all work to rise to the occasion and up our numbers.

Moderated by: Anne Neville, California Research Bureau

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## NATURAL GAS 360: METHANE, YOU-THANE, OUR-THANE – 1:45 – 3:00

Natural gas is an important resource that has been part of California's energy landscape for decades. The story behind natural gas – what it is, where it comes from, how it gets to your house or business, who regulates it, and where gas as a fuel is headed – is complex and interesting. The Natural Gas 360 experts “drill down” and take you through the key aspects of the natural gas industry in California.

Moderated by: Adrienne Alvord, Union of Concerned Scientists

### **California Marketplace: Structure, Design and Regulation**

*Evelyn Kahl, Alcantar & Kahl*

### **Infrastructure: Production, Storage and Energy System Reliability**

*Charlene Wardlow, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources*

### **Uses, Today and Tomorrow: Powering Homes, Businesses and Vehicles**

*Sarah Deslauriers, California Association of Sanitation Agencies*

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## BREAK – 3:00 – 3:15

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## WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN – 3:15 – 4:30

A power-packed panel of women who will share their stories, discuss women's leadership styles and how best to nurture and promote the next generation of female leaders.

Moderated by: Laurel Rosenhall, CalMatters.org

### **Be Heard**

*Margita Thompson, California Resources Corporation*

### **Standing Out in a Crowd...of Men**

*Linda White, BMW*

### **Being a Girl Boss**

*Dawn Weisz, Marin Clean Energy*

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## CARLA MARINUCCI, POLITICO CALIFORNIA PLAYBOOK SENIOR WRITER – 4:30 – 5:15

Carla Marinucci has been covering politics for more than 25 years. She has seen it all. So, in this year where women's issues have been at the forefront of politics - both nationally and in California - we will look to her experience and insights on the topic and probe how we as a community of professional and political women can help elevate the conversation and each other.

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## CLOSING REMARKS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION – 5:15 – 5:30

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## HOSTED BEER/WINE RECEPTION 5:30 – 6:30