



# Women EmPOWERed

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – 9:00 – 9:15

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## CUSTOMER CHOICE AND THE FUTURE OF ENERGY– 9:15 – 10:30

Over the last few years, California has undergone a huge shift in its retail electricity market, led by the customer's desire to have more 'choice'. We've seen over 8 operational Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) launch, the DG Market has continued to expand and the 'microgrid' concept seems to be the wave of the future. What does it mean to have choice in today's electricity market, what are the challenges, and how do the lights stay on in a disaggregated market with more players and electricity providers? In addition to these significant questions, panelists will discuss what role is left for the utilities as the retail market shifts and what role regulators need to play to ensure California meets its statewide goals.

**Moderated by:** Amisha Rai, Advanced Energy Economy

### **Community Choice Aggregator Perspective**

Emily Lam, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

### **Customer Perspective**

Nora Sherriff, California Large Energy Consumers Association

### **Distributed Generation Perspective**

Laura Gray, California Solar Energy Industries Association

### **Ratepayer Perspective**

Elise Torres, The Utility Reform Network

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## BREAK – 10:30 – 11:00

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## NAVIGATING TRANSITIONS – 11:00 – 12:15

Regardless of where you are in your career, dealing with transitions can be tough. Working through the transitions, living with uncertainty, and having faith that things will work out is uncomfortable, but necessary. On this panel, we'll hear from three successful women who have faced periods of transition and uncertainty in their lives and careers. The discussion will include tools for managing transitions, how to stay seen in times of uncertainty, what it feels like to be in the middle of a transition, signs that you're on the right track, and how to stand firm when it feels like the world is falling apart around you.

**Moderated by:** Susie Berlin, Law Offices of Susie Berlin

### **Navigating Responsibilities**

Elizabeth Kelly, Marin Clean Energy

### **Navigating Job Transitions**

Kim Stone, Stone Advocacy

### **Navigating Life Stages**

The Honorable Bev Hansen, Assemblymember (retired)

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## LUNCH CONVERSATION: BEYOND #METOO – 12:15 – 1:45

The #METOO movement is at the forefront of the news, politics, workplace and conversations everywhere. Things have to change, but how do we do that? Where do we go from here? How do we ensure that a work environment is free from harassment? How do we support each other without judgment? And what role do men play in this movement to ensure that women are safe and secure while not diminished and hampered? How do we make this less about what happened and more about what are we going to do to change?

**Moderated by:** Anne Neville, California Research Bureau

### **What is the Right Dialogue?**

Katie Orr, KQED News

### **Advice for Your Sisters**

Delaney Hunter, California Advisors, LLC

### **Men as Part of the Solution - What Has to Change?**

The Honorable David Chiu, Assemblymember

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## ENERGY STORAGE 101: WHAT'S IN STORE FOR STORAGE – 2:00 – 3:15

The storage of electricity has long been considered the holy grail of the energy world and energy storage has the potential to transform how we consume and produce electricity. We will explore different types of technologies, the policy framework and how customers and utilities use energy storage as well as what's on the horizon.

**Moderated by:** Nidia Bautista, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee

### **Storage Technologies**

Angela Gould, California Energy Commission

### **Statutory and Regulatory Framework for Storage**

Meredith "Molly" Sterkel, California Public Utilities Commission

### **Uses for Storage**

Lupe Jiménez, Sacramento Municipal Utility District

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## NETWORKING BREAK – 3:15 – 3:45

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## DOING THE HARD STUFF – 3:45 – 5:15

Women face many battles in the work place and many times they are not openly talked about. Women are often intimidated by asking for raises and when you stand up for yourself, rather than being viewed as assertive, they are categorized as confrontational, aggressive or lest we say "bitchy." In this panel we will hear from distinguished women who have faced the challenges head on and can provide the insight on how to do the hard stuff.

**Moderated by:** Andrea Deveau, TechNet

### **Asking for Raises**

Donna Lucas, Lucas Public Affairs

### **Standing Up**

The Honorable Catharine Baker, Assemblymember

**Picking Your Battles**

The Honorable Nicole Parra, Andeavor (Assemblymember (retired))

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CLOSING THOUGHTS 5:15 – 5:30

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