



2020 EBA WESTERN CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING



February 27-28, 2020

San Francisco, CA

Palace Hotel San Francisco
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Summary

The energy industry is entering a period of unparalleled and dramatic change. That change comes in many different forms – climate change, the dramatic growth of alternative energy providers, disruptive technology, and the development of single, Western United States energy markets. We are excited that at this year's Annual Meeting of the Western Chapter of the Energy Bar Association we will have an opportunity to hear from leaders in the energy industry about these changes and their impact. Each of our speakers brings a unique perspective to these events and will share insights regarding how Energy Bar Association members can meet these challenges. This year's Annual Meeting is an incredible opportunity to learn and hear from individuals who are helping shape the energy industry future in the Western United States.

Agenda

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION AND WINE AUCTION

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

7:30 am to 8:00 am

Registration

8:00 am to 8:20 am

Welcome

Jonathan Schneider, *President*, Energy Bar Association, *Partner*, Stinson Leonard Street LLP

Jane Rueger, *President-Elect*, Energy Bar Association, *Partner*, White & Case

Jennifer Spina, *President*, Western Chapter of the Energy Bar Association, *Associate General Counsel*, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation

8:20 am to 9:00 am

Keynote Speaker:

Michael Picker, *Former President*, California Public Utilities Commission

9:00 am to 9:15 am

Networking Break

9:15 am to 10:30 am

PURPA: Love It or Leave It?

Is PURPA still relevant given open transmission access and an increasingly competitive – and pro-renewable – generation market? Come hear from our panel of experts as they discuss their perspectives on PURPA, including what works and what doesn't work, and what impact FERC's proposed reforms may have on the industry.

Moderator: **Vidhya Prabhakaran**, *Partner*, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Panelists: **Brad Albert**, *Vice President*, Resource Management, Arizona Public Service Company

Judy Chang, *Principal*, Brattle

The Honorable Megan Decker, *Chair*, Oregon Public Utility Commission

Lopa Parikh, *Senior Director*, Federal Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute

10:30 am to 10:45 am

Networking Break

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Resource Adequacy: What It Is and Why You Should Care

What is Resource Adequacy and what does it mean for the Western Interconnection. Our panel will discuss Resource Adequacy in a variety of contexts, including its importance in increasingly resource constrained areas and its role in the EIM/EDAM markets.

Moderator: **Adrienne Thompson**, Associate, Troutman Sanders

Panelists: **Ali Amirali**, Senior Vice President, Starwood Energy Group
Sarah Edmonds, Director of Transmission Services and Reliability, Portland General Electric, Member Resource Adequacy Stakeholder Committee, Northwest Power Pool
Michael Schnitzer, Partner, Northbridge Consulting
David Zlotlow, Senior Counsel, California Independent System Operator

12:00 pm to 1:15 pm

Networking Lunch & Luncheon Address

Jay Morrison, Vice President - Regulatory Affairs, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

1:15 pm to 2:30pm

The Future of Natural Gas: What Comes Next?

Natural Gas is facing a number of challenges: opposition to pipeline construction (and the related appellate activity in connection with natural gas certificates), increasingly clean or renewable resource goals/mandates, changing safety rules, etc. Join our panelists as they discuss the issues currently facing natural gas industry participants as well as what they see on the horizon.

Moderator: **Jackson Stoddard**, Partner, Morgan Lewis

Panelists: **Jonathan Bromson**, Public Utilities Counsel IV, California Public Utilities Commission
Bill Rappolt, Associate, Sheppard Mullin
Sharon Tomkins, Vice President, Strategy and Engagement, and Chief Environmental Officer, SoCalGas

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Networking Break

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm

Ethical Considerations for Energy Industry Participants

Join our panelists as they discuss some of the ethical considerations facing attorneys and other energy industry participants, share thoughts on best practices, and more.

Panelists: **Meghan Grabel**, Partner, Osborn Maledon
Daniel Kessler, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel I, California Office of Legislative Counsel

About the Energy Bar Association:

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