ENERGY, WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
February 19, 2016
9-10:30am

1. WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

2. PRESENTATIONS
   • The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
     Los Angeles City Council, District 7; Chair, Energy & Environment Committee
     The Councilman will be discussing his vision as Chair of the Council’s Energy and Environment Committee; as well as City Department of Water and Power (DWP) rate increases and reforms, and his proposal for a DWP ‘Business Promotion Bill Credit Program’.
     Twitter: @Fuentes4LA
   • Dr. Fred Pickel
     Executive Director/Ratepayer Advocate, Office of Public Accountability (OPA), City of Los Angeles
     The OPA was established by voters in 2011 in order to shed greater light on DWP’s operations and finances, and to serve as an independent watchdog, charged with analyzing proposed increases in water and power rates on a timely and continuous basis. Dr. Pickel will be discussing DWP’s proposed rate increases.
     Twitter: @RPAforLA

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   • Upcoming relevant meetings/events

Upcoming Chamber Events:
   • ACCESS Washington, D.C.: April 26-28 at the JW Marriott
   • ACCESS Sacramento: June 7-8 at the Citizen Hotel

Next Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council: March 18, 2016
Hon. Felipe Fuentes
Los Angeles City Council

Motivated by his family to provide service and to give back to his community, Felipe Fuentes works enthusiastically and tirelessly to ensure Los Angeles is a truly great city. He was elected to serve as Councilmember for Los Angeles’ Seventh District, in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, in March 2013. He represents Pacoima, Sylmar, Mission Hills, Sunland, Tujunga, North Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Shadow Hills, and Lakeview Terrace.

As Chair of the Council’s Energy and Environment Committee, Councilmember Fuentes called for the creation of a Business Promotion Bill Credit Program at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. To create a more sustainable and resilient City, Councilmember Fuentes has spearheaded efforts to capture more stormwater and bolster the City’s local water supply. He is currently leading the development of guidelines to incorporate green street infrastructure into all new public street projects.

Since his election, hundreds of affordable units were completed including the Moonlight Villas and the Laurel Village Apartments in Pacoima and the Samoa Apartments in Tujunga. As Vice-Chair of the Council’s Housing Committee, he led the way in creating a process to legalize unapproved, unpermitted apartment units to preserve as many units as possible during the City’s housing shortage. The city ordinance will allow a property owner some flexibility in the law to conform their apartment unit in exchange for a commitment of an affordable housing unit. He is a strong supporter of increasing mobility for all modes of travel in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, as well as throughout the City. He is an avid bicyclist and is an occasional equestrian rider. Councilmember Fuentes utilizes public transit to and from City Hall and recognizes the importance of first-mile last-mile connections to improve a transit rider’s experience.

Fuentes began his career promoting immigrant and children’s rights at the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law. In 1999, he began serving the 7th Council District of Los Angeles as a field deputy to then-Councilmember Alex Padilla. He served as Deputy Mayor for the San Fernando Valley under then-Mayor James Hahn until 2003, when he returned to serve the Seventh Council District as Chief of Staff to the Council President.

In 2007, during a special election, Fuentes became a California State Assemblyman for the 39th district. A third generation resident of Council District Seven, today, the Councilmember calls Sylmar home where he, his wife, Lena Wu-Fuentes and daughter. Advocating for the Northeast San Fernando Valley is Fuentes’ focus, and he is grateful for the opportunity to serve.
Dr. Fred Pickel  
Ratepayer Advocate  
Office of Public Accountability, Los Angeles

Dr. Pickel has over thirty years of experience in the gas and electric utility industries, as well as with government, in the United States and abroad.

He was confirmed as the first Ratepayer Advocate and Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability for the City of Los Angeles in February 2012. His extensive career included founding Wilshire Energy Consulting Group Inc. and serving as Vice President at Tabors Caramanis & Associates as well as working with a variety of other organizations including a “big five” accounting firm’s business risk management and utility consulting teams, Southern California Gas and its affiliates, New England Electric, SRI International's Decision Analysis Group and the Federal Power Commission.

Dr. Pickel holds a Ph.D. in engineering/economic systems analysis, an M.S. in operations research, and an M.S. in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Energy and Parsons Water Resources Laboratories). He received a B.S. with distinction in engineering and economics from Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California.

Throughout his career, he has assisted entities with adapting regulatory policies to new environments, integrated risk analysis, and strategy, planning and implementation. Clients have included public and private energy users, utility equipment vendors, utilities, regulators, and government.

Dr. Pickel has negotiated and managed some of the first independent power contracts, designed programs for incentive regulation, and testified as an expert on contract defaults in international arbitrations. He co-authored the first academic paper on electricity dynamic pricing and its implications for electricity deregulation. Dr. Pickel has appeared as an expert witness in numerous proceedings, typically on issues involving power and gas contracting, pricing, and valuation.

While Fred grew up in Seattle, six generations of his extended family have lived in California. In addition to his time as an undergraduate in Claremont, he and his wife have lived in the Los Angeles area since 1984.

He was elected to the City of Los Angeles’ Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council in 2010 and been involved in a number of issues to better his community. He has also previously served on Board of Trustees of Harvey Mudd College.
Join us as we travel to our nation's capitol.

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with local government officials, business groups and chambers of commerce, leads an annual delegation of more than 200 business leaders and public officials to Washington, D.C. to advocate for Southern California. Participants meet with members of congress and the president's administration on key issues. The trip includes two breakfasts with high ranking congressional or administration leaders, a marquee reception and a delegation dinner.

Early bird registration is $750 per person until March 18. After that date, registration increases to $850 per person.

This fee includes all of the trip’s scheduled events, as well as costs associated with meeting planning and delegate materials. Registration fee includes selected receptions and meals. Participants are responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements.

The JW Marriott Washington, D.C. is the conference hotel and is offering a group rate of $369 per night. Space is limited, and the group rate expires March 1. Please contact the JW Marriott directly at 202.626.2605. Group name: “ACCESS DC.”