ENERGY, WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
April 27, 2018
10-11:30AM

1. WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS - Brissa Sotelo-Vargas

2. PRESENTATIONS
   California’s Energy Landscape
   • Courtney Smith
     Chief Deputy Director, California Energy Commission
     Earlier this year, Courtney Smith became the California Energy Commission's Chief Deputy Director. She will discuss her role there and impacts to the business community as California strives to meet Governor Brown's ambitious renewable energy and climate goals.

3. UPDATES
   • Safe, Clean Water LA (County storm water measure updates)
   • ACCESS Sacramento:
     o Energy and Environment Advocacy Agenda
     o Water Agenda

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   • SCAQMD Refinery Committee meeting: April 28
   • World Trade Week Kick-off Breakfast: May 4
   • SCAQMD Board of Directors Meeting: May 4
   • ACCESS Sacramento: May 22-23

Next Meeting
June 15, 2018
10-11:30AM
Courtney Prideaux Smith is the chief deputy director of the California Energy Commission.

Previously, Ms. Smith served as the deputy director of the Commission’s Renewable Energy Division, implementing California’s Renewables Portfolio Standard, renewable energy incentive and grant programs, and other activities aimed at achieving California’s ambitious renewable energy and climate goals. She also served as advisor and chief of staff to Commissioner Janea A. Scott at the Energy Commission. She also worked at the California Air Resources Board in various capacities, including serving as a contributing author to California’s AB 32 Scoping Plan Update—California’s climate action roadmap.

Prior to this, she worked for the San Francisco Department of Public Health conducting research and analysis to understand and improve the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities. Ms. Smith holds a master of science in environmental health from the University of California, Berkeley.
Water Advocacy Agenda (ACCESS Sacramento 2018)

Water reliability and security is a vital issue for Californians, and the Los Angeles region. In April, the region’s water district, Metropolitan Water District (MWD), affirmed its commitment to water security by financing the two-tunnel California WaterFix. Our delegation supports State efforts to appropriate funds for groundwater cleanup, surface and groundwater storage, conservation, recycled water projects and other local resources.

Support AB 1668 (Friedman): Requires the adoption of long-term standards for the efficient use of water for commercial, industrial, and institutional water usage. As well it would require development and implementation of countywide drought and water shortage contingency plans.

Support SB 606 (Hertzberg): Requires urban retail water suppliers to adopt long-term standards for water efficiency, establish specific standards for per capita daily indoor water use, and urban retail water suppliers to calculate an urban water use objective. Additionally it requires urban water suppliers to conduct annual water supply and demand assessments, and submit annual water shortage assessment reports to the Department of Water Resources.

Support AB 3170 (Friedman): Incentivizes water efficiency by exempting qualified water efficiency products from state and local sales taxes until January 1, 2024.

Oppose unless amended SB 623 (Monnin): Imposes a safe and affordable drinking water fee on customers of public water systems, and agriculture producers, with the purpose of developing the proposed Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. The tax would be levied on urban water users to fund ground water cleanup and maintenance funding for areas of the state with contaminated water.
Share your business perspective with California’s top decision makers as you join Los Angeles business and civic leaders on the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual advocacy trip to our state capital. Meet with key legislators and high-ranking officials to advocate for issues important to you and L.A.’s business community.

Last year’s ACCESS Sacramento speakers included Governor Jerry Brown, Attorney General Xavier Becerra and former Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León.

Early-bird registration is $250. After April 27, registration will increase to $275. Fee includes briefing materials, meeting arrangements and organized meal functions. ACCESS Sacramento is open to members of the L.A. Area Chamber and special guests. Space is limited. No refunds after May 18.

Event Accommodations

Hotel accommodations at the Citizen Hotel are not included in the registration price. A group rate of $209 per night is available. Call the hotel at 916.492.4460 to make your reservations and mention the group name “Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.” Room availability is limited. Please call or click the link below to book the hotel room. Book by April 24 to confirm your room.

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