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Tyrone Roderick Williams appointed to State of California Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission have approved members of a new joint advisory group consisting of representatives of disadvantaged communities who will provide advice on state programs proposed to achieve clean energy and pollution reduction.

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group will advise both commissions on how programs can effectively reach and benefit communities burdened by pollution and socio-economic challenges, including rural and tribal communities.

Program areas include renewable energy, energy efficiency, and transportation electrification.

“We are excited that these newly appointed members have volunteered to provide their expertise and guidance on how we can invest equitably in our transition to a clean economy,” said Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves.

Members of the group represent the diverse nature of disadvantaged communities throughout the state. Tyrone Roderick Williams is the Director of Development at the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. He directs the affordable housing finance, Community Development, federal programs, portfolio management services and special initiatives activities for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (www.SHRA.org), Sacramento Housing Authority, Sacramento County Housing authority, the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County. In addition to his development activities, he directs the activities of the Sacramento Promise Zone (www.sacramentopromisezone.org).

Williams commented, “I welcome to opportunity to serve residents of our city and state. I will be an active, informed and effective representative for the hundreds of thousands of residents who suffer from a combination of economic, health, and environmental burdens.” Program areas include renewable energy, energy efficiency, and transportation electrification. “We have a responsibility to provide practical solutions and direct resources to underserved communities” he continued.

Mr. Williams is a Presidio Institute Fellow and has been recognized as one of the nation’s prominent inspired executives to solve complex societal challenges that impact education, health, housing, workforce development, and the environment. He is the author of the book, *Igniting the Power to Succeed*.

Mr. Williams received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Prairie View A&M University, a Master of City Planning degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a PhD from the School of Hard Knocks.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians’ access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>. The Energy Commission is the state’s premier energy planning and policy agency. For more information on the Energy Commission, please visit <http://www.energy.ca.gov>. The first meeting will be held April 4, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Energy Commission – Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room 1516 Ninth Street, 1st Floor Sacramento, CA 95814.