

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

San Luis Obispo County

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Workforce Development Board Member Application Form

Name of organization nominating applicant: Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Applicant Information:

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Company/Organization: Pacific Gas & Electric No. of Employees: 23,000

Company Website: www.pge.com

Assistant/Secretary: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: (Office) _____ Fax#: _____

Industry Cluster Represented: Green Energy

1. Building Design & Construction,
2. Green Energy,
3. Knowledge & Innovation (information, communication & technology, professional & technical services, education & training),
4. Specialized Manufacturing,
5. Health Services ,
6. Uniquely SLO (Agriculture, Recreation & Accommodation, Wine)

What is your official title and what skills and talents do you bring to your job? _____

Lead Manager- External Affairs & Public Policy. Over 15 years experience in public relations and communications; community outreach; public speaking; public affairs & public policy advocacy; guiding corporate philanthropy and social responsibility programming

Do you live in the County where you work? yes

If not, in what County do you reside? _____

How many years have you worked in the County region? 8 years

How many years have you worked for your current employer? almost 4 years

List any affiliations and offices held with other associations/organizations: Women's Legacy Fund,

Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County; former board member Habitat for Humanity SLO County and San Luis Obispo Symphony

Leadership SLO class 19

Please list any areas in which you are currently involved in workforce development??

I am the project manager for PG&E's Economic Impact Studies regarding Diablo Canyon Power Plant operations and manage our local Hiring Information Fairs on behalf of PG&E and Diablo Canyon, and co-developed a new initiative for female job seekers in 2016, "Women @ Work."

Does your organization utilize the America's Job Center of California (AJCC)? YES!

If not why? AJCC has been a very important partner for PG&E and has greatly contributed to the success of our Hiring Information Fairs. We have partnered with AJCC on four Hiring Fairs over the past three years, and co-partnered with AJCC and Mission Community Services for the Women@Work event. As a result of the strong collaboration, AJCC (as Shoreline) was chosen by PG&E as a \$20,000 Economic Vitality Grant recipient in 2014.

If so, what do you like most about the AJCC and what would you like to see be done differently?

The relationship between PG&E and AJCC represents a multi-year, mutually beneficial public-private partnership with strong results. The staff of AJCC have been friendly, helpful and have added tremendous value to our events and for job seekers. I would like to see a bit more work on their web presence and digital marketing efforts, plus there are still people unaware of the name change and closure of the Grover location.

Does your organization participate in an industry cluster initiative? Yes. PG&E has been active in the

If not, why? Energy Cluster

If so, what do you like most about participating in an industry cluster initiative and what changes would you like to see?

The power of collaboration has demonstrated positive effects. Many organizations face similar challenges; working together to identify, prioritize and address pressing issues as a group can increase the effectiveness of a solution.

What do you think are the critical workforce issues in our region?

Attracting and retaining businesses that diversify the local economy; expanding and supporting opportunities for head-of-household job creation; fostering an environment that encourages sustainable job growth through proactive policies and procedures; looking to future workforce opportunities aligned with business, social, political and environmental trends.

What will you bring to the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County?

(i.e., network, resources, experience, insight into workforce needs in your industry, etc.)

I bring my background of working for large corporations and the public sector and a broad network of professional contacts. As a representative of PG&E I will serve as a liaison between the Workforce Development Board and the largest private employer and property tax payer in the County.

What do you hope to get out of your participation on the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County?

I truly love my adopted home and want to work to ensure a vibrant economy and range of employment options for its citizenry for decades to come. Diablo Canyon Power Plant plays a tremendous role in the local economy and my participation on the Workforce Development Board will provide an additional channel of communication between the County and PG&E.

I formally request that consideration be given to my nomination for appointment to the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Signature: *Suzanne Parker* Date: 5/18/16