

PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

Simon Baker



- Director of Distributed Energy Resources, Natural Gas, and Retail Rates, California Public Utilities Commission.
- Specializes in cost-effectiveness policies, retail rates, and demand-side management.
- Previously worked on planning and implementations of renewable energy programs at a Colorado municipal utility.
- Holds a Masters in Energy and Environmental Policy from University of Delaware.

Mark Toney, Ph.D.



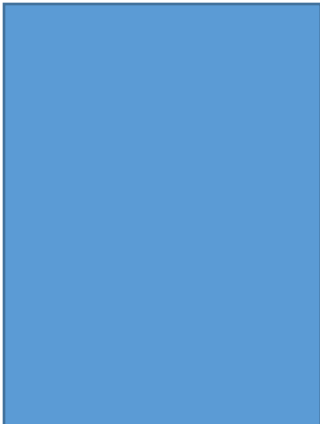
- Executive Director, TURN – The Utility Reform Network.
- Appointed in 2020 by Governor Newsom to the California State Bar Board of Trustees and serves on the board of the National Whistleblower Center.
- Advocate for clean and safe energy with a special focus on low-income households, communities of color, immigrants, and rural communities.
- Holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from University of California, Berkeley

Michael Colvin



- Director, California Energy Program, Environmental Defense Fund.
- Previously worked for 10 years on various energy and utility safety matters at the California Public Utilities Commission
- Focused on minimizing investment risk and aligning utility incentives with affordable, clean, and safe energy services across a variety of energy portfolios.
- Holds a Masters in Public Policy from University of California, Berkeley

Melissa Kasnitz



- Legal Director, Center for Accessible Technology
- Served as an advocate on behalf of utility customers with disabilities since 2003, addressing the need for accessible and affordable energy, communications, and other services.
- Focused on ensuring that consumers with disabilities and medical needs, as well as other vulnerable customer groups, have access to essential utility services sufficient to allow them to live independently in their community.
- Holds a J.D. from University of California, Berkeley School of Law