



## NOTICE OF VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

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### **CHS Verification Order Number: 96HN0005**

Congratulations, the Supplier Clearinghouse is pleased to inform you that in accordance with General Order 156, your business enterprise has successfully completed the verification process, and your company has received the following certification: **WMBE**

Your company will now be recognized by the Joint Utilities as a women and/or minority-owned business when competing for procurements by public utilities participating in the Utility Supplier Diversity Program.

Your Certification is valid for three years and you are required to re-verify your company's WMBE status at least 30 days prior to your expiration date. Please notify our office of any change in your address or contact information so that we can maintain your most current contact information. You must notify our office of any change in ownership and/or control of your company within 30 days of the change. Failure to provide that notification is in violation of section 8285 of the Public Utilities Code and could render your certification status invalid.

If your company was verified and certified under the CAV (Comparable Agency Verification) process, your certificate status will expire on the same expiration date as that of the comparable agency except for SBA 8a Certificates that are valid for a seven year period. However, please note that the maximum verified certification period for the Supplier Clearinghouse is three years regardless of *any* CAV expiration date in excess of three years.

The Supplier Clearinghouse may request additional information or conduct an on-site visit at any time during the term of your verified certification status. The Supplier Clearinghouse may reconsider your certification status and possibly rule invalid your verified status if it is determined that the status was knowingly obtained by false, misleading and/or incorrect information. Also note that if in a formal opinion, the California Public Utilities Commission determines that the WMBE verification criteria under which you were deemed eligible is no longer valid, then your status may change or you may be required to comply with the change to maintain eligibility.

Thank you for participating in the Utility Supplier Diversity program. We wish you much success in your business endeavors. Feel free to contact our office if you have questions, or visit our website at [www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com](http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com).

**The Supplier Clearinghouse**



***SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE  
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY***

**CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE: 10-16-2015**

The Supplier Clearinghouse for the Utility Supplier Diversity Program of the California Public Utilities Commission hereby certifies that it has audited and verified the eligibility of:

***Chaves & Associates  
of San Francisco, California as a WMBE***

pursuant to Commission General Order 156, and the terms and conditions stipulated in the Verification Application Package. This Certificate shall be valid only with the Clearinghouse seal affixed hereto.

Eligibility must be maintained at all times, and renewed within 30 days of any changes in ownership or control. Failure to comply may result in a denial of eligibility. The Clearinghouse may reconsider certification if it is determined that such status was obtained by false, misleading or incorrect information. Decertification may occur if any verification criterion under which eligibility was awarded later becomes invalid due to Commission ruling. The Clearinghouse may request additional information or conduct on-site visits during the term of verification to verify eligibility.

This certification is valid only for the period that the above named firm remains eligible as determined by the Clearinghouse. Utility companies may direct inquiries concerning this Certificate to the Clearinghouse at 800-359-7998 in Los Angeles.

***VON: 96HN0005***

***Determination Date: 10-16-2012***