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*DECARBONIZING THE ELECTRIC GRID: TRACKING THE GHGS IN OUR ELECTRONS*  
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**PANEL BIOGRAPHIES**

**LIANE RANDOLPH, CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Commissioner Liane Randolph was appointed to the CPUC by Governor Jerry Brown in January 2015. She formerly served as Deputy Secretary and General Counsel at the California Natural Resources Agency and was appointed to that position by Governor Brown in May 2011. Commissioner Randolph is an expert in government and administrative law. She was formerly an attorney at the law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. Commissioner Randolph served as Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) from 2003 to 2007. As Chair of the FPPC, Commissioner Randolph managed a staff of 70 in the implementation and enforcement of California's Political Reform Act. Prior to her service at the FPPC, Commissioner Randolph practiced municipal law and previously served as City Attorney for the Cities of San Leandro and Suisun City on a contract basis. Commissioner Randolph obtained her law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she also earned a B.A. in History.

**MARK ROTHLEDER, CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS OPERATOR**

Mark Rothleder is Vice President, Market Quality and Renewable Integration at the California Independent System Operator Corporation and is leading the ISO's renewable integration work. Mr. Rothleder has held several critical positions at the ISO after joining the grid operator as one of its first employees in 1997. He is now the longest serving ISO employee. Before being named vice president, he was Executive Director of Market Analysis and Development. His previous positions included Principal Market Developer and Director of Market Operations. In spring 2009, Mr. Rothleder led a multifunctional team in designing and implementing market rules and software modifications related to the ISO's Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU). Since joining the ISO over fifteen years ago, Mark has worked extensively on implementing and integrating the approved market rules for California's competitive wholesale energy and reserves markets. Mr. Rothleder is a registered Professional Electrical Engineer in the state of California and holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the California State University, Sacramento. He has taken post-graduate coursework in Power System Engineering from Santa Clara University and earned an M.S. in Information Systems from the University of Phoenix. Prior to joining the ISO, Mr. Rothleder worked for eight years in the electric transmission department of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, where his responsibilities included operations engineering, transmission planning and substation design.

**RICHARD COREY, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Mr. Corey has 28 years of professional experience in the air pollution field with over 20 years of that experience in a management capacity at ARB. Prior to his appointment as Executive Officer, he served as Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of the Stationary Source Division. Mr. Corey's team of over 1200 professional managers and staff are responsible for a broad range of programs including those concerning fuels, climate,

incentives, and air toxics. Some of the key programs that his team is responsible for implementing include the low carbon fuel standard, cap-and-trade regulation, measures and incentives to reduce emissions from a variety of goods movement sources, including port trucking, transport refrigeration units, cargo handling operations, maritime operations, rail-related goods movement, and measures to reduce emissions from stationary and portable diesel engines as well as several strategies to reduce toxic air contaminants from a wide variety of sources. In addition, Mr. Corey oversees the Board's administrative services and information technology operations. Mr. Corey has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Toxicology as well as an MBA from the University of California, Davis.

#### **MATTHEW FREEDMAN, THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK**

Matthew Freedman became TURN's staff attorney specializing in electricity in January 2000. He handles diverse issues including renewable energy, utility ratemaking, distributed generation, state legislation and consumer complaints. Prior to working for TURN, Freedman served as a policy analyst for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group on a campaign to persuade state regulators to clean up dirty power plants throughout New England. His work on electricity issues includes five years as a senior energy policy analyst and consultant with Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project. During his tenure at Public Citizen, he authored five major reports, testified several times before Congress and lobbied against state legislation to deregulate the electric industry in Massachusetts. Freedman received a BA magna cum laude from Columbia University and a JD cum laude from Harvard Law School where he was awarded a 1999 Irving Kaufman Public Service Fellowship for promising public interest law graduates.

#### **LINDA SERIZAWA, OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

Linda Serizawa was appointed as Deputy Director over ORA Energy matters in May 2012. She started her CPUC career in 1989 as a financial auditor and shortly thereafter, became a regulatory analyst. She coordinated numerous project teams focusing on significant telecommunications, natural gas, electricity, and consumer protection policy issues. Linda has worked in several areas within the CPUC including the Energy Division and the Policy and Planning Division. She also served as a Commissioner's Chief of Staff from 1999 to 2002 until she was appointed as the first Director of the CPUC's Consumer Service and Information Division where she focused on improving CPUC outreach to various communities, advising members of the public on how to participate in CPUC forums, and advising Commissioners on consumer protections for telecommunications customers. After almost 20 years of working on the CPUC's advisory side, Linda decided to return to energy policy work while expanding her consumer advocacy experience. In 2008, she joined ORA as a Program Manager for its newly established Electricity Pricing and Customer Programs Branch.

#### **SCOTT WETCH, CARTER, WETCH & ASSOCIATES**

Scott Wetch has been the Principal of Carter, Wetch & Associates since 2003. In 2001, Mr. Wetch joined Art Carter & Associates as a partner in the firm, assuming ownership in 2003. Mr. Wetch came to Art Carter & Associates through the State Building and Construction Trades Council where he served as both the Political and Legislative Director. Prior to becoming a legislative advocate, Scott served as a policy consultant in both the State Senate and Assembly for 11 years. His legislative experience includes serving as a Legislative Aide to Senate President Pro-Tempore David Robert, Legislative Director for State Senator Mike Thompson, Consultant to the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Principal Consultant to the Senate Committee on Housing and Urban Development, Chief Consultant to the Assembly Insurance Committee, and as Chief of State to then Assembly Member Jack Scott.

#### **PAUL THOMSEN, ORMAT TECHNOLOGIES**

Paul Thomsen is Executive Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs, for Ormat Technologies. Upon assuming this role in May 2017, he has taken the lead on Ormat's legislative and regulatory programs related to project development in the Americas. Thomsen brings expertise in both the public and private energy sector, previously serving as Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy, and Director of Policy and Business Development for Ormat. He also worked for the law firm of Lionel Sawyer and Collins, and United States Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan. He has advocated for meaningful energy policy as President of the Board of Directors of the Geothermal Energy Association and Chairman of the United States Clean Heat and Power Association. Thomsen earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno.

#### **PETER MILLER, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL**

Peter Miller has more than 25 years of experience working to develop and implement science-based energy and climate policy. His professional experience includes energy efficiency policy and programs, renewables, and RD&D. He has particular expertise in energy efficiency measurement and evaluation and carbon offsets. He currently sits on the board of the Climate Action Reserve; he has also served on the California Board for Energy Efficiency and on both independent review panels tasked with evaluating the Public Interest Energy Research program at the California Energy Commission. Miller holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Reed College and a master's in resource systems and policy design from Dartmouth College. He is based in San Francisco.

#### **KENT KAUSS, SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC**

Kent Kauss is regional vice president, external relations for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Sempra Energy's regulated California utilities. Before joining Sempra Energy in 2017, Kauss was the Senior Director and Chief Lobbyist for Pacific Gas & Electric, where he led the State Government Relations function, including the development and strategy of legislative policy. He also has been a director at the California Public Utilities Commission, responsible for the operations of the Office of Governmental Affairs and served as the liaison to the Governor's Office and state agencies. Kauss has significant energy-related expertise in state government and state agency policy and strategy. Kauss sits on the board of the VetFund Foundation. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

#### **REIKO KERR, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

Reiko A. Kerr is LADWP's Senior Assistant General Manager - Power System Engineering, Planning, and Technical Services. Reiko is responsible for developing strategies to transform the Power System to meet mandates and strategic goals, executing on those strategies and goals, and deploying engineering and technical services to meet customer expectations. Ms. Kerr is a Certified Public Accountant and an experienced utility professional with a strong leadership background in both the technical and financial aspects of water and power utilities. Her experience includes utility strategic planning and policy, financial management, power resources, regulatory requirements and knowledge of CAISO markets.

#### **MELISSA BRANDT, EAST BAY COMMUNITY POWER**

Melissa oversees EBCE's regulatory, legislative, local government, and community affairs teams. Prior to joining the EBCE team, Melissa spent a decade at PG&E where she led regulatory cases, led greenhouse gas

commercial strategy and cap-and-trade procurement efforts, and negotiated long-term electric power purchase agreements. She began her career in the federal government at the Bureau of Land Management, the State Department, and the Office of Management and Budget. Melissa holds a B.A. in Environmental Sciences from U.C. Berkeley, a Juris Doctor from Columbia University, and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She is a member of the State Bar of California.