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Ashutosh Bhagwat named new chair of the ISO Board of Governors

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board of Governors elected Ashutosh Bhagwat to serve as its chair beginning Jan. 1, 2022 during their Dec. 17 meeting.

“I am honored my colleagues selected me as the new chair of the ISO Board of Governors, and I want to thank Angelina Galiteva for her leadership this past year,” said Bhagwat. “I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow board members, the ISO’s team, and our stakeholders and partners to extend the day-ahead market, support the state’s carbon-free goals while maintaining grid reliability, and providing excellent customer service.”

A University of California Davis School of Law professor, [Bhagwat](#) was reappointed to a third term on the ISO Board of Governors by Gov. Gavin Newsom in March 2020. His term ends on Dec. 31, 2022.

From 1994 to 2011, Bhagwat served as a professor of law at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, and taught courses in antitrust, regulated industries, administrative and constitutional law. He has also published books and articles on a wide variety of subjects, including the California electricity crisis.

Bhagwat was an associate at the law firm of Sidley & Austin from 1992 to 1994. He also served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy (1991-1992) and Judge Richard Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit (1990-1991).

Bhagwat received his undergraduate degree from Yale University, graduating summa cum laude with Honors in History in 1986. He was awarded a Juris Doctor with Honors degree in 1990 from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was the Articles Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review.

During their meeting, the board also selected Mary Leslie as its vice chair. [Leslie](#) was reappointed to the Board of Governors in February 2021 to a three-year term. She was previously appointed by Gov. Newsom to the ISO Board in January 2019.

The Board of Governors chair and vice chair will serve a one year term beginning on January 1.

Leslie has served as president of Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) since 2001,



helping to grow the LABC into one of the prominent and impactful business organizations in California, driving and implementing policies and programs that strengthen the LA area economy and quality of life.

She also currently serves on the LA Sustainability Leadership Council, the UCLA Advisory Committee for the Luskin Center for Innovation, the LA Cleantech Incubator Board, and as a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy.

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<p>The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders with delegated authority from the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the Western EIM.</p>	