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## **WEIM Governing Body elects chair and vice chair**

Fong recognized for her contributions; Prescott reappointed to three year term

FOLSOM, Calif. – The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Governing Body today elected Rob Kondziolka and Jennifer Gardner to serve as its chair and vice-chair.

The WEIM Governing Body also voted to reappoint member John Prescott and appoint a new member, Andrew Campbell, to replace outgoing Governing Body member Valerie Fong. Fong, formerly the City of Palo Alto's Utilities Director, has served on the Governing Body since it was established in 2016.

"I want to thank Valerie for her service and wish her the very best," said Kondziolka. "Because of her diverse utility experience, Valerie has been a thoughtful leader on issues affecting the energy industry in the West at a time when the WEIM was just getting started to where it is today – a successful real-time market for nearly 80% of the West."

Kondziolka, an established leader in the utility industry, assumes the WEIM Governing Body chair duties July 1, following Anita Decker's term as chair this past year. A member of the WEIM Governing Body since early 2020, Kondziolka's current term will end June 30, 2024.

"I would also like to acknowledge Anita's leadership this past year," Kondziolka continued. "Our partners benefited from her guidance as we completed the process to update our governance to a shared authority framework with the California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board of Governors, and as the Extended Day-Ahead Market initiative process was launched."

Gardner, an attorney and independent energy consultant, will serve as the WEIM Governing Body vice chair beginning July 1. Prior to joining the WEIM Governing Body in 2021, she served in various WEIM leadership roles including Regional Issues Forum vice chair, WEIM Governance Review Committee member, and a member of previous WEIM nominating committees.

Prescott, a founding member of the WEIM Governing Body, was reappointed to serve another three year-term that ends on June 30, 2025. Prior to joining the Governing Body, Prescott worked at Idaho Power and Seattle City Light and was president and

chief executive officer of Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative until his retirement in 2016.

Campbell, whose term will end in June 2025, is the executive director of the Energy Institute at Haas at the University of California, Berkeley, and has been on the WEIM Governance Review Committee for the past two years. He has been in the energy industry his entire career and has experience in the public and private sector. He also serves on the Power Association of Northern California (PANC) Board of Directors.

“I’d like to welcome Andrew Campbell to the WEIM Governing Body,” said Stacey Crowley, ISO vice president for external affairs. “His extensive industry background will be critical as western stakeholders work with the ISO to further develop its market policies and governance to provide more benefits while improving operational efficiencies for all of its partners.”

The WEIM Governing Body oversees the WEIM real-time energy market, which now includes 19 participants and has generated more than \$2 billion in cumulative benefits to participating entities since its launch in November 2014. The WEIM Governing Body was designed by regional stakeholders to give entities throughout the West a voice in decision-making on WEIM matters. The Governing Body has shared authority with the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the WEIM.

The WEIM is designed to enable participants to buy and sell power close to the time electricity is consumed. With state-of-the-art technology, the market finds and delivers lowest-cost resources to meet immediate power needs and manages congestion on transmission lines to maintain grid reliability. The WEIM also provides system operators real-time visibility across neighboring grids, resulting in a more efficient balancing of supply and demand.

Operated by the ISO, the WEIM footprint includes portions of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and extends to the border with Canada. By next year, the active WEIM participants are expected to represent nearly 80% of the load within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

Visit the [WEIM website](#) for more information about the Governing Body members, market participants, benefits reports, and initiatives.

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) is a real-time wholesale energy trading market that enables participants anywhere in the West to buy and sell energy when needed. The WEIM Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders and has shared authority with the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the WEIM.