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California ISO elevates human resources leadership position Current executive director named new vice president

FOLSOM, Calif. – In recognition of the significance of the company’s most important asset—its people—the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) Board of Governors approved creating a new Vice President, Human Resources position at its meeting last week. Noting that people strategy is integral to the ISO’s ongoing success, the Board named Brenda Thomas, currently executive director of human resources, to the new executive position.

“This signifies the importance we place on the people of our organization,” said ISO Board Chair Mason Willrich. “A dedicated and motivated workforce is directly related to ensuring the smooth operation of the power grid and critical to preparing the grid for a future that integrates greener, smarter technology.”

The appointment of Thomas to the vice president position takes effect immediately.

“Brenda’s extensive background in human resources and executive management makes her highly qualified,” said President and CEO Yakout Mansour. “I am confident this new position will allow her to further develop the ISO as a world-class organization.”

Thomas brings over 30 years of diverse human resources leadership and management experience to this new post. She holds a bachelor in science degree in finance and a MBA in organizational behavior and industrial relations, both from the University of California at Berkeley.

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