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Governor makes appointments to California ISO Board of Governors

Mary Leslie reappointed; Jan Schori will fill open seat on board

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) is pleased to announce the reappointment of one of its Board of Governors members, Mary Leslie, and the appointment of a new member, Jan Schori, to round out a complete roster of five members moving into 2021.

Governor Gavin Newsom yesterday reappointed Leslie to a three-year term on the board, and appointed Schori to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Dave Olsen in November. Schori will serve the remainder of Olsen’s term, which ends in December 2021. The appointments are subject to state Senate confirmation.

“The ISO executive leadership team looks forward to continuing to work with Mary Leslie, and welcomes Jan Schori to the ISO Board of Governors,” said CEO and ISO President Elliot Mainzer. “The ISO and our stakeholders will certainly benefit from their guidance and counsel as we work together to meet the challenges of an evolving grid.”

Schori has an extensive executive leadership background in the electric industry, specifically in the areas of public policy, and operations and markets. She began her career at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) in 1979, and served as its General Counsel and Secretary for six years. Schori was promoted to SMUD’s general manager and chief executive officer and served in that position for more than 14 years, making Schori the longest serving CEO in the community-owned utility’s history.

Following her retirement from SMUD in 2008, Schori served on NERC’s Board of Trustees, where she chaired multiple committees.

Schori was also chair of the American Public Power Association (APPA), the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), and the Business Council for Sustainable Energy. She chaired Valley Vision, a civic leadership nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality of life of the Sacramento region, and served on the boards of CalCEF Ventures and CalCEF Innovations, which are involved in the advancement of clean energy technologies and financial products. Schori continues to serve on the Climate Action Reserve Board of Directors.

Leslie has been president of the Los Angeles Business Council since 2001, and serves on the LA Sustainability Leadership Council, UCLA Advisory Committee for the Luskin



Center for Innovation, LA Cleantech Incubator, and is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. She is a former deputy mayor for the City of Los Angeles, and a former Los Angeles Department of Water and Power commissioner.

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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.