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California ISO starts 2020 with reorganized senior-level leadership VP Keith Casey retiring after 22 years, leading to management changes

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) restructured its upper level management at the beginning of the new year, following the announced retirements of key personnel.

Dr. Keith Casey, currently the ISO's vice president of Market and Infrastructure Development, will retire this month after 22 years. Nancy Traweek, executive director of System Operations, is also stepping down in January.

Casey was part of the ISO's startup team in 1997 and has guided wholesale market design and monitoring, and infrastructure planning during a statewide transition to more renewable resources.

"Dr. Casey has been instrumental in developing visionary policies for a fair and transparent energy market, and has led our transmission planning to evolve and meet the changing needs of the electricity industry," said ISO president and CEO Steve Berberich. "He leaves a professional legacy that will continue to benefit Californians and the West for many years to come, one that serves as a model for other grids aiming to integrate vast amounts of renewables."

After helping to launch the ISO, Casey served as a manager in the Department of Market Monitoring, where he led the development of a blueprint program to guard against manipulation and foster a competitive market. Casey became the director of Market Monitoring in 2005, until his promotion to vice president of Market and Infrastructure Development in September 2009.

"It's been an honor and privilege to be a part of a team of many dedicated and talented people," Casey said. "I'm impressed with how my colleagues have grown professionally, and proud of the positive impact their contributions have had on the ISO and in meeting the energy demands of California."

Neil Millar, who had been serving as executive director of Infrastructure Development, was appointed vice president of Transmission Planning and Infrastructure Development,



effective Jan. 1. In that position, Millar will take over generation and transmission planning leadership duties.

Mark Rothleder, vice president of Market Quality and California Regulatory Affairs, will oversee the ISO's Market and Infrastructure Policy team, previously in Casey's group.

Rothleder assumed his expanded role as vice president of Market Policy & Performance on Jan. 1. The division includes Market & Infrastructure Policy, California Regulatory Affairs, Market Analysis & Forecasting, and Market & Integration Studies.

Traweek began her career at the ISO in 1997 in the Operations Department. She became the manager of Market Operations in 1999 and the director of Market Operations in 2000.

Over the years, Traweek also held positions as the director of Market Quality, Operations Support, and Market Services. She became the director of System Operations in 2012, and was promoted to her current position in 2013.

During her tenure at the ISO, Traweek was integral to several major initiatives including the Market Redesign Technology Upgrade (MRTU), the Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM), and RC West.

"Nancy Traweek has been part of the fabric of the ISO since its beginning," Berberich said. "She has had the extraordinary responsibility of ensuring a reliable grid for millions of Californians, and she will be sorely missed at the ISO."

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