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WEIM Governing Body elects Wagner; reappoints Decker to third term

FOLSOM, Calif. – The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Governing Body has appointed Rebecca Wagner to the Governing Body and reappointed Anita Decker to a third term.

Wagner will serve the remainder of Jennifer Gardner’s term, which expires on June 30, 2024. Gardner, who has been a member of the Governing Body since 2021, recently announced she was resigning at the end of this month.

“I want to express my appreciation to Jennifer for her invaluable service,” said Mark Rothleder, senior vice president and chief operating officer of the California Independent System Operator (ISO). “Jennifer’s participation came during a transformative time for the real-time energy market with the expansion of services to include the day-ahead market and key changes to the governance model.”

Wagner has more than 25 years of electric utility experience, most recently serving as vice chair of the WEIM’s Governance Review Committee. In addition, she served on the initial EIM Transitional Committee during the real-time market’s development, demonstrating her support of the evolution of western markets. She is the founder and president of Wagner Strategies where she advises clients on regulatory and utility matters, clean energy and climate policy. Wagner was a member of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission for over 9 years, and served as the director of the Nevada Office of Energy, and Energy Advisor to former Nevada Gov. Guinn.

“Rebecca is an outstanding addition to the Governing Body,” Rothleder said. “Her electric industry experience and her participation on WEIM committees affords her insight into issues facing our partners in the West. Her leadership experience was central in the development of the joint-authority governance model.”

[Decker](#), who has more than 39 years of electric industry experience, was executive director of the Northwest Public Power Association prior to joining the Governing Body in 2019. She also served as chief operating officer for the Bonneville Power Administration, and spent 27 years with PacifiCorp. Decker’s three-year term will expire on June 30, 2026.

The Governing Body also elected [Andrew Campbell](#) to serve as the WEIM Governing Body chair, and [Robert Kondziolka](#) was elected to serve as the vice chair. Campbell and Kondziolka will serve in those roles from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

The Governing Body oversees the WEIM real-time energy market, which now includes 22 participants and has generated more than \$3.82 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 on matters specific to 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 includes portions of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and extends to the border with Canada, and represents 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.