

Solar Valley Consortium
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Speaker Bios

RONALD O. LOVERIDGE. Ronald O. Loveridge is a long time professor of political science at UC Riverside, is Co-Chair of the Solar Valley Consortium, and is a former local elected official, with 19 years as Mayor of Riverside and 14 years as a Council member. He was President of the League of California Cities (2004) and President of the National League of Cities (2010). He is currently on the Board of the National Civic League Board and a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration. He is Vice President of the Ontario International Airport Authority, President of the Friends of the California Citrus Park, President of the Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California, and on the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Clean Air.



V. JOHN WHITE. V. John White is the co-founder of the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT) and he is the Legislative Director of the Clean Power Campaign. Over his lengthy career he has been involved in developing legislation and innovative regulatory programs focused on air quality, renewable energy resources, and the mitigation of global warming.



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DEVON MUTO. Devon Muto is a Senior Director of Development responsible for overseeing the development of EDF Renewables' utility scale solar and storage projects in their western region with a particular focus on California and Nevada. Since joining EDF Renewables in 2018, the company has completed over 1 GW of projects in California including its Desert Harvest and Palen Solar Projects in Riverside County. Mr. Muto and his team have several other projects in the works for the area including its 450 MW Desert Quartzite project in eastern Riverside County.



JOAN PATROVSKY is a Project Manager with the Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office. She has 34 years of federal service in helping businesses with telecommunications, scientific research and development, renewable energy, and utility companies with public land use authorizations. As a professional project manager, she specializes in natural gas and electrical infrastructure, and federal regulatory compliance. She is certified in project management and earned her graduate degrees from Duke University, George Washington University and California State University, San Bernardino.



With an extensive background in natural resource protection and federal lands and realty, she is expert on rights-of-way and permitting on public lands. She is responsible for various major utility line remediation projects and new infrastructure extensions in Inyo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties. Some of her current projects include the Southern California Edison Transmission Line Remediation Projects (TLRR) - Ivanpah-Control, Control-Silver Peak and Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave. She is currently working with EDF-Renewable Energy on the Desert Quartzite Solar Project near Blythe, set to break ground in February 2023. She has received multiple Federal Employee of the Year awards from the California On Location Film Industry. She enjoys mentoring colleagues, jazz music and international travels.

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KEVIN RICHARDSON is a Transmission Planning manager at Southern California Edison and oversees high voltage generation interconnections and reliability studies in Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties. Kevin has participated in the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI), the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), and the San Joaquin Valley Least-Conflict Solar PV Development effort.



CLAIRE COZAD is the Chief of Staff for San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe. Claire advises Supervisor Rowe on all policy matters affecting the County and manages the Third District staff. Claire began her career as a staffer in the California State Assembly for Assemblyman Paul Cook. When he was termed out of the Assembly and elected to Congress, Claire served as his Legislative Assistant in Washington D.C. for almost 5 years. Claire holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of California, Davis.



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KOURTNEY VACCARO is a Commissioner on the California Energy Commission appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in March 2022 to serve as the Energy Commission's attorney member. Prior to that she worked as an advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas. Since 2009, she has held multiple positions at the Energy Commission, including Chief Counsel, assistant executive director of compliance and enforcement, attorney, and hearing advisor. She holds a Doctorate and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and prior to that earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



MARISA MITCHELL. Marisa leads land-use planning, community engagement, and environmental policy for Intersect Power. Marisa has worked on renewables since 2006 with a focus on minimizing environmental impacts and maximizing environmental enhancements. She has a wealth of experience with development, from site selection through construction. She is also conversant with environmental laws and policies and maintains close relations with key regulators.



JANEA SCOTT is currently Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals at U.S. Department of the Interior. In 2013 she was appointed as a Commissioner of the CEC by Governor Gerry Brown and in 2019 was designated Vice Chair and Commissioner by Governor Gavin Newsome. Before joining the Energy Commission, Ms. Scott worked at the U.S. Department of the Interior in the Office of the Secretary as the Deputy Counselor for Renewable Energy. Prior to that she was senior attorney in the climate and air program at the Environmental Defense Fund. Ms. Scott holds degrees from Stanford University, and the University of Colorado



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JOHN HILDEBRAND is Planning Director for the county of Riverside. Prior to this he was Administrative Services Director, and Principal Planner. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Cal State Polytechnic at Pomona. Previously he was Senior Project Associate, planning and development services for MIG, a planner and designer of environments that support human development. Prior to that he was an Associate Planner for the City of Ontario. John holds a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona, and a Bachelor's degree from CSU Fullerton.

