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## **CPUC Bids Farewell to President Alice Reynolds as She Joins CAISO Board**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18, 2026 – Governor Newsom announced today that he has appointed California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) President Alice Reynolds to the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Board of Governors, and he has appointed CPUC Commissioner John Reynolds as the new CPUC President. Christine Harada was appointed as a new CPUC Commissioner. With these new appointments, California will continue to pave the way to decarbonize the electrical grid and deliver safe, reliable, affordable utility service to all Californians.

“It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of California as the President of the Public Utilities Commission,” said President Alice Reynolds. “I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Commissioners and to CPUC staff for their unparalleled expertise and commitment. I also want to thank Governor Newsom for the opportunity to serve, both as CPUC President and in my new role as a member of the California Independent System Operator’s Board of Governors. I look forward to continuing to carry out the vision of a safe, clean, reliable, affordable electricity system that benefits all Californians, and I leave knowing that the CPUC is in good hands. John brings years of experience and an exceptional intellect, and I have seen him always leading with a kind heart. I also welcome Christine, whose diverse and rich experience will bring a unique perspective to the CPUC. As I transition to my new role, I remain proud of what we have accomplished and confident that the CPUC will continue its important work with unwavering dedication to public service.”

“I am honored to accept the Governor’s nomination to serve as President of the California Public Utilities Commission,” said CPUC President Designee, John Reynolds. “I look forward to continuing the state’s work to drive towards more affordable utility services while supporting safe and reliable infrastructure that delivers on our ambitious climate agenda.”

Governor Newsom appointed President Alice Reynolds in 2021. During her tenure, the CPUC drafted and adopted policies that activated the generation and use of the now 25,000 MW of clean energy powering much of California daily. The CPUC also delivered more than a \$1 billion investment to build high-quality, reliable broadband internet networks in all 58 counties to bridge the digital divide, and led California's first-ever driverless vehicle passenger service deployment with comprehensive safety standards and new wheelchair-accessible options for local communities.

Commissioner John Reynolds was first appointed to the CPUC by Governor Newsom in 2021 and has extensive experience in the public and private sector as an attorney and a policy advisor in the energy, telecommunications, transportation, and water industries at the CPUC.

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