JANEA ASHANTI SCOTT



Highly motivated individual with deep knowledge of state and federal government policy making, results-oriented advocacy, and exceptional decision-making skills. Seeking leadership opportunities to drive change for clean energy and climate and make measurable progress towards environmental and social justice goals.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice Chair and Commissioner. California Energy Commission (Sacramento, CA). April 2013 to present. Appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in February 2013. Reappointed by Governor Brown in January 2016. Designated Vice Chair by Governor Gavin Newsom in February 2019. Confirmed by the California State Senate.

- Provide leadership, strategic vision, and policy direction for multiple Energy Commission initiatives and programs. Make measurable progress on achieving State goals and carrying out the Energy Commission's mission to lead the State to a 100% clean energy standard.
 2019 to present: Establish AB841 program to transform energy use at California's schools. Guide the Energy Commission's clean energy research portfolio of approximately \$200 million annually, includes developing a strategic action plan to secure funding renewal of an essential research program. The research portfolio includes the Electric Program Investment Charge, PIER Natural Gas, and the Food Production Investment Program.
 2013 to 2019: Steer the Clean Transportation Program that invests up to \$100M per year in grants for alternative fuels, low- and no-carbon vehicles, and infrastructure for zero emission vehicles.
- Led the 2019 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) and the 2014 IEPR Update. The IEPR is a multistakeholder, statewide assessment of California's energy system and policies, and provides recommendations for future energy planning, policies, and legislation.
- Represent the Energy Commission in western regional energy and transmission planning. Elected to serve as Chair of the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) from February 2017 to February 2020, transitioned to Vice Chair February 2020 to present. Member Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB).
- Oversee and conduct environmental reviews, "siting cases", for thermal energy generation plants.
- Engage with the public adviser to broaden the Commission's public outreach to reflect the diversity of the people of California. Spearhead the CEC-CPUC joint Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group.
- Manage a team of 3-6 direct reports while providing direction to a team of 50-100 staff.
- Cultivate strategic partners and stakeholders to carry out State priorities and represent California's perspective in key forums, including:
 - Creation of the CEC-California Ports Collaborative and engagement with the U.S. Navy.
 - Service as the Chair of the Plug In Vehicle Collaborative; public policy board member at Veloz, board member of UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies; board member of the California Fuel Cell Partnership; member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Advisory Committee; steering committee for Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Technology Implementation Office.

Deputy Counselor for Renewable Energy. U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary (Washington D.C.). April 2009 to March 2013. *Promoted from Special Assistant to the Counselor in July 2011.*

• Implemented the Secretary's priorities at Interior. Accomplishments include playing a leadership role in: achieving the Administration's goal of approving 10,000 MW of renewable energy on public lands, establishing a landscape-level plan for solar energy through the Western Solar Energy Plan, and creating a renewable energy program at Interior.

- Managed a "Strike Team" of decision makers to identify, troubleshoot, and resolve challenges associated with large-scale renewable energy proposals on public lands.
- Worked across the agencies that make up Interior (Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, etc.) to facilitate communication and the actions needed to successfully shepherd renewable energy projects to decision points.
- Built and maintained partnerships with States; local agencies; industry; environmental and other stakeholders to advance Interior's priorities.
- Prepared briefings for a Cabinet-level Secretary in a fast-paced and high stakes environment.

Senior Attorney. Environmental Defense Fund (New York, NY and Los Angeles, CA). September 2000 to April 2009. *Promoted from Staff Attorney in July 2008*.

- Analyzed and evaluated U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and local air agencies' clean air proposals with a sharp focus on progress in reducing diesel emissions, greenhouse gas emissions and other airborne contaminants, like ozone and particulate pollution.
- Prepared detailed legal and policy comments in response to clean air proposals.
- Interpreted key court decisions relating to clean air and global climate change.
- Developed reports and whitepapers to influence decision makers and engage in public education and outreach.
- Maintained strong relationships with traditional environmental and public health allies.
- Negotiated and engaged with environmental, public health, business, and industry allies to achieve critical clean air gains and secure results for human health and the environment.
- Crafted strategic plans, including assisting development staff in fundraising efforts.
- Asked to return to the New York office from February 2008 to April 2008 to assist with congestion pricing lobbying campaign.

AWARDS

<u>September 2018:</u> Drive Electric Individual Award from Plug In America for contributing significantly to the electric vehicle movement.

May 2016: Clean Air Champions Award from the Coalition for Clean Air for leadership in government.

<u>June 2011</u>: Clean Power Champions Award from the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies for unprecedented collaboration between the Federal and State Governments in permitting renewable energy.

June 2006: Environmental Defense Fund Staff Award for Outstanding Achievement.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Boulder, Juris Doctor. (b) (6)
Stanford University, Master of Sciences and Bachelor of Sciences, (b) (6) 6—Earth Systems Major

BAR MEMBERSHIP

New York, member since 2001; in good standing, inactive status **Colorado**, member since 2000; in good standing, inactive status