

Speaker Bios

Dr. Robert Weisenmiller Renewable Energy sectors Chair CA Energy Commission

Chair Robert Weisenmiller was appointed as a commissioner and designated as the Chair to the California Energy Commission in January 2011 by Governor Jerry Brown and re-appointed in January 2015. He fills the Engineer/Scientist position on the five-member Commission. Commissioner Weisenmiller brings more than 30 years energy experience to the Commission including expertise in electricity and gas markets and California regulatory policies. Chair Weisenmiller has served as an expert witness in more than 100 state and federal regulatory commission proceedings and has authored numerous publications on electricity and natural gas markets.

Before his appointment, Chair Weisenmiller, a co-founder of MRW & Associates, used his expertise to assist businesses, financial institutions, regulatory commissions, and public agencies in strategic planning, policy development, analyzing energy markets and regulations, rate design and implications of utility mergers.

Chair Weisenmiller's career also included a previous period of public service with the Energy Commission as Advisor to Commissioner, Manager of the Special Projects Office, and Director of the Office of Policy and Program Evaluation in the period between 1977 and 1982.

Chair Weisenmiller holds a Doctorate in Chemistry and a Masters in Energy and Resources from University of California Berkeley and received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Providence College.

Dr. Fan Dai Special Environmental Advisor to Governor Brown

Fan Dai, was appointed special advisor to the Governor on China in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in February 2017. Dai has been a policy fellow in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and in the California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Secretary since 2014. She was a research affiliate at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, China Energy Group from 2013 to 2014. Dai has a Ph.D. in Environmental Policy at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York, and a LL.M. from the Berkeley School of Law, University of California. She received an M.P.A. and LL.B. from Beijing Forestry University.