

Biography

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



SONJA ANDERSON

Senior Vice President and Regional Manager
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Sonja Anderson was named WAPA's senior vice president and Sierra Nevada regional manager in May of 2019 after acting in that position for four months.

As regional manager, she leads more than 190 federal employees and 50 contractors in marketing and delivering reliable, cost-based federal hydropower from the Central Valley and Washoe projects to millions of consumers in northern and central California.

SN operates and maintains a network of 1,500 miles of high-voltage transmission lines ranging from 69 to 500 kilovolts. Located in the control area of the Balancing Authority of Northern California, the region also maintains ownership rights to capacity in the Pacific AC Intertie, Path 15 and the California-Oregon Transmission Project.

Anderson has more than 30 years of experience in the water and power industry at WAPA and the Bureau of Reclamation. She has worked in several departments at WAPA since joining the organization in 2001, including leading Information Technology, Power Marketing and Transmission System Asset Management.

Before acting as SN regional manager, Anderson was SN's vice president of Transmission System Asset Management, which involved overseeing 90 engineers, craft and other specialists in maintaining 1,500 miles of transmission lines, 25 substations and 30 microwave communication sites.

Anderson also served as SN's vice president of Power Marketing from 2007 to 2018, supervising and managing 45 people responsible for energy resource acquisition, portfolio management, prescheduling, real-time merchant operations, power and transmission rate setting, customer billing and settlements, contract development and collaborations with customers.