It is with mixed emotions that I share the departure of Senior Vice President and Rocky Mountain Regional Manager Dawn Roth Lindell. After an illustrious and highly diverse career at WAPA, Dawn has accepted a position as the general manager and chief executive officer for Burbank Water and Power serving the City of Burbank in California. We will begin a nationwide search for Dawn’s replacement.

In the interim, Desert Southwest Vice President of Transmission System Asset Management Jack Murray has agreed to take the role of Rocky Mountain regional manager. Dawn’s final day at WAPA is to be determined. Stay tuned for information about a virtual event to commemorate her substantial contributions to WAPA and wish her well on the next chapter of her career.

Dawn is a visionary leader, able to step-in and address critical operational issues as well as unprecedented crises. Dawn’s first project in 2013 as senior vice president and chief information officer was the IT Evolution, moving all WAPA’s IT responsibilities, purchases, cybersecurity, network, hardware and software under a single umbrella instead of supporting six different IT departments.

Next, Dawn served as acting executive vice president and chief operating officer where she co-led the realignment to move some support functions from the Office of the Chief Operating Officer to the new Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. Then Dawn traveled to Folsom to serve as senior vice president and acting Sierra Nevada regional manager where she led WAPA’s response to the 2018 Carr Fire and supported discussions with Reclamation on preserving the value of Central Valley Project hydropower.

Dawn’s WAPA-wide tour led her to serve as senior VP and Rocky Mountain regional manager beginning in January 2018. Under her leadership, RM successfully transitioned to the Southwest Power Pool Reliability Coordinator, selected SPP to take over energy imbalance management and completed the first mechanized vegetation removal for rights-of-way on Forest Service land in more than a decade.

Dawn, thank you for your inspirational attitude and motivation to make WAPA a better place. I greatly appreciate all you have done to modernize our operations and help us power the energy frontier. I will miss your enthusiasm and innovation and look forward to hearing about the next chapter of your career.

We look forward to working with you in your new role, as Burbank Water and power is one of Desert Southwest’s customers.

Please join me in congratulating Dawn on this significant career achievement as she will continue her public service leadership journey providing reliable, affordable and sustainable water and electric services to the Burbank community, which includes Warner Brothers, Nickelodeon, Disney and all of the world’s major animation studios.

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