

Biographical Summary
Susan J. Brown, Special Advisor to Commissioner Boyd
California Energy Commission

Susan J. Brown serves as a Special Advisor to Commissioner and Vice Chair James D. Boyd. As a Senior Policy Analyst for the California Energy Commission, Susan has been responsible for developing and recommending legislative policy, transportation fuels policy, and climate change policy.

In September 2005, Susan assumed responsibility for coordinating the work of the *Bioenergy Interagency Working Group*, a high level committee composed of nine state agencies with interest in biomass issues. She was responsible for coordinating development of the State of California's *Bioenergy Action Plan*, which is intended to stimulate near-term state actions to encourage biomass and bio-fuels development in California. This Action Plan was publicly released by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on July 13, 2006.

For the past two years, Susan was responsible for formulating climate change policy options for the Energy Commission's *2005 Integrated Energy Policy Report*, and she staffed a high level Climate Change Advisory Committee for the Energy Commission from July 2004 to July 2005. Susan also served as the staff lead for the West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative, which was announced by Governor Gray Davis in September 2003, along with the Governors of Washington and Oregon. Susan was recently selected by the Energy Commission for a *Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award* in recognition of her contributions to the Commission's climate change program.

Susan participated as senior staff in the Climate Action Team, which is charged with carrying out the Governor's Greenhouse Gas Leadership Initiative. Susan also served as a member of the cap-and-trade working group led by Cal EPA, advising Cal EPA on how to develop a market-based program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California. Susan was selected in May 2006 by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to receive for a national *2006 Climate Protection Award* for individual achievement on climate change policy.

For several years, Susan managed the Transportation Technology Office, which was responsible for a variety of alternative fuels and transportation technology programs, and she earlier served as the Manager for the Fuels Planning Office, a technical office of over thirty staff, which was charged with addressing oil, natural gas, and petroleum price and supply issues for the Energy Commission.

She was responsible for preparing the *1988 Energy Shortage Contingency Plan* which served as a national model for other state plans. For nearly a decade, Susan served as the Special Advisor to three different gubernatorial appointees to the Energy Commission, advising the Commissioners on a wide range of energy policy and technical issues.