

Susan Kennedy

Partner

Ms. Kennedy is an accomplished policymaker and strategist and brings more than 30 years of relevant public and private experience with a distinguished career as founder and chief executive of a renewable energy company, top advisor to two California Governors, former Commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission, and advisor to high-profile governing boards in the corporate, regulatory, government, and non-profit sectors. She most recently served as a Senior Executive at Lyft, Inc. and is on the Board of Directors of Cadiz Inc., a California business dedicated to sustainable water and agricultural projects.

A cleantech visionary, she founded the California renewable energy start-up Advanced Microgrid Solutions, serving as chief executive officer and board chair from 2013-2020 until it was acquired by Siemens and AES.

Ms. Kennedy was at the center of many of California's groundbreaking environmental policies, including the carbon reduction mandate and cap-and-trade program under AB 32, the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard, auto emission standards and the Renewable Portfolio Standard.

She coordinated the State's emergency demand response efforts during the energy crisis of 2000-2001, and as a member of the CPUC, she authored what was then the largest energy efficiency program in utility history. During her time at the California Bay-Delta Authority, the statewide body responsible for overseeing one of the largest water projects in the world – the \$8 billion, 10-year restoration of the San Francisco Bay Delta ecosystem – to increase storage, promote efficiency and protect California's extensive levee system. In this role, Ms. Kennedy was responsible for agreements among environmentalists, agricultural interests, and urban water users for multi-billion-dollar co-investments in water storage facilities, water use efficiency, and restoration of impaired waterways and fisheries.

Ms. Kennedy holds a Bachelors of Arts in Management from Saint Mary's College of California.

