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Welcome New Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Boardmember, Susana Reyes

(AUBURN, Calif.) - California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon has appointed Susana Reyes as his representative on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Governing Board. Ms. Reyes currently works for the L.A. Department of Water and Power as the Director of Low-Income Customer Access. She previously served as a Senior Analyst on L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Sustainability Team. Her career portfolio spans across many areas including environmental justice, air quality, sustainable procurement, zero waste, and corporate performance measures. Ms. Reyes graduated magna cum laude from Saint Paul College with a Communications degree and earned a Civic Engagement Leadership and Management certification from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Susana Reyes is also the current Vice President of the National Sierra Club Board of Directors and serves as a member of the first-ever all female Executive Committee in the organization's 125 – year history. As a Sierra Club Board member since 2012, Susana has led numerous grassroots campaigns and has seen how an appreciation of public lands and resources threads its way through all levels of politics. Susana has also been a board member of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters since 2004.

"I am honored and humbled by this appointment and I thank CA Speaker Anthony Rendon for his trust in my capability to add value and offer fresh and diverse perspectives and sustainable solutions to protecting, conserving, and enhancing the Sierra Nevada and its communities," Ms. Reyes stated. "I am focused on fighting climate change and protecting Sierra Nevada resources that ensure underserved communities benefit from socio-economic opportunities as well."

Ms. Reyes replaces John Brissenden, one of the SNC's inaugural Governing Board members, who served as the State Assembly Speaker's appointee since 2004. John recently served as the Chair of the Board. As the owner of Sorensen's Resort in Alpine County, John often refers to himself as "just an innkeeper", but he and his wife Patty have been true champions of the Sierra Nevada Region, playing an instrumental role in the creation of Conservancy.