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Southern California Public Power Authority Program Development Manager receives individual achievement award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Bryan Cope, Program Development Manager at Southern California Public Power Authority in Glendora, California, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Bryan has 35 years of electric utility experience focused on energy efficiency, integrated resource planning, customer engagement, and economics. He has led and collaborated with all California public power utilities since 2006 developing energy efficiency programs and reporting annual results to their customers and the California Energy Commission (CEC) in a consistent and comprehensive manner. Bryan has led SCPPA's participation in the West Coast Clean Transit Corridor Initiative, comprised of 36 utilities in CA, OR and WA. The Initiative's year-long study was created to research the electric freight movement market, including an assessment of the opportunities and value of electrifying the Interstate 5 corridor – the West Coast's most heavily traveled highway, which is an economic backbone from Mexico to Canada. The final report will also include recommendations on initiating the large-scale, long-term planning required, with multiple stakeholder groups, to accommodate the new charging infrastructure. Bryan submitted a grant application on behalf of SCPPA, and the Authority was awarded a grant from the CEC in 2014, which allowed him to work with SCPPA's public power Member utilities to install fast charging equipment at locations in close proximity of major freeways and at popular public locations. He currently serves on the California Electric Transportation Coalition Board and the California Technical Forum on behalf of SCPPA Members to support and advocate for the transition to a zero-emission transportation future and improve energy efficiency program performance reporting in the State, respectively.

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