John Di Stasio
President, Large Public Power Council

John Di Stasio, joined the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) in August 2014. The LPPC represents the twenty-six largest consumer-owned utilities in the United States. Di Stasio will serve as the Association’s President, based in Washington DC, representing the interests of the member organizations.

Di Stasio was formerly the General Manager and CEO of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) from June of 2008 through April of 2014. Di Stasio joined SMUD in 1981 serving in progressively responsible positions including the Director of Distribution Services and Assistant General Manager, of Energy Delivery and Customer Services. Prior to his appointment to CEO, Di Stasio was responsible for all retail aspects of SMUD.

Di Stasio began his career in the industrial gas business for Liquid Air of North America in the Pacific Northwest.

Di Stasio is the past president of both the Northwest Public Power Association and the California Municipal Utility Association and the vice chair of the Large Public Power Council. He was also a board member of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and the American Public Power Association. He was a member of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s Members Representative Committee.

Di Stasio was also a gubernatorial appointee to the California Workforce Investment Board. He was the Electric Light and Power Large Utility CEO of the Year in 2013.

In Sacramento, Di Stasio was a member of the board of directors of the Northern California World Trade Center. He is also a past chair of Linking Education and Economic Development, executive committee member of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the North State Building Industry Association, the Greater Sacramento Urban League and the Los Rios Community College Foundation. He was the Sacramento Businessman of the Year for 2013.

Di Stasio is also active in international energy issues, serving as a delegate with the United States Energy Association, where he assisted in electrification, operations and energy market development in other countries including Bangladesh, Brazil, Botswana, India and Jordan. He was named Volunteer of the Year in 2013 by the United States Energy Association.

He is a graduate of the University of San Francisco and a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

Di Stasio is a native Californian and fourth generation farmer. He is the owner of Di Stasio Vineyards, a commercial vineyard in Amador County, California. Di Stasio enjoys foreign travel, golf, fishing and Amador Zinfandels.

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