

Siva Gunda

Position/Department/Division/Institution/Organization

Vice Chair, California Energy Commission

Country

United States

Career history

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Gunda in February 2021 to serve as the Energy Commission's public member. Gunda was later appointed to Vice Chair in September 2021. He is the lead commissioner on energy assessments.

Gunda served as manager of the Demand Analysis Office and deputy director for the Energy Commission's Energy Assessments Division. The division forecasts and assesses energy demands and supplies.

Before joining the Energy Commission, he served in a variety of capacities at the Energy Efficiency Institute at the University of California, Davis, including as the director of research, where he directed the institute's operations and research portfolio.

He holds a master of science in mechanical and aeronautical engineering from Utah State University. Gunda is pursuing his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from UC Davis. He is a serious cricket fan and former captain of his college team. He lives with his family in Davis.

Areas of expertise

- Energy Assessments
- Energy Reliability
- Long-term Electricity Planning (Implementation of Senate Bill 100)
- Demand Forecasting and Scenario Analysis
- Energy Data Initiatives