

Mary Jane Parks

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Ms. Parks brings over 21 years of experience in U.S., Australian and Canadian energy markets. She has worked in municipal utilities, information technology, energy retail, and renewable venture companies before joining Principle Power, Inc. in 2008. Ms. Parks currently owns a consulting business in local renewable energy management.

As a senior executive, Ms. Parks has managed renewable energy projects and business development, previously working with AquaEnergy Group, Ltd. from 2001 until it was merged with Finavera Renewables, Inc. in 2006. She was responsible for ocean projects and utility contracts, including successful negotiation of a power purchase agreement with PG&E for a utility-scale ocean wave energy facility. Her work included achieving FERC licensing for the company's Makah Bay, WA wave energy pilot project.

Throughout her career, Mary Jane has worked to create sustainable energy practices including for the municipal utilities of Pasadena, Azusa and Anaheim, California. She was the Chair of the California Utility Association Renewable Energy Committee, a renewable energy coalition leading innovations in municipal utility clean energy development. While working for the Azusa Light and Water Department, she was responsible for developing the first in California, solar energy-powered electric car recharging station on a new building.

Mary Jane holds a bachelors degree from Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA and a masters degree from the University of Chicago. She is a licensed U.S. Coast Guard 100-ton master. Mary Jane is a co-founder of California Environmental Project, a non-profit environmental organization concerned with natural restoration in the US west coast. She has volunteered in numerous environmental organizations, including as the Exhibit Coordinator of the 1989 Globescope Pacific Assembly, a hearing of the U.N. sustainable development report, Our Common Future. She serves on the Boards of the Vancouver, Canada Ocean Renewable Energy Group and Holy Family Services in Los Angeles, CA. She lives in Santa Fe, NM.