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Vicken Kasarjian is the Energy Department manager for the Imperial Irrigation District. He oversees all operations, including transmission, planning and engineering functions as well as the management control of system operations, generation, regulatory affairs and merchant functions.

With the state's renewable portfolio standard moving from 33 to 50 percent by 2030, and the proposed expansion of California Independent System Operator into adjoining states, IID is facing many challenges to its energy balancing authority. Mr. Kasarjian is working to preserve and position the district and its public power business model, ensuring its historically low rates while meeting the demands and expectations of a balancing authority area in an evolving energy landscape.

Mr. Kasarjian's career in the energy industry spans over 30 years and includes serving six months as vice president of generation, transmission and distribution for ZGlobal Engineering and Energy Solutions, over 10 years at Sacramento Municipal Utility District, three years at Northern California Power Agency, five years at the CAISO and about 12 years at the California Department of Water Resources. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from California State University-Los Angeles in 1986.