

Yuliya Shmidt

Director

Ms. Shmidt has two decades of experience in California's energy sector where she has helped design and implement a variety of policies that advance renewable energy and decarbonization. She most recently led BART's Energy Division, promoting the agency's clean energy goals and maintaining its environmental leadership while keeping its electricity affordable.

Prior to joining BART, Ms. Shmidt spent fifteen years at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), with six years most recently as an advisor to Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen. In that role she took the lead on electric procurement, grid planning, electric vehicles, and affordability. Before serving as an advisor, Ms. Shmidt oversaw the electric procurement team in the California Public Advocates office and also held roles leading the renewable energy team and working on demand response.

Ms. Shmidt has worked on all sides of California's regulatory process, from testifying as an expert witness in CPUC proceedings to working closely with the Energy Commission, Independent System Operator, and the Air Resources Board. Ms. Shmidt holds a Master of Environmental Science from the Yale School of the Environment, where her research focused on environmental policy, along with conservation and development and a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

