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GRID Alternatives Programs Director elected to CALSEIA Board of Directors

Cathleen Monahan will serve three-year contractor term

OAKLAND, CA; January 4, 2017 – [GRID Alternatives](#), America's largest nonprofit solar installer, today announced the election of Senior Programs Director Cathleen Monahan, to a three-year contractor position on the [California Solar Energy Industries Association's \(CALSEIA\) Board of Directors](#). CALSEIA's board is comprised of outstanding leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to doing the important work required to grow the solar industry for the benefit of all Californians.

As Senior Programs Director at GRID Alternatives, Ms. Monahan oversees the organization's administration of the Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program, a part of the California Solar Initiative that offers solar rebates to income-qualified homeowners, and directs GRID's policy and regulatory efforts in California. In this role, Ms. Monahan has had the unique opportunity to work closely with a number of key stakeholders in California's solar industry including utilities, regulators, job training programs, state and local legislators, the Governor's office, and environmental justice advocates.

Ms. Monahan also organized and led the successful advocacy campaign for California Assembly Bill 217, bringing together solar advocates, job training organizations, cities, affordable housing providers, environmental groups, environmental justice organizations, and tribes to advocate for increased equity and access to solar for low-income families. This coalition-building approach is one which Ms. Monahan believes is integral to furthering CALSEIA's mission.

"CALSEIA has made tremendous strides in growing California's solar industry through bold policies and programs, particularly those which benefit low-income and other underserved communities," said Ms. Monahan. "I look forward to the opportunity to build on that progress by increasing involvement, awareness, and support among diverse organizations for CALSEIA's policy priorities."

About GRID Alternatives

GRID Alternatives is America's largest nonprofit solar installer bringing clean energy technology and job training to low-income families and underserved communities through a network of community partners, volunteers, and philanthropic supporters. GRID has installed nearly 7,700 rooftop solar systems with a combined installed capacity of more than 27 megawatts, saving nearly \$215 million in lifetime electricity costs, preventing nearly 600,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and providing over 28,500 people with solar training. For more information, visit <http://www.gridalternatives.org/>.