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Energy Trust of Oregon board adds Anne Haworth-Root

Medford businesswoman brings entrepreneurial perspective, agribusiness expertise to the nonprofit

MEDFORD, Ore. — March 28, 2013 — Energy Trust of Oregon has added four new members to its board of directors, including Anne Haworth-Root of Medford.

Haworth-Root is co-owner and general manager of EdenVale Winery and Eden Valley Orchards, a destination winery, historic pear orchard and events center in southeast Medford. A second tasting room called Enoteca is located in Ashland. An award-winning entrepreneur, Haworth-Root developed the concept and helped found the Oregon Wine and Farm Tour, an agritourism coalition of Southern Oregon wineries, historic farms and specialty food and cheese companies.

“We are privileged to engage Anne’s expertise as an entrepreneur and business owner, as well as her passion for economic development in Southern Oregon and statewide,” said John Reynolds, board president, Energy Trust.

In addition to Haworth-Root, others recently named to Energy Trust’s board include Anne Warrington Donnelly, a nonprofit executive from Coos Bay; Mark Kendall, an energy consultancy owner from Salem; and Dave Slavensky, a manufacturer from Bend. Haworth-Root is one of two board members from the Medford area. The other is Ken Canon, of the Canon and Hutton law firm, Myrtle Creek.

Drawn from communities around the state, Energy Trust directors represent a broad spectrum of expertise from the private sector and public institutions. Board members, all volunteers, provide strategic and policy direction for the nonprofit, which designs and delivers programs that help residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers save energy and generate renewable power. The 15-member board approves the organization’s annual budget and major expenditures. Board members bring independent viewpoints to their oversight of Energy Trust, which invests in energy efficiency and renewable energy for the benefit of utility customers and operates under a grant agreement with the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

The Energy Trust board elected officers at its first meeting of 2013. Reynolds, a University of Oregon professor of architecture emeritus who lives in Eugene, was re-elected to a sixth one-year term as president. He has served on the Energy Trust board since the organization was established 11 years ago.

Debbie Kitchin, a Portland business owner, was elected to a second term as vice president. Alan Meyer, a Salem resident and director of energy management for Weyerhaeuser Company, was newly elected as secretary. Serving his second full term as treasurer is Dan Enloe, a Washington County resident and supply chain manager at Intel Corporation in Hillsboro.

Other members currently serving on Energy Trust's board include Rick Applegate, Applegate Consulting, Portland; Julie Brandis, Oregon State University Foundation, Corvallis; Roger Hamilton, Western Grid Group, Eugene; and Jeff King, Northwest Power and Conservation Council (retired), Portland. Representatives from the OPUC and the Oregon Department of Energy serve as non-voting board members. Nine of the 13 voting board members are from outside the Portland region. All but three are employed in private sector enterprises.

All board meetings are open to the public. View board meeting dates, agendas and materials online at www.energytrust.org/About/public-meetings/BDMeetings.aspx.

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