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## **Renewable Hydrogen Alliance Selects New Executive Director**

Portland, OR – The Renewable Hydrogen Alliance (RHA) has hired Erin Childs as its new Executive Director.

RHA is a Northwest trade association established in 2018 that promotes using renewable energy to make climate-friendly fuels, in particular, hydrogen. Ms. Childs takes over from Executive Director Michelle Detwiler, who stepped down to pursue semi-retirement. Ms. Childs comes to RHA highly experienced and familiar with the hydrogen and energy industries with a background in energy planning and policy, technology acceleration, and stakeholder engagement. Prior to RHA, Erin worked at a clean energy consultancy, where she supported clients in navigating the energy transition and advancing clean energy technologies. Before moving to the Northwest, Erin worked at Southern California Edison on policy, strategy, and planning for the implementation of California’s energy and environmental goals.

Jason Busch, RHA’s Board President, said “The RHA Board is thrilled to announce its new executive director, Erin Childs. Erin has an extensive background that makes her uniquely positioned to lead RHA’s continued growth and leadership of the renewable hydrogen sector in the Northwest. Erin will build on the successes of our outgoing executive director, Michelle Detwiler, who helped RHA become the region’s trusted voice for renewable hydrogen policy, projects and education. We are honored that these two remarkable women, and the entire RHA team, have chosen to help



RHA achieve its goals for a vibrant and successful renewable hydrogen regional economy.”

“I’m grateful to the board and members for this opportunity to build on RHA’s successes and the great work of Michelle and team”, Erin said. “I look forward to working with RHA’s partners across the public and private sector to demonstrate the benefits that renewable hydrogen can bring to our communities and regional economy.”

Outgoing Executive Director, Michelle Detwiler, said “I am thrilled at the Board’s choice in hiring Erin and am excited to see how she will continue to grow RHA’s success and influence in the region.”

Ms. Childs assumed the role on April 1.

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