

**SKP**  
**CHAMPIONS**  
OF SUSTAINABILITY 2024



**CELEBRATING BUSINESSES MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Nov. 6, 2024 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | The Phoenician – Estrella Ballroom

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

*Vanessa Kisicki, Associate General Manager and Chief Customer Executive, SRP*

## EMCEE

*Lin Sue Flood, Director of Community Engagement, Hospice of the Valley*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Mike Pasqualetti, Professor, School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning at Arizona State University (ASU)*

## LUNCH IS SERVED

## AWARDS PROGRAM

## EVENT CONCLUDES

# HOSTS

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## VANESSA KISICKI, WELCOME

*Associate General Manager and Chief Customer Executive, SRP*

Vanessa Kisicki, Associate General Manager and Chief Customer Executive at Salt River Project, leads the SRP teams responsible for serving SRP's more than 1.1 million power customers through Customer Services, Customer Strategy, Customer Programs, and Distribution Grid Services.

Vanessa has worked in the utility industry for more than 23 years, joining SRP in 2001. She has gained extensive experience working in a variety of engineering and leadership positions relating to the distribution, telecommunications, grid modernization, and information technology segments of SRP's business. Prior to SRP, Vanessa was a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers focused on improving client operations through the implementation of process and technology solutions. Vanessa holds a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University.



## **LIN SUE FLOOD, EMCEE**

*Director of Community Engagement,  
Hospice of the Valley*

As director of community engagement for Arizona's leading hospice, Lin Sue Flood oversees marketing, fund development and volunteer programs for Hospice of the Valley. She is passionate about helping families find comfort, dignity and compassion when they need care for serious illness or dementia. Flood also promotes special community programs like music therapy, community grief support and tributes for military veterans. Prior to her work with

hospice care, she spent 31 years as a newscaster for 12News. Flood graduated cum laude from Willamette University in Oregon and received her master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She and her husband have seven beautiful children and one very spoiled standard poodle named Kismet, who is a pet therapy dog who loves to visit Hospice of the Valley patients and families.



## **MIKE PASQUALETTI, KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

*Professor, ASU School of Geographical Sciences  
and Urban Planning*

Martin J. (Mike) Pasqualetti is a professor at ASU and the former Co-Director of the Energy Policy Information Council (EPIC). He is an elected Fellow of the American Association of Geographers, a recipient of the Alexander and Ilse Melamid Medal (American Geographical Society) and the 2018 Distinguished Alumnus

of the Year at the University of California (Riverside). Pasqualetti offers several energy classes at ASU and his current research concentrates on the social acceptance of renewable energy landscapes and recycling of energy landscapes. He also serves on 10 editorial boards and is the ASU liaison to the International Renewable Energy Agency, headquartered in Abu Dhabi.

Prior to his work at ASU, Pasqualetti served two Arizona governors as chair of the Arizona Solar Energy Advisory Council and was a founding member of the Arizona Solar Center. He has published books on wind power, renewable energy landscapes, the geography of energy, nuclear power plant decommissioning and landscape evolution, and more than 100 articles and book chapters on energy and environment topics. He has worked in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, the United Kingdom, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Palestine, Oman, Israel, China, Singapore, Guyana and the United Arab Emirates.

# THIS YEAR'S WINNERS

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## AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

American Leadership Academy is a public charter school that provides education from pre-K through grade 12. The academy made energy-efficient upgrades across its campuses this year, including adding energy-saving advanced rooftop controls to its Gilbert K-6 campus, installing LED lighting to their new Applied Tech campus and optimizing their HVAC across three campuses.



## ALIGNED DATA CENTERS (CHANDLER LOCATION)

Aligned Data Centers is a leading technology infrastructure company. It offers innovative, sustainable and adaptive scale data centers and build-to-scale solutions for global hyperscale and enterprise customers. The company is expanding in the Phoenix market with multiple mega campuses that will feature high-efficiency chillers, economizers and variable frequency drives to enhance AC efficiency.



## QUALITY CUSTOM DISTRIBUTION

Quality Custom Distribution, or QCD, provides custom distribution services to restaurants throughout the United States. Headquartered in Frisco, Texas, QCD has 25 facilities across the country, including one in the Valley. The company used SRP rebates to purchase an electric forklift charger and 10 electric transport refrigeration units for its Phoenix location.



## K. HOVNANIAN HOMES

Since 1959, K. Hovnanian Homes has been devoted to building communities of excellence. The homebuilder received nearly \$88,000 in incentives last year from its participation in SRP's ENERGY STAR® Homes program. K. Hovnanian enrolled a total of six communities and certified 184 homes in the program, all built to higher standards of energy efficiency.



## BIRDSONG PHOENIX

Birdsong Phoenix is the first net-zero-focused project for national development company Vecino Group, a company that specializes in sustainable development. It's also the first example of net-zero, multi-family affordable housing for Phoenix, featuring 13 buildings with rooftop-mounted solar systems each capable of generating 38,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.



## BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB

Bristol Myers Squibb has operated a biopharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Phoenix for approximately a decade. Its mission is to discover, develop and deliver innovative medicines to patients with serious diseases. Their recent site development renovations incorporated energy-efficient, money-saving upgrades like LED lighting, a chilled water-cooling system and mini-split heat pumps.



## BANNER HEALTH

Banner Health is headquartered in Phoenix and is one of the largest nonprofit health care systems in the country. In line with their mission of making health care easier so life can be better, the organization recently made energy-efficient lighting, HVAC and chiller upgrades along with retro-commissioned HVAC optimization to several locations across the Valley.



## CITY OF MESA

The city of Mesa is making strides to reduce its carbon footprint. This year, the city debuted its first battery-electric fire truck as part of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department Station 221. It also enhanced its EV charging infrastructure with a new DC fast charging station. The city also plans to expand Red Mountain Park with energy-efficient upgrades, including LED lighting.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE VALLEY

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley empowers young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community. In support of their mission to empower the community, the nonprofit reduced its carbon footprint by adding a rooftop-mounted solar system that will generate an estimated 72,000 kilowatt-hours per year of electricity.



## **RESIDENCES AT 2211 CAMELBACK**

The Residences at 2211 Camelback offers luxury urban living while supporting EV adoption. Located within the Biltmore District in Phoenix, the 12-story condo community features amazing views of the city from one-, two- and three-bedroom single-level floor plans. It also includes 75 Level 2 EV charging ports so residents can charge from home.

## **RESIDENCES AT 2211 CAMELBACK**

## **MOUNTAINSIDE FITNESS**

Mountainside Fitness is the largest locally owned fitness center chain in Arizona, with 20 locations throughout the Valley. They strive to provide members with outstanding service and amenities. This year, the premier privately owned health club undertook HVAC optimization projects at five of its fitness centers using SRP service rebates.



## **ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY**

The Arizona Humane Society opened a new campus near Papago Park this year that will provide comprehensive medical treatment as well as behavioral care for pets. The Rob and Melani Walton Papago Park Campus hospital and care facility also features energy-efficient upgrades, including rooftop solar panels, LED lighting and HVAC optimizations that help lower electricity use.

