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Minutes

Date: March 2, 2015
To: NCPA Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee
From: Carrie Pollo, Legislative and Regulatory Program Assistant
Subject: February 25, 2015 Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Item #1 – Opening Remarks & Introductions

Chair Carol Garcia, Mayor, City of Roseville called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm, followed by introductions of all in attendance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Gary Plass, City of Healdsburg, and seconded by Pat Kolstad, City of Santa Clara, to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2014 regular meeting and the February 2, 2015 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 – Budget Workshop Discussion

Jane Cirrincione provided an overview of the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs FY2016 Budget. The baseline budget is \$1.75 million, \$55,857 less than FY2014, not including pass-throughs of \$450,384. The breakdown of the budget includes 42% for State and Federal Advocacy, 21% for Western Programs, 7% for Member Services, 6% for Key Coalitions, 21% for Legal, and 3% for miscellaneous.

Ms. Cirrincione outlined the key changes to the baseline budget compared to FY2015. Increases include Federal Policy Conference by \$20,000, travel associated with CFEE at \$6,000 which was a transfer from another line item in the budget, and staff development at \$5,000. The decreases include Western contract support at \$40,000, memberships at \$26,857 and the Western consultant at \$20,000. The net change is \$55,857 or 3.1% less than FY2015. NCPA Commission direction allows for a 2.2% maximum increase or \$39,639. The budget for FY2015 is \$1,801,751 with the proposed budget for FY2016 at \$1,745,894.

Motion: A motion was made by Gary Plass, City of Healdsburg, and seconded by Steve Hollabaugh, Truckee Donner PUD, to recommend approval of the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs FY2016 Budget to the full NCPA Commission at the April 23, 2015 Commission Meeting. The vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Port of Oakland, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara and Truckee Donner PUD. ABSENT = BART, Biggs, Gridley, Plumas-Sierra and Ukiah. The motion passed.

Item #4 – State Legislative Issues Workshop

Mario De Bernardo reviewed state legislation, including: 1) SB 180, which would amend SB 1368 (Perata, 2006) by creating stricter emission performance standards for powerplants; 2) the bills that would create a 50 percent renewable portfolio standard for 2030, and call for a 50% increase in energy efficiency from existing buildings and substantial increase reliance on electric vehicles; and 3) the bills regarding post 2020 GHG emission standards. Justin Wynn from Braun, Blasing, McLaughlin, and Smith (a law firm that represents CMUA) gave a briefing on Prop 26 and related case law. Because of Prop 26's effect on POUs, Mr. Wynn expressed an interest in working with CMUA to create a Prop 26 working group.

NCPA staff conducted a state legislative issues workshop on five topics: renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric vehicles, GHG reduction goals, and clean energy jobs. For each topic, the participants were given a form with several questions to answer in 15 minutes. The completed questionnaires were collected by staff.

****** Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting for the roundtable discussion at 2:00 pm ******

****** Vice Chair Bob Lingl, City of Lompoc, reconvened the meeting at 3:05 pm ******

Item #5 – Regulatory Affairs Update

Scott Tomaszefsky provided an overview of the regulatory issues. Key highlights included California Energy Commission, California Air Resources Board Cap and Trade update, GHG Allowance trading outside CARB auction, EPA Clean Power Plan with the rule now expected to be adopted in mid-summer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation with CIPv5 transition continuing.

Item #6 – Federal Legislative Report

Brent ten Pas gave a report on the political mood in Washington, DC including an update on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources and House Energy and Commerce Committees' plans for comprehensive energy legislation including prospects for hydropower licensing reform. Other key issue updates included the status of tax-exempt financing, cybersecurity – information sharing, the EPA clean power plan, and CVPIA legislative efforts.

Upcoming events include the APPA Legislative Rally at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC March 9 – 11, 2015, and the NCPA/NWPPA Federal Policy Conference at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC April 26 – 30, 2015. The deadline to register for the Federal Policy Conference is March 30, 2015.

Item #7 – Western Area Power Administration

Maury Kruth has been working on the Bureau of Reclamation's CVP Cost Allocation Study and Trinity River Releases calling for power user to be credited for power generation lost from water releases required on the Trinity River beyond the levels prescribed in the Trinity Record of Decision finalized in 2004.

Item #8 – Member Services

Jonathan Changus gave an update regarding member services. Highlights included the APPA DEED Student Intern Grant, U.S. DOE/Lawrence Berkeley Lab – FLEXLAB, and the upstream LEC rebate program. The Annual Energy Efficiency Report (SB 1037) is due March 15.

Adjournment

The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting was moved to adjourn by Vice Chair Lingl at 4:05 pm.