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Committee Minutes

To: NCPA Executive Committee
From: Carrie Pollo – Assistant Secretary
Subject: April 25, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Jerry Serventi called the meeting to order at 8:04 am, at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA.

Executive Committee Members present were Chair Jerry Serventi, Vice Chair Jenelle Osborne, James “Bo” Sheppard, and Pauline Roccucci. David Hagele and Sudhanshu Jain attended via teleconference. A quorum of the Committee was established. Also in attendance were General Manager Randy Howard, General Counsel Jane Luckhardt, Assistant Secretary Carrie Pollo.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approve minutes of the March 28, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by James “Bo” Sheppard, and seconded by Pauline Roccucci to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a majority on a roll call vote of those Members present as follows:

| | Vote | Abstained | Absent |
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| Chair Jerry Serventi | Y | | |
| Jenelle Osborne | Y | | |
| David Hagele | Y | | |
| Pauline Roccucci | Y | | |
| Sudhanshu Jain | Y | | |
| Catalina Sanchez | | | X |
| James “Bo” Sheppard | Y | | |

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Serventi asked if any members of the public were present who would like to address the Committee on the agenda items. No members of the public were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. **General Manager Report** – update and monthly report

General Manager Randy Howard reported:

- Thanked everyone for attending today’s meeting.
- NCPA has been awarded a CEC Grant in the amount of \$7,113,672 for turbine technology upgrades at LEC.
- NCPA has also been awarded an APPA DEED grant for \$39,000 to support the planning and studies of the hydrogen transition at the LEC.
- NCPA received an APPA DEED Grant for a student intern in the accounting department.
- NCPA successfully negotiated an insurance settlement of \$6,169,682 related to the Geo turbine project loss.
- NCPA has been approved to move forward on a number of DOE 247 Grant opportunities this year related to the Hydroelectric Project, which are in the final stages of award.
- An APPA/DOE Cyber Security Grant has also been awarded for an enabling agreement that will be available for members use.
- Attended an in person ESCC-EGCC Joint Industry-Government Meeting at DOE in Washington, DC April 12, 2024 regarding wildfire mitigation.
- Attended the 20th Annual NCPA/NWPPA Federal Policy Conference in Washington, DC April 14 – 18, 2024 regarding key issues including the hydrogen tax credit, supply chain, the Central Valley Project, and Farm Bill asks related to sediment removal at McKays Reservoir and wood waste removal associated with vegetation management around transmission lines.
- NCPA is applying for a couple of CEC grants for the Lodi Energy Center Hydrogen Project.
- Will be attending a TAPS meeting April 28 – May 1, 2024 with Scott Tomashefsky and Jane Cirrincione in Washington, DC.
- Attending the NWPPA Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, May 13 – 15, 2024.
- Large daily curtailments due to the high Hydro year.
- Continuing to work with the West-wide Pathways Initiatives.

4. General Counsel Report – update and monthly report

General Counsel Jane Luckhardt reported:

- Currently working on the Grace Orchard Energy Center Renewable PPA and Third Phase Agreement negotiations. This is a good project for energy only. CEQA language needs to be updated in the agreement so that CEQA requirements are met. The buyer (NCPA) also needs to post collateral which is still being discussed and the Project Tax Credit (PTC) is still under negotiations.
- Responded to a couple of subpoenas for records.
- Working on the APPA/DOE Cyber Security Grant which needs to flow through APPA and DOE agreements.
- RA Capacity – What is the adequate planning reserve margin?
- NHA Regulatory call – Environmental requirements for new projects.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Serventi asked General Counsel to move the Commission into Closed Session at 8:42 am. General Counsel Jane Luckhardt took the Committee into Closed Session.

- Administrative Services Assistant General Manager, Monty Hanks, and Human Resources Manager, Brynna Bryant, joined the meeting for Closed Session Items 5 and 6.

5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Agency representatives: General Manager Randy S. Howard, Assistant General Manager Monty Hanks, and Human Resources Manager Brynna Bryant. Employee organization: IBEW 1245 (Geothermal and Combustion Turbines).

- 6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Agency representatives: General Manager Randy S. Howard, Assistant General Manager Monty Hanks, and Human Resources Manager Brynna Bryant. Employee organization: Hydroelectric Employees Association (HEA).
- 7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** – pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – Anticipated Litigation, two (2) cases.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 9:26 am.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Disclosure: General Counsel Jane Luckhardt reported there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

New business discussed included:

- The response letter to agency retirees requesting reimbursement of Medicare Part B and D premiums.
- Consolidation of the Administrative Assistant/Office Administrator Series.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Serventi adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 9:31 am.

Sincerely,

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CARRIE A POLLO
Assistant Secretary