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# Minutes

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**Date:** May 14, 2020  
**To:** NCPA Facilities Committee  
**From:** Carrie Pollo  
**Subject:** May 6, 2020 Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call** – Committee Chair Brian Schinstock (Roseville), called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Attending via teleconference and/or on-line presentation were Alan Harbottle (Alameda), Mark Sorensen (Biggs), Paul Eckert (Gridley), Jiayo Chiang (Lodi), Shiva Swaminathan (Palo Alto), Mike Brozo (Plumas-Sierra), Jared Carpenter (Port of Oakland), Nick Rossow (Redding), and Basil Wong and Steve Hance (Santa Clara). Those attending in person are listed on the attached Attendee Sign-in Sheet. Facilities Committee Representatives from BART, Healdsburg, Lompoc, TID, and Ukiah were absent. A quorum of the Committee was established.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public comment.

## **OPEN SESSION**

## **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

- 2. Approve Minutes from the April 1, 2020 Facilities Committee Meeting.**

Motion: A motion was made by Brian Schinstock and seconded by Jiayo Chiang recommending approval of the April 1, 2020 Facilities Committee meeting minutes. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Lodi, Palo Alto, Port of Oakland, Roseville, and Santa Clara. The motion passed.

- 3. All NCPA Facilities, Members, SPPA – Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. MTGSA –** Staff presented background information and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of a five-year Multi-Task General Services Agreement with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. for security services, with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000, for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, SPPA, and SPPA Members. All purchase orders will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

This is a renewal agreement with an existing vendor. It is an enabling agreement with no commitment of funds. NCPA had a previous agreement in place with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., which is running low on funds and expiring. Staff has utilized this vendor in the past, and has a good working relationship with the vendor. NCPA desires to enter into this

agreement so established terms and conditions are in place should this vendor be the successful bidder on future projects. A pending agreement is in place for similar services with Borgens and Borgens, Inc. dba Delta Protective Services. A draft Commission Staff Report and draft agreement were available for review. It is recommended to place this item on the consent calendar.

Motion: A motion was made by Basil Wong and seconded by Brian Schinstock recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task General Services Agreement with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. for security related services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$1,000,000 over five years, for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPA, or by SCPA Members. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Lodi, Palo Alto, Plumas-Sierra, Port of Oakland, Roseville, and Santa Clara. The motion passed.

- 4. All NCPA Facilities, Members, SCPA – Energy Project Solutions, LLC MTGSA – Staff** gave background information and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of a five-year Multi-Task General Services Agreement with Energy Project Solutions, LLC for pipeline operations and maintenance services, with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000, for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPA, and SCPA Members. All purchase orders will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

This is a renewal agreement with an existing vendor. It is an enabling agreement with no commitment of funds. NCPA had a previous agreement in place with Energy Project Solutions, LLC which is expiring. NCPA requested competitive bids specifically for the CT1 Alameda pipeline services required. Energy Project Solutions, LLC was the only bidder on the project. Staff has utilized this vendor in the past, and has a good working relationship with the vendor. NCPA desires to enter into a multi-task enabling agreement with Energy Project Solutions, LLC so established terms and conditions are in place should this vendor be the successful bidder on future projects. Execution of this enabling agreement will also increase the pool of qualified and proven vendors for these types of services. NCPA does not currently have any agreements in place with similar vendors for these types of services. A draft Commission Staff Report and draft agreement were available for review. It is recommended to place this item on the consent calendar.

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Brozo and seconded by Basil Wong recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task General Services Agreement with Energy Project Solutions, LLC for CT1 Alameda pipeline operations and general maintenance services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$1,000,000 over five years, for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPA, or by SCPA Members. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Lodi, Palo Alto, Plumas-Sierra, Port of Oakland, Redding, Roseville, and Santa Clara. The motion passed.

- 5. NCPA Geothermal Facility – Steam Field Operations Forecast Report – Staff** provided background information and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of the 2020 Steam Field Operations Forecast Report dated April 2020, including approval regarding the market power price at which to curtail the load at the NCPA Geothermal facilities, as the Geothermal Operating Protocol effective July 1, 2020, and remaining in effect until replaced by the Commission.

The Steam Field Operations Forecast Report is an in depth study of The Geysers reservoir relative to the operation of NCPA's Geothermal facility and provides a generation forecast of the

facility. This report will act as the Operating Protocol with the goal of maximizing the generation output. The proposed 2020 Geothermal Facility Operating Protocol will be a two-zone baseload operation with curtailment conditions including; negative Day Ahead pricing of at least \$25 per MWh, and the level of curtailment limited to 45 MW with discretion to adjust this level based on the steam field response. The curtailment duration will be at least four hours or more, and limited to cycling once per calendar day.

Motion: A motion was made by Brian Schinstock and seconded by Basil Wong recommending Commission approval of the 2020 Steam Field Operations and Forecast Report, dated April 2020, as the Geothermal Operating Protocol, effective July 1, 2020. This Operating Protocol is to remain in effect until replaced by the Commission. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Lodi, Plumas-Sierra, Roseville, and Santa Clara. ABSTAIN = Palo Alto and Redding. The motion passed.

**6. NCPA Wildfire Mitigation Plan Updates** – Staff presented the NCPA Wildfire Mitigation Plan Audit Report, outlining recommended changes to the plan, and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of the recommended changes.

The Public Utilities Code Section 8387 requires electric utilities to assess the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by a utility's overhead electrical lines and equipment. In response to this requirement, NCPA created its Wildfire Mitigation Plan, to reduce the risk of NCPA facilities igniting wildfire, including identifying preventative maintenance procedures and practices. The NCPA 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan was approved at the Commission meeting December 5, 2019. This Plan shall be reviewed and approved on an annual basis.

As required in NCPA's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, NCPA must contract with a qualified independent evaluator to review and assess the comprehensiveness of the Plan. The assessment report must be presented at a Commission meeting and posted to the website. NCPA hired Dudek to complete this evaluation. Upon Commission approval, staff will revise the Wildfire Mitigation Plan from version 1.0 to 1.1 for document revision history. This Plan will be submitted to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Basil Wong and seconded by Jiayo Chiang recommending Commission approval of the NCPA 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan, with updated revisions based on the qualified independent evaluator's recommendations. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Gridley, Lodi, Palo Alto, Plumas-Sierra, Port of Oakland, Roseville, and Santa Clara. ABSTAIN = Redding. The motion passed.

**7. Port of Oakland Admission to MPP** – Pursuant to Section 11.1 of the Amended and Restated Market Purchase Program Agreement (MPP), staff was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of admission of the Port of Oakland as a new MPP Participant.

Per the MPP Agreement, NCPA can act on behalf of Participants to transact Approved Products. Under Section 11.1, a Member may execute the MPP Agreement and become a Participant provided that such joinder is approved by the NCPA Commission. The Port of Oakland has expressed interest in becoming a Participant under the MPP Agreement. Upon joining the MPP Agreement, the Port of Oakland will participate in the program pursuant to the terms and conditions of the MPP Agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Brozo and seconded by Brian Schinstock recommending Commission approval of the Port of Oakland becoming a Participant under the Amended and Restated Market Purchase Program Agreement (MPP Agreement) upon Port of Oakland's execution of the MPP Agreement. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Gridley, Lodi,

Palo Alto, Plumas-Sierra, Port of Oakland, Redding, Roseville, and Santa Clara. The motion passed.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 8. NCPA Generation Services Plant Updates** – Plant Staff will provide the Committee with an informational update on current plant activities and conditions.

**Hydro** – New Spicer Meadows (NSM) Reservoir capacity is increasing with peak flows between 1:00 – 2:00 am. The capacity is approximately 120,000 acre-feet. The NSM Powerhouse is currently in a PG&E outage from April 2 – May 9, 2020. It took one week to plow the road to the powerhouse due to April snows. Hydro is preparing for the annual ground based inspection of the entire 230 kV line, which is approximately 40 miles, and includes LIDAR survey, and vegetation management. Staff is also planning and preparing for the Insulator Replacement Project on the 230 kV line. The Osprey have been persistent, and nests have come back twice on the top of power poles after WAPA removed them, and placed plastic cones on at the top of the poles. Staff are coordinating with USFS for the opening of NSM Campground.

**CTs** – April was a quiet month for the CTs, with two actual starts at CT1. Neither CT had any forecasted starts. The YTD starts for CT1 is 216, with CT2 at 36. There were zero forced outages. The CT1 Alameda Unit 2 outage has been extended due to cracked blades out of the acceptable range of repair. As well, the STIG outage has also been extended into June due to the transformer.

**Geo** – There were no safety incidents to report for the month of April. Established safety measures are in place to prevent Covid-19 exposure, as well as screening for symptoms. A Covid-19 screening station has been set up at the C-Site Well Pad for NCPA employees, contractors, and visitors. Staff are now focusing on the fire season, with continued maintenance of existing firebreaks, clearing vegetation around the infrastructure, and possible shutdown of the SEGEP Pipeline during PSPS events. The FY2020 YTD actual generation is 524.5 GWhrs. Generation is still down due to the Kincadee fire, but is slowly building back up. It is now 15% below the forecast. An outage was originally planned for Plant 2, Unit 4, from April 6-16, 2020. The unit was taken off line early on March 24, 2020 due to low turbine oil pressure with high bearing vibration. The unit is scheduled for completion on May 12, 2020. Plant 1, Unit 2 was in an outage April 20-22, 2020 for replacement of the 2.4 KVA transformer.

- 9. New Business Opportunities** – Staff provided an informational update regarding new business opportunities.

Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) issued a RFP for Schedule Coordinator (SC) Services. NCPA submitted a Statement of Qualifications on February 11, 2020. Staff participated in an interview on February 25, 2020. NCPA has been tentatively selected as SCP's preferred services provider. Staff is currently working on a draft agreement with a limited scope of services for the SC services. The initial term of services will be for three years from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, with an automatic extension. Services provided will include scheduling ISTs, loads, and limited resources, similar to EBCE. The estimated costs for services will be \$205,000 per year, with a 2% escalation per year. The liability proposal will include liability for select services limited to cost for services in the event of NCPA's active negligence.

The security account requirement protects Members from default by providing cash flow during the period in which NCPA seeks a remedy for default or the removal of a load from the SC portfolio. The current requirement is the highest three months of estimated CAISO invoices, which is defined as Estimated Aggregate Liability (EAL). SCP has expressed concerns with the standard posting requirement as it may result in a large posting requirement. SCP has acknowledged the purpose and intent of the security account requirement, but has requested an alternative requirement that is more aligned with other business requirements and practices.

Alternatives to consider include modifying the number of months to a prompt month requirement or a two-month requirement instead of three. Other considerations include possibly shortening the period of cure for an event of default from 30 days to ten days, with a focus on limiting contingent liability. Please contact Power Management staff with input and any questions.

#### **10. Planning and Operations Update –**

- Nevada Irrigation District's (NID) Combie South Powerhouse was successfully integrated into the NCPA SCID portfolio effective May 1, 2020. The Deer Creek Powerhouse will be integrated next, after FERC approval.
- NCPA Renewables RFP – Staff is working to present a summary of initial proposals to the Members at the May 14, 2020 UD meeting.
- SFWPA – NCPA is reengaging in negotiations with SFWPA to explore opportunity for purchase of project output, and provision of scheduling and dispatch services.
- PG&E PSPS – Staff is working to improve coordination and communications with PG&E as we look forward to the CY 2020 wild fire season. Will refocus on a dedicated contact. Last year there were 12 separate PG&E desks.

**11. Next Meeting –** The next regular Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Non-essential Members and NCPA staff left the meeting for the closed session Item #12.

#### **12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d) (2) – One (1) case. (*Commission Category: Closed Session; Sponsor: CTs*)

#### **RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION**

All meeting attendees rejoined the meeting.

#### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session Disclosure:* General Counsel Jane Luckhardt stated no reportable action was taken on the closed session Item #12.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am, by Committee Chair, Brian Schinstock.

**Northern California Power Agency  
May 6, 2020 Facilities Committee Meeting  
Attendance List**

NCPA Facilities Committee Members, Alternates & Staff are requested to sign, but signature by members of the public is voluntary.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Carrie Pollo	NCPA
Tary Zimmer	NCPA
Joel Wedesma	NCPA
Jeremy Lawson	NCPA
Marty Hanks	NCPA
Jane Huckhardt	NCPA
Kandy Howard	NCPA

## Teleconference call only due to Covid19.

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>
ALAMEDA	✓
BART	
BIGGS	✓
GRIDLEY	✓
HEALDSBURG	
LODI	✓
LOMPOC	
PALO ALTO	✓
PLUMAS-SIERRA REC	✓
PORT OF OAKLAND	✓
REDDING	✓
ROSEVILLE	✓
SANTA CLARA	✓
TID	
UKIAH	