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# Minutes

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Date: December 2, 2015  
To: Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee  
From: Carrie Pollo - Legislative and Regulatory Program Assistant  
Subject: September 30, 2015 Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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## *Item #1 – Opening Remarks & Introductions*

Chair Bob Lingl, Mayor, City of Lompoc called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm, followed by introductions of all in attendance.

## *Item #2 – Approval of Minutes*

Motion: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2015 regular meeting and the September 14, 2015 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLICFORUM**

No members of the public were present.

## **REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (3:10pm-5:00pm)**

### *Item #3 – Presentations & Discussion*

NCPA invited a panel of senior state energy and environmental policy leaders to discuss key issues of importance to public power including the recent passage of SB 350 and state implementation of the Federal Clean Power Plan.

Jane Cirrincione provided introductions for each of the panelists: Cliff Rechtschaffen, Senior Advisor, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board; Peter Miller, Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council, and; Matthew Freedman, Staff Attorney, The Utility Reform Network.

Cliff Rechtschaffen spoke to the Governor's Climate Change "Pillars", which are policies to reduce emissions to meet the 2030 greenhouse gas emissions target. The pillars include (1) reducing today's petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50 percent; (2) increasing from one-third to 50

percent our electricity derived from renewable sources; (3) doubling the energy efficiency savings achieved at existing buildings and making heating fuels cleaner; (4) reducing the release of methane, black carbon, and other short-lived climate pollutants; (5) managing farm and rangelands, forests and wetlands so they can store carbon; and (6) periodically updating the state's climate adaptation strategy: Safeguarding California.

Edie Chang highlighted the importance of electrifying the transportation sector in order to achieve both climate change and clean air policy objectives.

Peter Miller expressed gratitude to NCPA for working with NRDC on the energy efficiency portion on SB 350 and acknowledged that there is much work still to be done with regard to implementing programs to achieve the Governor's goal of doubling the energy savings by 2030.

Matthew Freedman provided an overview of the history of the California Renewables Portfolio Standard and how the program has changed over time. He expressed reservations about the California ISO's plans to become more of a regional entity and how that might undermine California policy objectives. He also mentioned that TURN is supportive of Austin Energy's "Value of Solar" program as a potential successor to California utility NEM programs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Lingl at 5:00 pm.