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# Meeting Minutes

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**To:** Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee  
**From:** Robyn Jackson, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Assistant  
**Subject:** February 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes, NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee

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

NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Chair Mark Chandler, City of Lodi, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. A quorum was present. Introductions were made. Those in attendance are shown on the attached attendance list.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

## **REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

### ***Item #2 – Approval of Minutes***

**Motion:** A motion was made by Jerry Serventi, City of Alameda, and seconded by Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville, to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting, and Minutes from L&R Committee Special Meetings held on December 9, 2020, December 15, 2020, January 5, 2021, January 12, 2021, January 22, 2021 and February 22, 2021. **A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. Santa Clara abstained and San Francisco BART, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra and Lake Shasta were absent.**

### ***Item #3 – Review and discussion of the FY 2022 proposed budget to support the NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee’s strategic plan.***

Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, provided an overview and review of the budget planning process for the FY2022 Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Budget. She reported that the \$1.28 million operating budget includes 66% for State and Federal Advocacy, 13% for Western Programs, 9% for Customer Programs, 6% for Key Coalitions, and 6% for miscellaneous expenses. The breakdown of the \$1.28 million operating budget does not include (\$494,441) in pass-through costs. Ms. Cirrincione reported

that the net effective change in the FY2022 L&R baseline budget is \$10,000, or a .7% increase, to the FY2021 budget related primarily to NCPA's engagement at the board level in the California Electric Transportation Coalition, which plays a key role in shaping electric vehicle policies. After a discussion of the NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee a roll call vote was taken to approve and recommend the NCPA Commission approve the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs FY 2022 budget. ***A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. San Francisco BART, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra, and Shasta Lake were absent.***

#### ***Item #4 – Customer Programs***

Emily Lemei, Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, provided an update on the expected growth of transportation electrification and anticipated regulatory proceedings for the coming year. She reviewed the upcoming statutory deadlines for submitting an annual energy efficiency report and establishing ten-year annual targets for energy efficiency savings.

***Item #5 – Multi-task Consulting Services Agreement with AESI-US, Inc.***— Emily Lemei, Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, presented background information and requested a Committee recommendation for Commission approval of Resolution 21-11 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a two-year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with AESI-US, Inc. for utility physical security plan technical advisory and/or independent evaluation services, with a not to exceed amount of \$500,000. Services are for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. She explained that work completed by this consultant would be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge under NCPA's Shared Services Agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville, and seconded by Steven Poncelet, Truckee-Donner PUD, recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with AESI-US, Inc., with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years, for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members. ***A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. San Francisco BART, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra, and Shasta Lake were absent.***

***Item #6 – Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.***— Pulled from the Agenda, no action taken.

***Item #7 – Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with iParametrics LLC***— Emily Lemei, Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, presented background information and requested a Committee recommendation for Commission approval of Resolution 21-13 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a two-year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with iParametrics LLC, for utility physical security plan technical advisory and/or independent evaluation services, with a not to exceed amount of \$500,000. Services are for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. She explained that work completed by this consultant would be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge under NCPA's Shared Services Agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Patrick Keener, City of Redding, and seconded by Greg Scharff, City of Palo Alto, recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with iParametrics LLC, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel,

which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years, for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members. **A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. San Francisco BART, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah were absent.**

**Item #8 – Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc.—**

Emily Lemei, Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, presented background information and requested a Committee recommendation for Commission approval of Resolution 21-14 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a two-year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc., for utility physical security plan technical advisory and/or independent evaluation services, with a not to exceed amount of \$500,000. Services are for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. She explained that work completed by this consultant would be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge under NCPA's Shared Services Agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville, and seconded by Greg Scharff, City of Palo Alto, recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc., with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years, for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members. **A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. San Francisco BART, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra, Truckee-Donner PUD, and Ukiah were absent.**

**Item #9 – Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Guidehouse Inc.—** Emily Lemei, Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, presented background information and requested a Committee recommendation for Commission approval of Resolution 21-15 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a two-year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Guidehouse Inc., for utility physical security plan technical advisory and/or independent evaluation services, with a not to exceed amount of \$500,000. Services are for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. She explained that work completed by this consultant would be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge under NCPA's Shared Services Agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Steven Poncelet, City of Truckee-Donner PUD, and seconded by Jerry Serventi, City of Alameda, recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Guidehouse Inc, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years, for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members. **A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. San Francisco BART, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra, Truckee-Donner PUD, and Shasta Lake were absent.**

**Item #10 – Federal Legislative Overview**

Jack Lincoln and Marty Kanner provided an overview of the political landscape in Washington, D.C., highlighting recent action on COVID-19 relief and climate legislation that is at the forefront of the legislative agenda for Congress. Following this overview, we provided the L&R Committee with a run-through of our four issue paper topics that NCPA would be highlighting during upcoming virtual meetings with our congressional delegation as part of the APPA Legislative Rally in March. In an overview of these issues, Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Kanner discussed climate and clean energy investments, COVID-19 relief priorities for public power,

wildfires and NCPA's sediment removal project, as well as CVP and CVPIA. They also touched on the recent Texas power outages and what to expect with regard to possible policy responses from Congress and federal regulatory and oversight agencies such as FERC and NERC. Lastly, they gave an overview of the ongoing Speakers Series and provided a snapshot of upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

***Item #11 – Federal Power Program***

Regina Rieger, Federal Power Resources Program Manager, briefed members on several items related to the Federal hydropower resource, including updates from the Bureau of Reclamation leadership on Central Valley Project Improvement Act Business Practice Guidelines and efforts to evaluate CVPIA completion, and provided a reminder that Central Valley Project 2025 Base Resource Contracts are due to Western Area Power Administration on March 16, 2021.

***Item #12 – State Legislative Affairs***

Sarah Taheri, State Government Relations & External Affairs Manager, and Gregg Cook, Principal, Government Affairs Consulting, provided an update on state legislation introduced in advance of the 2021 bill introduction deadline. Topics discussed included legislative efforts related to COVID-19 relief, broadband and pole attachments, wildfires, environmental justice, energy resources and infrastructure, and clean transportation. Ms. Taheri also provided an update on the Agency's external affairs activity.

***Item #13 – Regulatory Affairs***

Scott Tomashefsky, NCPA's Regulatory Affairs Manager, briefed the Committee about recent appointments made by President Biden at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and the Department of the Interior. Also included was a recap of appointments made by Governor Newsom at the CPUC, the CEC, and CAISO. Mr. Tomashefsky provided an additional update about the polar vortex that impacted Texas in early February and the potential implications it may have on the future development of electric reliability standards. He ended the briefing with a status report regarding the CEC's Integrated Energy Policy Report, CARB's Scoping Plan, and the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board.

***Item #14 – Other Issues***

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting was moved to adjournment by Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Chair Mark Chandler, City of Lodi, at 3:55 pm.

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Special L&R Affairs Committee Meeting and Teleconference  
February 24, 2021  
COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Attendance List**

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

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
<b>1 - ALAMEDA</b>	Jerry Serventi
<b>2 - BIGGS</b>	James "Bo" Sheppard
<b>3 - GRIDLEY</b>	Paul Eckert
<b>4 - HEALDSBURG</b>	
<b>5 - LODI</b>	Mark Chandler
<b>6 - LOMPOC</b>	Jennelle Osborne
<b>7 - PALO ALTO</b>	Greg Scharff
<b>8 - PLUMAS-SIERRA REC</b>	Corby Erwin
<b>9 - PORT OF OAKLAND</b>	Jared Carpenter
<b>10 - REDDING</b>	Patrick Keener
<b>11 - ROSEVILLE</b>	Pauline Roccucci
<b>12 – SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT</b>	Jared Carpenter
<b>13 – SANTA CLARA</b>	Sudhanshu "Suds" Jain
<b>14 – SHASTA LAKE</b>	
<b>15 – TRUCKEE DONNER</b>	Steve Poncelet
<b>16 - UKIAH</b>	Mel Grandi

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<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Robert Oberta	Alameda
Vidhi Chawla	Alameda
Jeff Berkheimer	Lodi
Melissa Price	Lodi
C.J. Berry	Lompoc
Heather Dauler	Palo Alto
Bill Newberg	Plumas-Sierra REC
Emily Compton	Plumas-Sierra REC
Leslie Bryan	Redding
Chris Romero	Roseville
Kathleen Hughes	Santa Clara
Ann Hatcher	Santa Clara
Gregg Cook	Government Affairs Consulting
Susie Berlin	Law Office of Susie Berlin
Randy Howard	NCPA
Jane Cirrincione	NCPA
Scott Tomashefsky	NCPA
Regina Rieger	NCPA
Sarah Taheri	NCPA
Emily Lemei	NCPA
Jack Lincoln	NCPA
Robyn Jackson	NCPA
Joel Ledesma	NCPA
Jane Luckhardt	NCPA
Randy Bowersox	NCPA

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