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# Committee Minutes

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**To:** NCPA Executive Committee

**From:** Cary A. Padgett - Assistant Secretary

**Subject:** January 28, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting / Teleconference Minutes

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1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair David Hagele via teleconference at 8:00 am.

Executive Committee Members present via teleconference were Chair David Hagele, Pauline Roccucci, Greg Scharff, and Jerry Serventi. Mark Chandler was absent. A quorum of the Committee was established.

In attendance via teleconference were General Manager Randy Howard, General Counsel Jane Luckhardt and Assistant Secretary Cary Padgett.

**Public Forum:** Chair Hagele 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.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2020, Regular Executive Committee Meeting. (Motion by Pauline Roccucci, seconded by Jerry Serventi). Motion carried unanimously by the Committee on a roll call vote.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

General Manager Randy Howard reported:

- Staff is moving forward with planning this year's Annual Conference, which being held at the Silverado Resort in Napa the last week of September. As well, staff is working on scheduling the Federal Policy Conference and planning to hold it in the fall. Will continue to provide updates on these events as we get closer to the event dates.
- Provided an update on COVID-19 cases in Placer County. Some staff at headquarters are telecommuting either full or part-time, but there is still about 1/3 of the employees coming into the office every day. Likely not going to see any vaccines in the utility sector any time soon as the state moved to more of age-based process. Over the holidays, did have three Assistant General Manager's impacted by COVID, either tested positive or impacted. At the plants, all fully staffed and operating. Will continue with the current telecommuting arrangement through the end of February.

- Provided an update on the recent storms in the Sierras and at the hydroelectric and geothermal facilities. Did have an outage at hydro due to a tree down on a line, and some challenges with plant employees getting to the office due to the snow. Also had snow at the Geothermal Facility and employees were delayed getting to work due to snow on the road to the plant. There is some concern near the geothermal facility due potential mudslides in the fire damaged areas.
- Starting the internal budget review process. Conducting reviews with the Assistant General Managers and their essential staff. Staff is taking into consideration the impacts this past year has had on our Members budgets due to COVID
- Gave an update on the draft 2021-2026 Strategic Plan (Plan). Due to the new Administration and the Senate Democrat control, there is likely several changes that will need to be considered in the overall Plan. Do need to take another look at the Plan and ensure we are aggressive enough. Asked the Assistant General Managers to go back and take another look at their areas. Also looking at TANC and HCI Plans as we need to be in alignment with them as well. The Committee discussed and agreed with staff taking extra time to reevaluate the overall Plan.

#### 4. **General Counsel Report** – update and monthly report

- Continue to stay very active in the CVPIA litigation. Will discuss this item in more detail during Closed Session.
- Continue to monitor Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Orders regarding COVID.
- Resource Adequacy is starting to become much more active as there is not enough of it in the market and it is very expensive.
- Staff continues to watch the TO Case. At this time, TANC is handling, but NCPA continues to stay engaged.
- Hydro project relicensing is 10-12 years out, but staff is discussing how to preserve the value of the plant.
- Provided an update on Agency contracts and RFP process and reviews.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

5. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** – Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case: *Northern California Power Agency, City of Redding, City of Roseville, and City of Santa Clara v. the United States*, Court of Federal Claims No. 14-817C.

### **RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION**

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session Disclosure:* General Counsel Jane Luckhardt stated there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

Sincerely,



CARY A. PADGETT  
Assistant Secretary