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# Committee Minutes

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**To:** NCPA Executive Committee

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

**Subject:** February 25, 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 8:09 am.

Executive Committee Members present via teleconference were Chair David Hagele, Mark Chandler, Jenelle Osborne, Pauline Roccucci, Greg Scharff, and Jerry Serventi. 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 January 28, 2021, Regular Executive Committee Meeting. (Motion by Pauline Roccucci, seconded by Greg Scharff). Motion carried by a majority of the Committee members on a roll call vote. Jenelle Osborne abstained.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

General Manager Randy Howard reported:

- COVID-19 restrictions continue to shift downward in cases and hospitalizations in Placer County. Sent a memo to Headquarters' employees offering to continue optional, full-time telecommuting through April 2, pending their manager's approval. Still have roughly a third of the employees working full-time in the building. At this time, no Headquarter employee is eligible for the vaccine.
- Last month, spoke at the American Public Power Association's (APPA) virtual Joint Action Agency workshop and shared what NCPA is doing with regards to green hydrogen, and noted there is a lot of interest on this topic industry wide.
- APPA is holding its annual Legislative & Resolutions Committee meeting (virtual) next week. NCPA has submitted three resolutions (COVID Relief, Sediment Removal and Hydrogen) for Committee consideration and approval.

- Was asked to be the West Coast representative at the virtual meetings with the Chair and Commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission next week. A representative from Texas and the East Coast will also be represented. Was also asked to speak at APPA's National Conference in Orlando, Florida mid-June, on a CEO forum of resilience and response.
- Continue to monitor and have some concerns with regards to NCPA's hydro resources during the summer and fall. Levels are going to be well under normal.
- During the Texas energy crisis this past week, NCPA's resources were all available and running. NCPA was not able to support Texas directly, but were available and supporting Arizona, Oregon and Washington.
- At this time, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) displacement power is not running through the CVP Corp due to low water levels.
- Mentioned that staff is going through the budget review process with the Committees and the Utility Directors. The FY21 budget reflects no dollars spent on travel or events, and asked each department to encumber those unspent funds for future travel and events. The Committee discussed and agreed with staff's recommendation.
- Assistant General Manager Monty Hanks and Human Resources Manager Elizabeth Gonzalez joined the meeting for a discussion on the NCPA's labor agreements (Memorandum of Understandings for the Geothermal and Hydroelectric represented employees) that expire at the end of the year. Internal staff have met and put together a timeline and schedule for negotiations. The Committee asked staff to add a Closed Session item to the next Committee meeting Agenda for further discussion.

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

General Counsel Jane Luckhardt reported:

- Mentioned the Texas energy crisis with regards to the investigation that will take place due to the multi-day power outages during the freeze. Staff will continue to watch and monitor the outcomes of that event.
- Gave an update on the review the CAISO conducted on NCPA's energy exchange program, in reference to the heat wave that took place in the summer of 2020. As a result of the review, NCPA schedulers will change how they use the program going forward.
- Plan to rollout a new Legal Department contract and litigation tracking system for monitoring all NCPA contracts and litigation. The system will assist the Legal Department in tracking the contracts and litigation from the inception of a contract until it's fully executed. It will also provide the originator of the contract that ability to see and track their contract through the legal review process. The system is being created in-house within the NCPA SharePoint electronic filing program.

### **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.
6. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** – Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): *Voluntary Petitions for Filing of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, PG&E Corporation, Debtor, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Debtor*, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, jointly administered under No. 19-30088.

## **RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION**

All meeting attendees rejoined the public meeting.

## **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 9:21 am.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Secretary