

# **Approval of MTCSA Flynn Resource Consultants, Inc.**

Facilities Committee

May 3, 2017

## Background

- Transmission costs have become a significant portion of the members' cost of service
- Per member direction, NCPA is actively engaged in various activities related to transmission planning, design and advocacy
  - TO 18 proceeding
  - FERC Complaint filed against PG&E
- NCPA does not currently maintain staff resources that are solely dedicated to transmission planning and study activities (transmission planner)

## Transmission Planning Activities

- In order for NCPA to actively engage in transmission planning and design activities, staff proposes the following:
  - Use internal resources to participate in transmission planning and study activities, as available
  - Establish an enabling agreement with a qualified third party to perform such services on behalf of NCPA, as needed
- Staff further propose the following:
  - Develop a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Flynn Resource Consultants, Inc.
    - Professional consulting firm with extensive experience in the CAISO and PTO transmission planning processes and study efforts
    - Will enable NCPA to access services provided by Flynn Resource Consultants, Inc., as needed (focused Scope of Work)

## MTSCA

- Scope of Work
  - Transmission Planning and Design
    - Transmission planning studies and design activities
    - Submission of comments and proposals
    - Specific project study and review
    - GIP study and review
  - Regulatory and Advocacy Support
    - Monitor and participate in regulatory proceedings
    - Advocacy support related to transmission planning and design
- Term: three (3) years
- Compensation: Not-to-Exceed \$1 Million
- Contract Form: NCPA standard MTCSA

## Recommendation

- NCPA staff recommends Facilities Committee approval and recommendation for Commission approval of a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement (MTCSA) between NCPA and Flynn Resource Consultants, Inc., and delegation of authority to the General Manager of NCPA to enter into the agreement, on behalf of NCPA, including any non-substantive modifications to the agreement approved by NCPA's General Counsel.

# Questions / Comments