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# Minutes

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**To:** Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee  
**From:** Robyn Jackson, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Assistant  
**Subject:** February 20, 2019, Meeting Minutes, NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee

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

Committee Chair Mark Chandler, Mayor of the City of Lodi, called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm, followed by introductions of all in attendance. Those in attendance are shown on the attached attendance list.

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

**Motion:** A motion was made by Heather Dauler, City of Palo Alto, and seconded by Teresa O'Neill, City of Santa Clara, to approve the minutes from November 28, 2018 (Regular) and February 4, 2019 (Special) Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Meetings. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

## **REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

### ***Item # 3 – NCPA Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Budget Workshop***

Jane Cirrincione, NCPA Assistant General Manager Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, provided an overview and review of the budget planning process for the FY2020 Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Budget.

She explained that the proposed \$1.25 million operating budget amount does not reflect (\$455,921) in pass-through cost. The \$1.25 million operating budget includes 67% for State and Federal Advocacy, 15% for Western Programs, 6% for Member Services, 6% for Coalition Development, and 6% for other expenses.

Ms. Cirrincione outlined the key changes to the FY2020 baseline budget compared to FY2019. Notable increases include \$30,000 to customer programs support services, \$3,000 for travel and \$2,162 for CMUA membership dues. Decreases include the

elimination of \$160,000 Western Management Consultant, \$22,000 Western Contract Support, and \$10,000 Member Travel. Ms. Cirrincione reported that the net effective change in the FY2020 L&R baseline budget to be \$156,838 or 11.1% below the FY2019 budget, and significantly below NCPA Commission authorization of a 2.7% budget increase.

A motion was made by Teresa O'Neill, City of Santa Clara, and seconded by Roger Frith, City of Biggs, to approve the NCPA Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee 2020 Strategic Plan. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

***Item #4 – Federal Legislative Report***

Brent ten Pas, NCPA Federal Affairs Manager, and Marty Kanner, Kanner & Associates, briefed the committee in preparation for the upcoming APPA Legislative Rally. Highlights from the briefing included a summary of NCPA position papers addressing CVP power threats, a need to restore local control for pole attachments, and a desire to protect California energy investments. Also included in the briefing was a review of five resolutions up for approval at the APPA L&R Committee, including three that were co-sponsored by NCPA. The rest of the report provided an update on activities related to the federal government partial shutdown and a first look at the FY2020 federal budget.

***Item #5 – Federal Power Program Update***

Regina Rieger, NCPA Federal Power Resources Program Manager, highlighted the key issues related to the cost-competitiveness of the Central Valley Project preference power resources and the presidential memorandum promoting the reliable supply and delivery of water in the West. Ms. Rieger provided an overview of NCPA's Western power working group, and the ongoing Western and Reclamation leadership transition.

***Item #6 – Wildfire Policy Update***

Sarah Taheri, NCPA State Government Relations and External Affairs Manager, and Scott Tomashefsky, NCPA Regulatory Affairs Manager, updated members on several legislative issues that NCPA is monitoring. Topics discussed included wildfire policy updates from various regulatory and legislative proceedings, developments on utility wildfire mitigation plans including an overview of a recent CPUC workshop on the topic, an update on the status of the CPUC's de-energization proceeding, and updates on state legislation related to wildfires. NCPA staff also provided an overview of key dates for upcoming wildfire proceedings and deadlines.

***Item #7 – State Legislative Report***

Sarah Taheri provided an overview of this year's state legislative calendar and deadlines followed by an update on key state legislative issues to be addressed this session. Topics included discussion of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) long-term contracting and centralized procurement issues, as well as introduced legislation on clean transportation, building decarbonization, and renewable energy.

***Item #8 Customer Programs Update***

Emily Lemei, NCPA Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, outlined the latest developments in Transportation Electrification: LCFS amended regulations effective January 2019, new opportunities for credits, and the Clean Fuel Reward program. She also provided updates on Demand Management, including a newly expanded vendor list, three new EM&V

contracts finalized and available, and the newly launched energy efficiency reporting platform which was a joint project with SCPA and CMUA. Customer Engagement and Distributed Generation working groups will begin to meet in Quarter 2.

#### **#9– Regulatory Affairs Update**

Scott Tomaszewski, NCPA Regulatory Affairs Manager, briefed the committee on key state and federal initiatives including the activities of the California Air Resources Board on the cap-and-trade program's post-2020 rulemaking and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program. Mr. Tomaszewski also provided updates on the California Energy Commission's Renewables Portfolio Standard program, as well as key developments related to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

#### **Item #10– Upcoming Events/Other Issues**

Jane Cirrincione, NCPA Assistant General Manager Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, announced upcoming 2019 NCPA advocacy events,

- February 25-28: APPA Legislative Rally, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC
- April 25 - May 2: NCPA/NWPPA Federal Policy Conference, Washington, DC
- September 25-27: NCPA Annual Conference, Resort at Squaw Creek, Squaw Valley

The next NCPA L&R Committee Meeting will be held at NCPA Headquarters, 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, California 95678 on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 12:00 pm.

#### **Item #11 – Other Issues**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting moved to adjournment by Chair Mark Chandler, City of Lodi, at 3:50 pm.