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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:** March 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes, NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee

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

NCPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Vice Chair Mark Chandler, City of Lodi, called the meeting to order at 12:04 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 Jenelle Osborne, City of Lompoc, to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2022 regular meeting and the minutes from the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee special meetings held on February 7, 2022. *A majority carried the motion on a roll call vote. San Francisco BART, Plumas-Sierra, and Port of Oakland were absent.*

### ***Item #3 Federal Affairs***

Jack Lincoln, Federal Affairs and Member Programs Manager, and Marty Kanner, Kanner & Associates, provided an overview of federal legislative updates and current trends including efforts to resurrect clean energy tax credits from the Build Back Better Act for inclusion in a standalone energy/tax package and FY 2022 government spending bill. Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Kanner briefed the Committee on the key issues that will be the focus of the 2023 NCPA/NWPPA Federal Policy Conference, including securing federal infrastructure funding for green hydrogen development, sediment removal, EV charging infrastructure. Additional measures for fire mitigation were also noted as a priority area. Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Kanner went over the meeting schedule for those members attending the policy meetings on Capitol Hill and at the federal agencies.

### ***Item #4 Federal Power Program***

Regina Rieger, Federal Power Resources Program Manager, provided an update on CVP operations nearing unchartered territory with below-average storage, precipitation, and snowpack. Projected water releases and water temperature management will likely drive resource availability. Ms. Rieger highlighted the recent development of summary white papers on key CVP topics that have been prepared for NCPA's Federal Power Working Group. Topics addressed include CVP/CVPIA cost allocation and pending actions, Shasta River Temperature Management Plan, BiOps (ESA) new consultation, Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plans, the status of storage and conveyance project, WAPA/BOR outlook and CVP Corp activities and opportunities.

#### ***Item #5 Customer Programs***

Emily Lemei, Customer Programs Manager & Regulatory Affairs, provided an update on the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) new funding programs available for all-electric homes, including the Building Initiative for Low-emissions Development (BUILD) Program and the California Electric Homes Program. Ms. Lemei also highlighted the current availability of CEC block grants for EV Infrastructure and the CEC's proposed medium- and heavy-duty funding allocation of \$690 million available in FY21-23. Ms. Lemei concluded with a reminder of the grant tracking spreadsheet for NCPA members that will be coming soon.

#### ***Item #6 State Legislative Affairs***

Gregg Cook, Government Affairs Consulting, provided an update on key bills of interest to NCPA being considered, including bills on green hydrogen, zero-emission vehicle acceleration, and electric utility infrastructure. Mr. Cook addressed NCPA's engagement in the March 25, 2022 informational hearing held by the Senate Select Committee on Hydrogen Energy. It was reported that NCPA General Manager Randy Howard testified at the hearing on behalf of NCPA. Other legislative advocacy efforts discussed include an ACWA-CMUA dam safety budget proposal which includes NCPA's sediment removal project, and SB1158's proposed greenhouse gas emissions reporting requirements.

#### ***Item #7 Regulatory Affairs***

Scott Tomashefsky, NCPA's Regulatory Affairs Manager, began with an update on the CEC's new Commissioner and an overview of several new proceedings of interest at the CEC related to decarbonizing the gas system and the future role of distributed energy resources in California. On the topic of CARB scoping plan developments, Mr. Tomashefsky shared that spreadsheet modeling is largely complete, and the environmental justice objections continue. Mr. Tomashefsky closed with an update on key transmission planning and grid reliability developments at FERC and NERC.

#### ***Item #8 – Other Issues***

Jack Lincoln, Federal Affairs and Member Programs Manager, announced upcoming events for 2022: the NCPA/NWPPA Federal Policy Conference scheduled for April 3–7 in Washington, D.C., and the NCPA Annual Conference to be held September 21–23 in Olympic Valley, California.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting was moved to adjournment by Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Vice Chair Mark Chandler, City of Lodi, at 2:34 pm.