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NHA Applauds Napolitano and McClintock Comments about Hydro *Water and Power Subcommittee members recognize hydropower's contributions*

Washington, D.C. (March 8, 2010) – The National Hydropower Association applauds the recent comments from House Water and Power Subcommittee Chairwoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA) and Ranking Member Tom McClintock (R-CA) regarding the need for hydropower.

"We were pleased to see both Chairwoman Napolitano and Ranking Member McClintock raise several important issues regarding the future of hydropower," said NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci. "Their comments show a strong understanding of the issues affecting our industry, especially on the federal side, as well as a clear vision for a future where hydropower continues to play its strong role in serving our country."

In her opening remarks, Chairwoman Napolitano said, "We need hydropower because it is the cleanest, cheapest energy we have." She described the kind of public policy that could support the hydropower industry as having "effective leadership, strong vision, and the proper amount of funding."

Ranking Member McClintock echoed these sentiments. He noted, "We need to get back to the basics, protecting and developing the original green power: hydropower."

Church Ciocci said that both statements reflected the strong support hydropower has as a way to address the country's energy, environmental, and economic needs. "I applaud and thank them both for their leadership. NHA stands ready to work with them -- and all members of Congress -- to ensure that all Americans will continue to enjoy the benefits of the country's largest domestic renewable resource."

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