



## **NHA Vision and Mission**

**Vision:** Double the contribution of Hydropower - America's first, largest, most flexible renewable energy resource – to drive economic development and help achieve a sustainable and secure clean energy future.

**Mission:** Champion the resurgence of Hydropower, in all of its forms, as America's premier carbon-free renewable energy resource. Focus on growth, technological advancement, operational excellence, streamlined licensing, environmental stewardship, improved value recognition, and enhanced general awareness through collaboration, education and outreach.

## **Strategic Plan Goals**

1. Drive legislative and regulatory policies that improve the efficiency and certainty of Hydropower licensing/permitting processes, enhance Hydropower's economic viability, and expand Hydropower's clean energy role.
2. Strengthen the positive opinion of Hydropower among policy makers, opinion leaders and the public.
3. Achieve a strong, healthy, effective and growing National Hydropower Association.
4. Meet member needs toward achieving strong, healthy and successful member Hydropower programs.

## **Legislative and Regulatory Policy Priority Actions Items**

The 2017 legislative and regulatory policy priorities for NHA (under the 2017 Strategic Plan Goals and Board Priority Action Items) are:

- **Hydro 2.0:** Secure hydropower licensing reforms through legislative action (energy bill, infrastructure bill, other vehicles) using S.2012, H.R. 8 and the Senate energy conference report offer as the foundation for a potential package. (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1 and Board Priority Action 1)
- **Administrative Action:** Advance licensing improvements and regulatory reform through proactive engagement and action with the White House, FERC, and agencies, in coordination with identified administration priorities on energy and infrastructure. (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1 and Board Priority Action 1)

- **Tax Incentives:** Secure favorable tax policies for hydropower, pumped storage and marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) development (tax credits and preservation of tax-exempt financing are the top priorities). Pursue both comprehensive tax reform and a tax extenders package as pathways for success. (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1 and Board Priority Action 2)
- **Value Recognition:** Support the outcomes of the work of the Value Recognition Task Force through advancements of legislative, regulatory and market policies.
- **EPAct 2005 Section 242 and 243 Incentives:** Secure the reauthorization of the hydropower production and efficiency incentive payment programs. Monitor and ensure continued successful DOE implementation of the programs. (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1)
- **FY 2018 Appropriations:** Secure continued robust appropriations funding for conventional hydropower, pumped storage and MHK technologies for FY 2017 DOE Water Power R&D program, including continued funding for the Section 242 program. (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1)
- **Hydropower Vision Report:** Promote the Department of Energy's Hydropower Vision Report and utilize the document to support NHA's policy work (i.e. reference in testimony, comments, etc). (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1 and Board Priority Action 8)
- **General Congressional and Administration Education Outreach:** Utilize opportunities to educate new members of Congress and the Administration on the state of the U.S. hydropower industry and policy needs to support continued growth. (Supports 2017 Strategic Plan Goal 1 and 2)

These policy priorities are the critical near-term components of achieving the goals for the Association, specifically the 2017 Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 2 and the Board Priority Actions. NHA also engages in a variety of other policy debates and initiatives, which contribute to achieving all of the Goals outlined above. These legislative and regulatory priorities should be viewed as the primary, but not exclusive, policy focus of the organization during 2017.