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NHA Alaska Regional Meeting
Baranof Hotel – 127 N Franklin St., Juneau, AK 99801

AGENDA

August 18, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Reception – Capitol Room**

August 19, 2019

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Networking Breakfast & Registration – Treadwell Room**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**

Jeff Leahey, National Hydropower Association
Alvin Thoma, PG&E, and Chair of the NHA Board
John Duhamel, Copper Valley Electric Association

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

Keynote Speakers:

Commissioner Julie Anderson, of the Alaska Department of
Commerce, Community and Economic Development
U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (pre-recorded)
U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (pre-recorded)

9:30 – 10:10 a.m. **NHA Washington Update**

Jeff Leahey, NHA

10:10 – 10:30 a.m. **Morning Networking Break**

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **APA Alaska Update**

Crystal Enkvist, Alaska Power Association

- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **From New Technology to New Approaches – Making Small Hydropower in Alaska a Reality**
Moderators: Wayne Dyok, H2O EcoPower and Michael Rovito, APA
Come hear the lessons learned from communities and project developers seeking to build new hydropower projects throughout the state. From technology innovation to new financing/funding mechanisms to novel approaches to licensing, this session will address those opportunities and challenges facing Alaskan hydro deployment.
Speakers:
Melissa Kookesh, Kootznoowoo, Inc.
Eric Wolfe, McMillen Jacobs Associates
Gary Hennigh, City of King Cove, Alaska
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. ***Networking Lunch***
- 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Regulatory Update – New and Proposed Policies that May Impact Hydro Owners and Developers**
Moderator: Heidi Wahto, Stantec
The federal government is re-examining and proposing changes to regulatory programs impacting hydro development, such as Clean Water Act Sections 401 and 402, the Endangered Species Act, and FERC licensing. Attendees will get the up-to-the-minute status of these developments and learn how these changes may affect their project proposals.
Speakers:
Chuck Sensiba, Troutman Sanders, LLP
Matthew Love, Van Ness Feldman, LLP
Michael R. Campbell, Stoel Rives, LLP
- 2:30 – 2:50 p.m. ***Afternoon Networking Break I***
- 2:50 – 4:00 p.m. **Hydro Owner-Vendor Dialogue Session**
Moderator: Steve Wenke, Avista Utilities
Turbines, generators, controls and more – hydro owners rely on equipment manufacturers for a high performing project. This Q&A session with the vendor community and project owners will highlight industry trends, discuss changes and advances in equipment, and answer your technical questions.
Speakers:
Scott Towle, L&S Electric
Steve Potter, Unico Mechanical Corp.
Christy Yearous, Alaska Electric Light & Power
Wayne McKinzey, Copper Valley Electric Association
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. ***Afternoon Networking Break II***

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Hot Topics Roundtable

Moderator: Trey Acteson, Southeast Alaska Power Agency

This session will provide an update and spur discussion on a variety of issues including preparing for and responding to drought conditions, developing PM&E programs for FERC exempt projects, and the effects of changing federal and state policies regarding dam safety. Audience participation is encouraged – come share your stories and ask questions!

Speakers:

Connie Hulbert, Alaska Electric Light & Power

Ed Zapel, HDR Engineering, Inc.

Michael Rovito, APA

5:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Wrap-up

Alvin Thoma, PG&E, and Chair of the NHA Board

6:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

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8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast – Treadwell Room

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

NHA Operational Excellence Workshop

- Introduction to Operational Excellence
 - Background
 - Program Benefits – Knowledge Transfer with Event Reports
 - Website Content and Functionality
 - Results – To – Date
- Human Performance – Introduction
 - Human Performance
 - Introduction to Human Performance
 - Error Reduction
 - Controls
 - Human Performance Tools
- Human Performance Application with OpEx Event Reports
- Wrap Up

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Tours**

One hour tours of Alaska Electric Light & Power's Gold Creek Hydro Plant. AEL&P will be offering several tours of their Gold Creek Plant: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. Staff from AEL&P will meet attendees in the parking lot of Centennial Hall, please look for "Tours Starting Here" signage. The address for Centennial Hall is 101 Egan Dr, Juneau, AK 99801, it is a five minute walk to the plant.