2019 NHA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MEETING
Embassy Suites by Hilton Sacramento Riverfront Promenade
100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

December 9, 2019

7:30 – 8:00 AM
Registration

8:00 – 8:15 AM
Opening Remarks and Introduction
Randy Howard, General Manager, Northern California Power Agency

8:15 – 8:30 AM
NHA Washington Update
Malcolm Woolf, NHA President and CEO

8:30 – 9:00 AM
State Policy Update: Q&A
Introduction: Randy Howard, General Manager, NCPA
Speaker: Kip Lipper, Chief Policy Advisor on Energy and Environment, CA State Senate President Pro Tempore

9:00 – 10:30 AM
Insights on California’s Energy Needs
Moderator: Scott Flake, Principal Power Generation Consultant
Panelist 1: Mark Rothleder, Vice President, Market Quality and California Regulatory Affairs for the California Independent System Operator
Panelist 2: Nancy Ryan, Partner, E3
Panelist 3: Jan Smutny-Jones, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers

10:30 – 11:00 AM
Morning Networking Break

11:00 – 11:30 AM
The California Grid: CPUC Perspective

11:30 – 12:30 PM
Oroville Dam Insights
Moderator: Jim Miller, Signal Hydropower Consultants
Panelist 1: John Yarbrough, Principal Engineer, California Department of Water Resources
Panelist 2: Joel Ledesma, Assistant General Manager for Generation Services, Northern California Power Agency
12:30 – 1:30 PM  
**Networking Lunch**

1:30 – 2:15 PM  
**Operational Excellence Panel: Hydro Operators and Adjusting Emergency Response Operations**  
Moderator: Jim Gill, Sr. Client Manager, HDR  
Panelist 1: Eric Brown, Program Manager, Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
Panelist 2: Randy Bowersox, Manager, Northern California Power Agency  
Panelist 3: Willie Whittlesey, Assistant General Manager, Yuba Water Agency

2:15 – 3:15 PM  
**Clean Water Act sec 401**  
Moderator: Dennis Cakert, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, NHA  
Panelist 1: Richard Roos-Collins, Water and Power Law Group  
Panelist 2: Chuck Sensiba, Partner, Troutman Sanders  
Panelist 3: Mike Swiger, Partner, Van Ness Feldman

3:15 – 3:45 PM  
**Afternoon Networking Break**

3:45 – 3:55 PM  
**Overview of National Energy Education Development Project**  
Barry Scott, State Program Coordinator, NEED

3:55 – 5:15 PM  
**Hot Topics!**  
Moderator: Jill Miller, Stantec  
Topic/Speaker:  
- WOTUS – TBD, Van Ness Feldman  
- ESA – Angela Levin, Partner, Troutman Sanders  
- The CVP – Raphael Torres, Executive Advisor, CA Department of Water Resources  
- Community Choice Aggregators – Beth Vaughn, Executive Director, CalCCA

5:15 PM  
**Meeting Wrap-up**

5:30 – 7:00 PM  
**Networking Reception**

**December 10, 2019**  
**Tours**

9:30 – 1:00 PM  
**Tour of CAISO**  
*Bus departs from Embassy Suites at 9:30 AM*  
*For attendees who are not able to join for the tour of Folsom Dam, group transportation back to the hotel will be available at the conclusion of the CAISO tour*

1:00 – 3:00 PM  
**Tour of Folsom Dam**  
*For attendees who are not able to join for the tour of CAISO but wish to tour Folsom Dam, a bus will depart from Embassy Suites at 12:15 PM*

4:00 PM  
*Bus arrives back at Embassy Suites*