December 9, 2019

NHA Regional Meeting – Central Pacific Room

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, President and CEO, NHA

8:30 – 9:00 AM
Hydro Policy Perspective from the Capitol
Randy Howard, General Manager, NCPA
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 and the Role of Hydro
Moderator: Scott Flake, Principal, Power Generation Consultant
Panelists:
Mark Rothleder, Vice President, Market Quality and California Regulatory Affairs for the California Independent System Operator
Nancy Ryan, Partner, E3
Jan Smutny-Jones, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers

10:30 – 11:00 AM
Morning Networking Break

11:00 – 11:30 AM
Dam Safety Benchmarking and CEATI Maturity Matrix
Speakers:
Eric Van Deuren, Director of Power Generation Engineering, PG&E
Chris Hayes, Vice President, CEATI

11:30 – 12:30 PM
Oroville Dam Insights
Moderator: Tom Fitzgerald, Principal, Schnabel Engineering
Panelists:
John Yarbrough, Principal Engineer, California Department of Water Resources
Joel Ledesma, Assistant General Manager for Generation Services, Northern California Power Agency
**12:30 – 1:30 PM**  
*Networking Lunch - Terrace*

**1:30 – 2:15 PM**  
**Operational Excellence Panel: Wrestling with Risks, Responses, and Emergencies**

*Moderator:* Jim Gill, Sr. Client Manager, HDR  
*Panelists:*  
- Eric Brown, Program Manager, Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
- Randy Bowersox, Manager, Northern California Power Agency  
- Willie Whittlesey, Assistant General Manager, Yuba Water Agency

**2:15 – 3:15 PM**  
**Certainty in an Uncertain World: Clean Water Act sec 401**

*Moderator:* Dennis Cakert, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, NHA  
*Panelists:*  
- Richard Roos-Collins, Water and Power Law Group  
- Chuck Sensiba, Partner, Troutman Sanders  
- 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*

*Speaker:* Barry Scott, California State Program Director, NEED

**3:55 – 5:15 PM**  
**Hot Topics!**

*Moderator:* Jill Miller, Principal, WaterPower & Dams, Stantec  
*Topic/Speaker:*  
- WOTUS – Duncan Greene, Partner, Van Ness Feldman  
- ESA – Angela Levin, Partner, Troutman Sanders  
- State Water Project Power Portfolio Management in an Evolving Power Market – Ghassan AlQaser, DWR Chief of Power and Risk Office  
- Klamath Dam Removal – Diane Barr, Principal, Camas, LLC

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

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

**December 10, 2019**  
*Tours – Meet in Embassy Suites Lobby*

**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*