2021 NHA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MEETING
VIRTUAL
December 6 – 7
All times in PT

December 6, 2021
NHA 2021 California Regional Virtual Meeting: Day 1

10:00 – 10:05 AM
Welcome Statement
Zolaikha Strong, National Hydropower Association (NHA)

10:00 – 10:15 AM
Opening Remarks
Neena Kuzmich, San Diego County Water Authority

10:15 – 10:45 AM
NHA Washington Update
Zolaikha Strong, NHA

10:45 – 11:35 AM
Managing Climate-Driven Operational Challenges
Moderator: Diane Barr, Camas LLC
Michael Anderson, Climatology, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Ghassan ALQaser, DWR
Michelle Lent, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)

11:35 – 11:45 AM
NHA 2022: Events and More – Get Plugged In!
Marycella Dumlao, NHA

11:45 – 12:30 PM
Modeling the Future: What is hydro’s role in a zero-carbon grid?
Moderator: Megan Nesbitt, GE
Udi Helman, Helman Analytics
Jason MacDowell, GE Consulting
Greg Brinkman, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

12:30 PM
Closing Statement
Marycella Dumlao, NHA

Emcee: Bella Chinbat, Stantec

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December 7, 2021  2021 NHA California Regional Virtual Meeting: Day 2

10:00 – 10:05 AM  Greeting
Cameron Schilling, NHA

10:05 – 10:30 AM  Emerging Regulatory Issues Affecting Hydropower
• Financial Assurance
• Endangered Species Act
• NEPA
Chuck Sensiba, Troutman Pepper

10:30 – 11:15 AM  Pumped Storage: How can new and existing pumped storage hydro help California meet its climate goals?
Moderator: Josh Gerard, McMillen Jacobs
Ghassan AlQaser, DWR
Neena Kuzmich, SDCWA
Nicholas Sher, GreenGen Storage

11:15 – 12:00 PM  The Dam Safety Landscape: What’s on the Horizon?
Moderator: Eric Van Deuren, PG&E
Shawn Jones, California Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD)
Nicolas Von Gersdorff, Southern California Edison
Bashar Sudah, Metropolitan Water District of California

12:00 PM  Meeting Wrap-up
Marycella Dumlao, NHA

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