Northern California Power Agency Takes Step to Expand Membership by Adding the City of Shasta Lake

Today, the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), a leading public power agency in California consisting of 15 electric utilities, considered an application by the City of Shasta Lake for membership. By a vote of its governing board, NCPA passed a resolution supporting the application and recommending that each of its member utilities approve Shasta Lake’s membership.

“It is a win-win to have Shasta Lake move forward as a member in NCPA,” said Carol Garcia, chair of NCPA and mayor of the City of Roseville, which owns and operates its own electric utility. “NCPA’s resources will assist Shasta Lake in protecting its customers, and Shasta Lake will be able to participate in many of the joint member efforts adding to continued aggregated benefits for all.”

“Shasta Lake has similar goals as NCPA—we are a publicly owned electric utility that wants the ability to tailor programs for our community and offer affordable, clean, reliable power,” said Tom Miller, the electric utility director for Shasta Lake. “With NCPA, we can unite with similar utilities and, through joint action, better protect the city’s ratepayers.”

By joining NCPA, the City of Shasta Lake will have access to NCPA’s influential Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Program. This program has a long track record of shaping energy policy in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

“Energy policy is changing rapidly at both the state and federal level,” said Randy Howard, general manager of NCPA. “Policymakers are constantly faced with decisions that have implications on utilities and ratepayers. Many times, these policymakers are attempting to put in place one-size-fits-all decisions that fail to consider the local needs of a small community, such as Shasta Lake. As a joint action agency, NCPA is able to keep its members engaged in these policy matters and provide cost-effective advocacy for their ratepayers and better serve the local needs.”

It is expected that the City of Shasta Lake will participate in other ongoing programs at NCPA that bring aggregated benefits in resource procurement, public benefits, training, joint material and service procurement, as well as compliance activities.

The next action is for each of NCPA’s 15 member utilities and the City of Shasta Lake to formally approve the city’s membership. Once Shasta Lake becomes a member, the city intends to begin exploring other NCPA services as well as participation in NCPA’s generation services.

About NCPA: Headquartered in Roseville, California, the Northern California Power Agency is a not-for-profit California joint powers agency established in 1968 that represents and helps meet the
power supply needs for its 15 member utilities: the cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, and Ukiah; the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART); the Port of Oakland; the Truckee Donner Public Utility District; and the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative.

The organization and its members have a long-standing commitment to provide California residents with an electricity supply that is reliable, affordable, and socially and environmentally responsible, and have a long tradition of investment in conservation projects. NCPA owns and manages a 700 MW portfolio of hydropower, geothermal, and natural gas projects on behalf of its members.

**About the City of Shasta Lake:** As the name suggests, the City of Shasta Lake is located in Northern California by Shasta Lake and Shasta Dam, which are popular tourist attractions. The city was incorporated in 1993 and includes an electric enterprise formally known as the Shasta Dam Area Public Utility District. The city provides retail electric service to customers located within the city's corporate limits, as well as certain adjacent areas, and serves approximately 4,453 retail customers, of which 4,100 are residential.

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