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**NCPA GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE COMMISSION ON  
CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE COST AND RECOVERY'S DRAFT REPORT**

**ROSEVILLE, Calif.** (May 31, 2019) — The Northern California Power Agency's (NCPA) General Manager Randy Howard issued the following statement on the draft [report](#) issued this week by the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery:

"We are encouraged that the Governor, legislative leaders, and the Commission are focused on solutions that strengthen wildfire mitigation efforts, improve emergency preparedness and response, and ensure that Californians can continue to have access to safe, reliable, and affordable energy. The recommendations in both the draft Commission report and the Governor's Strike Force report build a solid foundation upon which the Legislature can – and must – take action. The consequences of inaction are far too costly for public health and safety, local economies, and the environment."

"While wildfire risks cannot be addressed by the actions of electric utilities alone, NCPA and its members are doing our part by implementing robust vegetation management efforts, supporting public awareness on emergency preparedness, and coordinating closely with other local government departments on emergency response. We are in the process of procuring additional resources to provide technical expertise that will assist both NCPA and our members in establishing vetted wildfire mitigation plans that most effectively address the risks before us."

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Governor's Office and the Legislature on taking recommendations of both the Commission and the Governor's Strike Force and delineating policies that address the risk of wildfires and ensure that our community-owned utilities can continue to offer safe, reliable, and affordable power for years to come."

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**About NCPA:** *Headquartered in Roseville, California, NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to construct and operate renewable and low-emitting generating facilities and assist in meeting the wholesale energy needs of its 16 members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District—collectively serving nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California.*