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Healdsburg Council Member David Hagele Appointed as NCPA Chair

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — December 16, 2020 — NCPA Commissioner and City of Healdsburg Council Member David Hagele has been appointed to serve as Chair of NCPA’s Commission. Chair Hagele was elected to the Healdsburg City Council in 2016, served as Mayor of the city in 2019, and was re-elected as a Council Member in 2020. He has served on the NCPA Commission since his first Council term in 2016.

With personal experience enduring year-after-year of wildfires in the area and, as Mayor, leading the City through evacuations and recovery from the 2019 Kincade Fire, Chair Hagele has been a strong advocate on wildfire-related issues. During Chair Hagele’s first four years on the NCPA Commission, the Agency further enhanced its wildfire mitigation practices through the development of wildfire mitigation plans and implementation of infrastructure upgrades to strengthen the resilience of NCPA’s facilities, including its geothermal power plant located approximately 50 miles northeast of Healdsburg.

“Chair Hagele has an established record as a leader at NCPA,” said NCPA General Manager Randy S. Howard. “He brings a unique understanding of the importance of public power and is a dedicated champion for the beautiful City of Healdsburg.”

Chair Hagele actively advances the Agency’s policy platform via participation in grassroots advocacy with members of Congress and the State Legislature in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento, respectively. Regardless of COVID-19 precautions in 2020, Chair Hagele has engaged in more than 20 virtual sessions with top policymakers—raising key issues of importance for the City of Healdsburg and NCPA. Through these discussions, he has sought assistance to support local COVID-19 recovery, helped secure personal protective equipment for critical infrastructure employees, and underscored the importance of increasing federal and state resources to address wildfires.

Council Member Hagele was instrumental in the City of Healdsburg’s adoption of an e-bike rebate program to encourage residents to bike around Healdsburg instead of driving a car, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled and supporting the community’s focus on promoting sustainable transportation methods. As well, through the Council Member’s work with NCPA, the City is in the process of installing a floating solar array at the City’s wastewater treatment facility; the zero-carbon project will produce about 8% of the city’s electricity needs. More recently, to lessen the impact of the current pandemic, Council Member Hagele supported the approval of additional aid to low-income utility customers by increasing utility discounts and approving energy efficiency programs directed toward low-income housing.

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In addition to his role with NCPA, Council Member Hagele also serves on the City of Healdsburg's Economic Development Steering Committee and as the City's representative for the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA). Chair Hagele holds a bachelor's degree in business from Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. He founded DLH Realty Capital, a Healdsburg-based, commercial real estate finance and consulting firm, in 2004. Through DLH, Chair Hagele has developed and nurtured commercial banking relationships for over 20 years and is a known leader in successfully arranging financing that most find challenging.

The City of Healdsburg established its locally-owned and operated electric utility in 1899. Chair Hagele will be the third NCPA Chair representing the City of Healdsburg, with former Mayors and Council Members Gary Plass (2010-2012) and Jason Liles (2004-2006) having previously served in the Agency's leadership role. Mayor Evelyn Mitchell will serve as Healdsburg's alternate representative on the NCPA Commission.

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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. NCPA was founded on the principle of environmental stewardship and is a recognized national leader in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable generation, and carbon reduction.

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