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NCPA Statement on Release of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s Directives Resulting from the Central Valley Project Power Initiative

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (June 26, 2019) — NCPA commends Reclamation Commissioner Burman’s action yesterday to take meaningful and affirmative steps to address the viability of the Central Valley Project (CVP) hydropower resource. NCPA values its long-standing partnership with the federal agencies that operate the CVP and believes yesterday’s action is an important reaffirmation of Reclamation’s understanding of and commitment to that partnership.

The Commissioner’s memorandum outlines a number of important directives designed to promote cost certainty, transparency, improved operations, and customer communications. Combined, these actions address many of the more than 50 recommendations offered by NCPA and other stakeholders during the CVP Power Initiative.

NCPA expects the Commissioner’s directives to improve transparency and provide needed opportunities for CVP power customers to engage with Reclamation to ensure the accuracy of power benefits associated with the proposed storage projects. As well, the directives provide improvements in CVP scheduling that could enhance the value of CVP power resources and yield millions in savings.

“These directives are an important milestone in improving the economic viability of the CVP power resource,” stated Jane Cirrincione, NCPA’s Assistant General Manager of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs. “NCPA is hopeful this action sets the stage for needed refinements as we continue our collective work on the CVP Cost Allocation Study and Central Valley Project Improvement Act.”

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.

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