

Central Valley Project Preference Power Customer Forum
October 16
Welcoming Remarks

Thank you Commissioner.

I greatly appreciate you and the Mid-Pacific region hosting this CVP power customer forum to discuss significant issues facing the value of the CVP hydropower product and for your agency's commitment to work with the power customers on keeping the power product viable for the CVP.

Both agencies have heard the concerns from the CVP power customers and recognize our customers' willingness to work through the issues with us. Both agencies are committed to ensuring that CVP power continues to be a valuable and affordable energy resource today and into the future.

But on a more local level, we all recognize that WAPA's CVP power customers are currently engaging in contact renewals under the 2025 Marketing plan and decisions need to be made sometime in 2020 to continue your allocations of CVP hydropower. Today's customer forum is an opportunity to engage, to listen, to learn and develop workable solutions that will move us towards a positive decision in renewing power allocations.

I know that today we are going to discuss difficult complex topics such as the myriad of CVPIA concerns (for example, declaring the projects substantially complete to reduce the CVPIA payments to a maintenance level), potential croffsett credits towards repayment, the cost allocation study results, Reclamation's participation on the delta tunnels and impacts on power costs, Shasta Dam Raise, the long term operations initiative of the CVP based on the new science and past biological



opinions and the State Water Resources Control Board decisions on unimpaired flows on several of our river water systems.

Each one of these issues, in its own right, are complex, highly political and have long term implications but you will have my commitment that WAPA will stay engaged in this effort and to participate in any forums, workgroups and teams we identify through today's process.

I believe another outcome we can arrive at from this meeting is to develop or enhance any forums where communications between both agencies and the power customers can be enhanced for a better mutual understanding of each of our positions on these highly complex issues.

Thank you again for attending today's meeting. I look forward to hearing your comments and I am hopeful we can all move forward together to forge a pathway to future success for the CVP hydropower product.

Now I would like to turn the program over to Max Spiker and Travis Aberle.

