Embracing Our Shared Future: Stability, Safety, Service

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About me

• Born in South Dakota
• Private sector thru 2011
• Appointee - Obama Administration at Department of Energy HQ
• Joined WAPA in 2014 - TIP manager
• WAPA’s CAO
• Senior VP & DSW Regional Manager
Next (first) steps

• Keep focus on core mission
  – **Stability**: leveraging our firm foundations
  – Focus on rates, operations, culture

• Support each other
  – **Safety**: staying and keeping each other safe
  – HP/JC, Inclusivity, collaboration, patience

• Organizational resilience
  – **Service**: focusing on customers and communities; finding opportunities
  – Innovation
Stability: Navigating through historic conditions

• Securing and operating the grid amidst extreme weather and drought.
• Drought and PPW working group exploring potential approaches
• Focus on rate and grid stability.
• Firm organizational foundation + WAPA learning culture = setting us up for success.
Safety: Leadership throughout the organization

- COVID-19 response and recovery
- Human Performance Improvement & Just Culture program
- Leverage Leadership Development
COVID update

• No date or timeline for re-entry.
• Vaccines required for staff (Federal and contractor).
• Visitors will need to attest status before entering facility.
• Mission-essential travel only.
• Evaluating re-entry and post-pandemic workplace.
Service: Shifting challenges into opportunities

• Connecting with customers and stakeholders is more important than ever.
• Historic times: finding opportunities to be innovative, inclusive and solution-oriented.
• WAPA leadership – listening, removing hurdles, asking how can we help?
• Moving past re-entry: how do we gather better?
Markets remain a focus

- SN transitioned into CAISO EIM
- DSW selects CAISO EIM
  - Expected transition in 2023
- SPP RTO-West evaluation ongoing
- Other regions in SPP WEIS
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