Fresh beginnings, same WAPA

Central Valley Project annual customer meeting
May 20, 2021 | Virtual meeting

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Interim Administrator and CEO
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
Coronavirus response

• Stabilizing conditions and moving closer to new normal.
• End of mask mandate on federal property.
• Evaluating re-entry and post-pandemic workplace.
Markets update

- WEIS transition completed Feb. 1.
- SN EIM go-live completed March 25.
- DSW study results expected this spring.
  - Public process begins
- CAISO EIM governance review
- Continuing discussions on SPP RTO expansion into the West.
Vision while interim administrator

• Committed to mission & safety
• Markets remain priority to stay on pace
• Collaborative with customers and new Administration
• Pausing Strategic Roadmap refresh
• Moving on leadership vacancies
• Readiness for weather or other external events
• Remain vigilant and on track with COVID-19 response and planning
Tracking changes in D.C.

• Active discussions during Biden transition and continuing with new DOE, DOI leadership.
• Congressional oversight and appropriations leadership: introductory briefings with members and staff underway.
• All GOV focus on infrastructure: in development.
• Renewed focus on TIP
• Pause on Bulk Power System Executive order.
Major issues facing CVP

• Drought
• Wildfire risk
• Extreme weather events & energy emergencies
• Competitiveness of the hydropower product – customer O&M funding agreement

Shasta-to-Cottonwood rebuild, September 2020
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