WIRAB Monthly Update

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Introductions and Roll Call
WIRAB Leadership Update:
Kara Fornstrom, WIRAB Chair
Outline

• WIRAB Leadership Update

• WECC Activities
  — WECC Update – Jordan White
  — WIRAB Advice – WECC 2021 Business Plan and Budget
  — WIRAB Advice – WECC Organizational Review
  — WIRAB Advice – WECC Near-Term Priorities

• WIRAB Activities:
  — WIRAB 2021 Business Plan and Budget
  — Upcoming Meetings
WECC Update:
Jordan White, WECC
WIRAB Advice – WECC 2021 BP&B

• 2021 BP&B includes sufficient funding to support the organizations statutory obligations and near-term priorities
• Maintains financial stability and predictability during this time of uncertainty.

• WIRAB finds the proposed statutory budget and assessment for 2021 to be in the public interest and recommends that the WECC Board approve WECC’s 2021 Business Plan and Budget and Assessment.
WIRAB Advice – WECC Organizational Review

• Section 4.9 Review Committee recommends:
  — Create a Stakeholder Engagement Task Force
  — Update WECC’s Strategic Planning Process

• WIRAB Advice:
  — WIRAB supports both recommendations
  — Advises the WECC Board to accept the report and adopt the committee’s recommendations
  — Advises the WECC Board to solicit quarterly updates to ensure implementation of the recommendations
Proposed Near-Term Priorities:

1. **Resource Adequacy and Performance** – Study interconnection-wide future resource adequacy and performance

2. **Changing Resource Mix** – Evaluate the impacts of the changing resource mix

3. **Extreme Natural Events** – Prepare for and evaluate impacts on the BPS caused by extreme natural events and share lessons learned

4. **Distribution System and Customer Load Impacts on the BPS** – Investigate and develop recommendations to limit the reliability risk to the BPS caused by changes to the distribution system
WIRAB Advice – WECC Near-Term Priorities

• WIRAB Advice:
  — Recommends that the WECC Board adopt the proposed Near-Term Priorities
  — Recommends that the WECC Board solicit quarterly status updates on the implementation of the Near-Term Priorities from WECC’s Vice President of Reliability Assessments and Performance Analysis (RAPA)
WIRAB: 2021 Business Plan and Budget
WIRAB 2021 Business Plan & Budget – Initiatives

• **Initiative 1:** Advise WECC to improve its assessment of resource adequacy to ensure that state and provincial regulators, FERC, and NERC have access to accurate, consistent, and timely information to inform capacity expansion decisions in the West.

• **Initiative 2:** Advise WECC to assess the reliability benefits and risks in implementing dynamic line ratings (DLRs) throughout the Western Interconnection.
WIRAB 2021 Business Plan & Budget – Initiatives

• **Initiative 3:** Advise Western Reliability Coordinators on opportunities to improve operational performance metrics to ensure consistency, to identify best practices, and to strive for exceptional reliability in the West.

• **Initiative 4:** Advise WECC to perform comprehensive and forward-looking assessments of the provision of essential reliability services as many states and provinces set goals addressing a possible “100% clean” or zero carbon energy future in the West.
WIRAB 2021 Business Plan & Budget – Budget and Assessment

• Posted for public comment on May 12, 2020

• WIRAB’s proposed 2021 Budget is $1,215,100 a $40,100 (3.2%) decrease from WIRAB’s 2020 budget.

• WIRAB’s proposed 2021 Assessment is $986,300; no change from WIRAB’s 2020 funding assessment.

• WIRAB’s proposed FTE’s for 2021 is 4.75.
## WIRAB 2021 Business Plan & Budget – 2020 vs 2021

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• Projected working capital reserve (2020): $642,700
• WIRAB’s desired working capital reserve (2021): $415,400 — 34% of WIRAB’s proposed 2021 budget
WIRAB 2021 Business Plan & Budget – COVID-19 Impacts

• 2020 Impacts:
  — Financial reserves expected to increase due to:
    • Decreased staff travel
    • Decreased state travel
    • Cancelled Spring 2020 Joint CREPC-WIRAB Meeting

• 2021 Impacts:
  — Budget expenses expected to decrease due to:
    • Reduced staff travel to fewer in person meetings at WECC
    • Assumes no cancellation of Spring or Fall 2021 Joint CREPC-WIRAB Meetings
Upcoming Meetings

WIRAB Monthly Teleconference Meeting
First Thursday of every month at 11:00 AM MT
Next Meeting: July 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM MT

Fall 2020 Joint CREPC-WIRAB Meeting
October 26 – 28, 2020 in San Diego, CA
Survey to come on state/provinces travel restrictions
Thank You

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