

# **WIRAB Monthly Update**

WIRAB Staff

February 4, 2021



# Introductions and Roll Call

# Outline

- **WIRAB Leadership Transition**
- **WECC Activities**
  - WECC Update
- **WIRAB Activities:**
  - WIRAB Advice – FERC NOPR on ERO Performance Assessments
  - Upcoming Meetings



# Congratulations! New WIRAB Leadership

## Chair:

**Kristine Raper**

Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

## Vice Chair

**Amy Sopinka**

Director of Transmission and Interjurisdictional Branch,  
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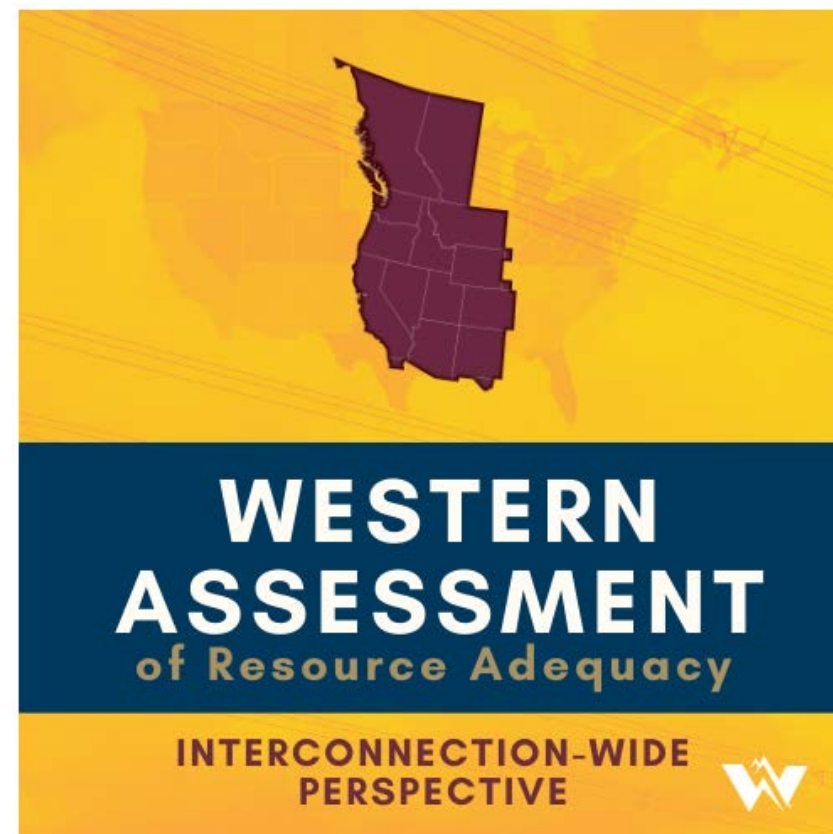
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Vice President of  
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# Western Assessment

- Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy published December 18
  - Webinar January 26 (recording available)
- Subregional reports released throughout February
  - Desert Southwest
    - Report released January 29
    - Webinar February 2 (recording available)
  - California and Mexico
    - Report release February 12
    - Webinar February 16
  - Northwest
    - Report release February 26
    - Webinar March 2



# Straw Proposal

- Version 3 will be released early February
- Stakeholder workshops on elements of the proposal late February/early March
- Present update to WECC Board of directors in March



# Straw Proposal 2021 Milestones

- Q1: Revise straw proposal
  - Update WECC Board on framework in March
- Q2: Fill in details
  - Final recommendation to WECC Board for approval in June
- September
  - Implementation plan complete and shared at annual meeting
  - Implementation begins





# Board of Directors

- March Board of Directors meeting  
March 16-17
- Tech session: Assuring Reliability  
in Summer 2021
  - Discussion of reliability challenges  
as the industry prepares for the 2021  
summer operating season
  - March 16, 2021 1:00 p.m. Mountain





## Contact:

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# FERC Order: Regarding NERC's 2019 Five-Year Performance Assessment (Docket No. RR19-7)

- On January 23, 2020, the Commission issued an order accepting NERC's 2019 Performance Assessment
  - The Commission sought additional compliance filings from NERC.
- On January 19, 2021, the Commission issued an order on NERC's Compliance Filings that, among other things:
  - Denied NERC's proposal to replace its audit process of the Regional Entities with an alternative program.
  - Directed NERC to submit completed audit reports of all six Regional Entities by June 30, 2023.



# FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Revisions to ERO Performance Assessments

- The Commission, in Docket No. RM21-12, proposes to amend the FERC's regulations to require:
  - ERO performance assessments every 3 years vs. every 5 years.
  - FERC to have the ability to identify areas of interest at least 90 days prior to the performance assessment submission.
  - The ERO to solicit formal public comment from stakeholders on improvements of ERO operations, activities, oversight, and procedures.



# Draft WIRAB Advice: Revisions to ERO Performance Assessments

- Support increasing the regularity of performance assessments.
  - Rapidly changing industry
  - Continuity in ERO and Commission Staff
  - Requirements likely not overly burdensome
- Support FERC's information requests prior to the performance assessment
  - Expands potential areas for review in initial submission
  - 90 days is appropriate
- Support a formal public comment period
  - 2019 review did not solicit feedback from stakeholders or advisory bodies



# Next Steps:

## WIRAB Advice on the FERC NOPR

- WIRAB Staff to Draft Formal Advice
- Seek WIRAB Leadership Review
- Seek WIRAB Review and Support
- Submit to FERC
  - Comments Due: March 1, 2021



# Western States Training Webinars: Integrated Distribution System Planning

**Feb. 26, 2021 - Integration, Management and Control of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)**

**March 5, 2021 - Planning for Grid Modernization and Resilience and Investment Economics**

**March 19, 2021 - Planning for Energy Storage**

**All webinar times: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Mountain**

## **Sponsored By:**

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Contact Holly Taylor ([htaylor@westernenergyboard.org](mailto:htaylor@westernenergyboard.org)) for registration information



# Upcoming Meetings

## WIRAB Monthly Teleconference Meeting

First Thursday of every month at 11:00 AM MT

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2021 at 11:00 AM MT**

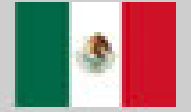
## Spring 2021 Joint CREPC-WIRAB Meeting

In-person meeting canceled

**Virtual alternative TBA**







# Thank You

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