

Monthly Board Report – 3/21/25



Agribusiness and Water Council/NWRA

- USDA Says It Will Release \$20 Million Of Frozen Farmer Funds
- USGS Released National Water Availability Assessment
- NM Looking at Brackish Water, Production Oil & Gas Water as New Sources
- Low Water Use Feed Crops Being Studied in Light of Lower Availability
- OR Proposal Would Tackle Barriers to Recycling Wastewater for Irrigation
- House Panel Propose Reconstructing ESA & Marine Mammal Protection Act
- TX Looking at Desal from Proposed Plant in Port Isabel
- U.S. Courts reports that 216 Farm Bankruptcies were Filed in 2024
- NWRA Signs onto Amicus Brief - Skagit County DD&IID vs. NMFS Case
- Westerman Tries Again on ESA Overhaul
- Administration Ordered to Reinstate Thousands of Fired USDA Workers
- Environmental Group Prepares to Challenge Army Corps Over its List of Energy Projects Targeted for Emergency Permitting
- Canada/U.S. Columbia River Treaty Negotiations on Pause

American Public Power Association

- APPA Applauds Introduction of Bipartisan Legislation to Reinstate Tax-Exempt Advance Refunding Bonds
- APPA Seeks Nominations for Smart Energy Provider Review Panel
- Bill in RI Calls for Legislative Commission to Examine Public Power
- Resolutions on Infrastructure, Wildfire, Hydropower, and Drones Approved
- Rep. Yakym Honored for Leadership on Safeguarding Tax-Exempt Financing
- NY & New England File to Recover Potential Duties on Canadian Imports
- PNW Residents Maintain Strong Support for Hydropower, Polling Shows
- Thermal Energy Networks Getting a Closer Look in States
- Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation Prepares for Light Up Navajo VI

Arizona

- [Representative Grijalva Passed Away, Special Election Forthcoming](#)
- [Fontes Exploring Seeking Grijalva's Open Seat](#)
- [Kelly/Gallego/Ciscomani Look to Finalize \\$5B Tribal Water Rights Deal](#)
- ADWR Expresses Support for Historic Tribal Water Rights Settlement
- House Committee Advances SMR Legislation to Streamline Permitting
- SRP Board of Directors Approves Pricing Proposal
- SRP Issues 2025 All-Source RFP for New Resources as Demand Grows
- ADWR New Web Portal Coming Soon
- Gosar Reintroduces the Downwinders Parity Act
- Innovation Lab Offers SRP Employees Hands On Training Opportunities
- Kelly, Gallego Fight to Protect BIA's Western Regional Office from Cuts
- [Gallego Urges DOI to End Funding Freeze for CR Water Savings Projects](#)
- [Gallego, Kelly Announce \\$4+M For Hopi for Energy & Water Independence](#)
- [Stanton & Kelly Lead Arizona Delegation in Requesting Meeting with Interior Secretary to Find Path Forward on Colorado River Negotiations](#)

Bureau of Reclamation/Dept. of Interior

- Colorado River Negotiators Feel Pressure to Strike a Deal
- [DOI & USDA Begin to Release Frozen Funds - GRICs](#)
- Current Hoover Elevation 1068'
- Work Ongoing to Remove Soil from 3 Burn Sites at Hoover Solid Waste Site
- Kathleen Sgamma, O&G Advocate/Western Energy Alliance to Lead BLM
- Tom Schultz Will Be the New Forest Service Chief
- WY Utility Again Proposes Using Jackson Lake Dam for Hydropower
- Trump Executive Order Looks to Expand Logging
- BOR Begins Reinstating Fired Employees

California

- IID Affirms Renewables Commitment in Wake of Geothermal Project Suspending Permitting
- IID Board Cuts Summer Power Bills by 25%, Delivers \$81 Million in Relief

- EPA Approves California's First CCS Project
- Newsome Declared State of Emergency to Clear State's Forests
- LADWP Opens Operations Center for Customers Impacted by Palisades Fire
- Storms Continue to Push through NoCal, Room Remains in Area Reservoirs

CREDA/Upper Basin

- WAPA Sends BOR Letter @ Environmental Experiments Costs at GCD
- Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act of 2025 (HR 231)
- HR 1001 Also Introduced, Would Require a MOU on Basin Fund Impacts
- Senators Lee, Curtis Introduce Basin Fund Preservation Act
- CREDA Looking to Leverage E.O.s to Avoid LTEMP SEIS By-Passes in 2025
- -12 Mile Slough Construction Work has Begun
- Brian Sadler & Shane Capron Opted to Resign (WAPA Fish Biologists)
- After 20 Years, Northern Integrated Supply Project Settlement in N. CO, Allows for 40K AC-FT/Year Project to Move Forward (\$2.25B Price Tag)
- Lower Basin Cite Infrastructure Issues at GCD Must Be Fixed

Department of Energy

- DOE Deadline for Comment on 3 NIETC Extended Through April 15, 2025
- Oliver McPherson-Smith Named E.D. of National Energy Dominance Council
- DOE Approves Loan Disbursement Tied to Restart of Michigan Nuclear Plant
- DOE Reportedly Creating "Hit List" of Clean Energy Projects for Rollback

Environmental Protection Agency

- EPA Fires Nearly 400 Workers After OPM Order
- EPA Secretary Expects to Cut Budget by 65+%
- DOGE must approve all spending over \$50,000 at EPA
- EPA Gives WV Authority To Approve Carbon Underground Storage
- Trump Hands off NEPA to Agencies
- Jessica Kramer has been nominated to lead the EPA's Office of Water
- Secretary Zeldin Announces 5 Priorities

- Providing Clean Air, Land, and Water for every American
- Restoring American Energy Dominance
- Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, & Cross-Agency Partnerships
- Making the US the AI Capital of the World
- Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs
- DOJ Calls for a Pause in Litigation Over Power Sector Rules
- EPA Releases Final CWA 404 Rule
- Republicans Plan Bill to Define EPA's Authority, EPA Created by Exec. Order
- Supreme Court Rules Against EPA in Water Permitting Case
- House Republicans Introduce Bill to Repeal EPA GHG Rules
- EPA Says It Unfroze \$7 Billion 'Solar For All' Grant Program
- EPA Unveils Sweeping Set of Actions Tied to Energy Sector Regulations
- House Republicans Introduce Bill to Repeal EPA GHG Rules
- Trump Admin to Roll Back Pivotal Clean Water Act Rule
- EPA Announces 31 Deregulatory Actions
- Supreme Court Rules EPA Exceeded Its Clean Water Act Authority
- EPA Announces GHG 'Endangerment Finding' Reconsideration

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission/NERC/NRC

- FERC Approves Two PJM Proposals To Boost Electricity Supply To The Grid
- FERC Launches Colocation Review, Plus 6 Other Open Meeting Takeaways
- NERC Interregional Transfer Study Lacks Detail To Drive Upgrades
- The Supreme Court Appears Divided on Offsite Nuclear Waste Storage

Financial Focus

- President Said Tariffs on Mexico & Canada Will Go Into Effect on April 2
- 2025 Waste Management Phoenix Open tournament accounted for \$208M
- Yuma's Agricultural Industry Brings \$4.4B to State Economy (UofA)
- 57K New Jobs in Arizona in 2024 (2.1% Increase Over 2023)
- EPCOR, USA Recently Opened its New HQ in Glendale
- Apple to Invest \$500B in 9 States Over Next 4 Years, Including AZ
- Canadian and Mexican Tariffs to Start April 2nd

- Trump Eyeing Global Reciprocal Tariffs
- 25% Retaliatory Tariffs Will Impact Canadian Energy to NY, MI & MN
- Treasury Secretary Anticipates “Detox” Period for US Economy
- TSMC Announces \$100B Expansion in AZ
- Mayo Clinic to Spend \$2B to Expand its Phoenix Campus
- Utility Operators Go to Bat for IRA Tax Credits

Industry Update

- IEA Expects Global Electricity Demand To Rise 4% Annually Through 2027
- Administration Identifies 100s Of Projects That Could Be Fast-Tracked
- Trump’s Tariffs Could Raise Onshore Wind Turbine Costs By 7%
- Energy Council Says Power Plants Need To Produce 15% More Electricity
- Tech Companies Turn To Hydrogen And Nuclear Energy For Data Centers
- Retirements Of Coal-Fired Electric-Generating Capacity To Increase In 2025
- EIA - 63 GW Of New Utility Scale Capacity To Be Added To Grid In 2025
- EIA Expects 12.3 GW Of Electric Generating Capacity To Be Retired in 2025
- MO Based Utility Planning 1,500 MW of New Nuclear Power by 2045
- Company Details Plans to Build Small Modular Reactors in Michigan
- Oak Ridge, TN is Home to 154 Nuclear Companies
- Kairos Power Working On First Non-Water-Cooled Reactor in US
- Hydrogen Industry Unites to Defend IRA Tax Credit
- Companies Get \$2B Financing Commitment to Complete Utah Data Center
- MN Regulators Require Certificate of Need for Backup Gens at Data Center
- Santee Cooper Launches Online Marketplace for Residential Customers
- Report Examines Potential for Geothermal to Meet Data Center Demand
- Eternity Tech. (Battery) Announced Phoenix as Site of New N.A. HQ

Markets

- TVA Develops Separate Electric Rate Class For Data Centers
- TVA Enters Agreement Tied to Fusion Power Plant Project
- TVA Prices \$1.25B of New Thirty-Year Global Power Bonds (5.25%)
- TVA Selects Option to Build and Operate Natural Gas Plant in Mississippi

- PJM Board Approves \$6.7B Transmission Expansion Plan
- FERC Approves PJM Capacity Market Design Changes
- SPP Details Commitments from Public Power Utilities, Others for Financing Tied to New Market
- ERCOT Releases 2025-2029 Capacity, Demand and Reserves Report
- ERCOT Needs Equivalent Of 30 Reactors To Meet Data Center Demand
- BPA Selects SPP's Markets+ in Day-Ahead Market Draft Policy
- SPP First RTO to Operate in Both Interconnections w/ Tariff Approval
- MISO Proposes Framework To Speed Generation Interconnection
- PJM's Capacity 'Price Collar' Proposal Sparks Market Confidence Concerns
- Southwest Power Pool Could Need \$263B Generation Investment By 2050
- FERC Reaffirms Approval Of Southeastern SEEM Market

Meetings

- Feb 21 – ABWC Leg Call
- Feb 23 – APPA Board Meeting
- Feb 23-26 – APPA Leg Rally
- Feb 23-26 – Hill Visits w/ AZ Delegation
- Feb 27 – CREDA Legislative Call
- Feb 28 – Project CENTRL
- March 4 – Hamadeh State Office
- March 5 – Gallego State Office
- March 5 – State State Office
- March 5 – Kelly State Office
- March 6 – LW Environmental Day
- March 7 – IEDA EC Board Meeting
- March 7 – Hoover Group Legislative Call
- March 10 – Water & Power Committee Meetings
- March 11 – Legislative Committee Meeting
- March 12-20 Spring Break

Oil & Natural Gas

- DOE Secretary Wright Announces 1st New LNG Export Project Approval
- Dems Join Republicans To Torpedo Biden Offshore Drilling Rule
- House Votes To Overturn Rule Implementing Methane Fee
- EU Need for LNG to Have Limited Impact on US Gas Prices this Summer
- Forward Prices Strengthen as Storage Declines Seen Accelerating in March
- Feed Gas Deliveries to U.S. Export Terminals Continue Record Run
- Mexico Imports Strong as Gas Futures Hold Above \$4/MMBTU
- US Imports of Canadian Gas Rebound Amid Deep Freeze
- Mexico Energy Overhaul Could Drive Natural Gas Projects
- Natural Gas Storage Deficit Puts Onus on Strong Summer Injections
- Thawing Winter Forecasts Send Natural Gas Futures, Cash Prices Tumbling
- Colombia Turns to LNG Amid Cloudy Forecasts for Domestic Gas Output
- Centrica Inks Deal to Send More U.S. LNG to Latin America
- IPAA & House Republicans Applaud Passage Of Natural Gas Tax Repeal
- U.S. LNG Could Propel Natural Gas to Commodity King
- Pemex Gas Production Sinks as Dependency on U.S. Supply Intensifies
- Natural Gas Prices Jump as Tit-for-Tat Trade War Launches
- Widening Natural Gas Storage Deficits Create Urgent Summer Challenge
- President Trump Touts Alaska LNG Pipeline in Joint Session Speech
- EU Keeps Natural Gas Storage Targets Intact, but Opts for More Flexibility
- Europe Delays Plans to Phase Out Russian Fossil Fuels
- Coal Retirements Set to Tighten Nat Gas Supply as Power Demand Rises
- Bears Take Control w/ Nat Gas Futures Clobbered by Early Storage Injection
- FERC Chair Ready to Fast-Track Natural Gas Permitting
- Falling Canadian Natural Gas Rig Count Hints at Supply Easing
- Mexico Lacking Natural Gas Supply Strategy to Meet Future Power Demand
- Administration To Open More Alaska Acres For Oil, Gas Drilling

Transmission/WAPA

- PMAs Impacted by DOGE Federal Workforce Reductions
- 21 Allocator Customers Signed up by End of February

- About 150 People Taking Buyout, Including Probationary = 12% Reduction

Washington DC

- House Approved Budget Reconciliation Framework, Senate to Pursue 1 Bill
- Lifts Debt Ceiling by \$4T
- House Passes CR that will Extend Funding Until Sept. 30, 2025
- Trump Formally Establishes New Energy Council
- Admin Lays Groundwork For Overhauling Environmental Review Process
- Senate Hearing Looks To Kick-Start Permitting Negotiations
- White House Claims Authority Over FERC, Other Independent Agencies
- Budget Bill With \$4.5 Trillion In Tax Cuts Survives House Vote
- National Energy Dominance Council Should Appoint A 'Hydropower Czar'
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Holds Hearing Probing the Biden Administration's Energy and Environment Spending
- Energy Subcommittee Held Hearing on Energy Demand and Grid Reliability
- President Establishes the National Energy Dominance Council
- Mitch McConnell Announces Retirement from the Senate
- Bipartisan Lawmakers Float Bill to Make Copper 'Critical'
- Speaker Johnson Signals More Aggressive Approach to IRA Repeal
- Johnson Moving Toward Zeroing Out Trump Tax Cuts, Claiming Baseline
- Trump Vows to Use 'Scalpel,' not 'Hatchet,' in Agency Cuts
- DOGE Announces 700+ Lease Terminations Across the Federal Government
- Bill Looks to Establish 30 Minute Wildfire Response Standard on Fed Lands
- House Energy Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Meeting Electricity Demand
- Senate Agriculture Committee Holds Hearing on Fix Our Forests Act
- Rep. Newhouse (R-WA) Introduces Multiple Bills Supporting Hydropower
- Rep Adrian Smith (R-NE) Reintroduces Hydro ITC Legislation
- Trump Signs Executive Order on State and Local Preparedness
- Feds Hail Court Order to Reinstate Energy, Enviro Workers
- Trump Backs Away from Threat to Abolish FEMA
- Trump Signs Order On Critical Mineral Production