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1 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** And a second?
2 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Second.
3 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Will the Secretary
4 Please call the roll?
5 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Mills?
6 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** Yes.
7 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Alvidrez?
8 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Yes.
9 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Rasouli?
10 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Yes.
11 **MS. SARWARI:** Chairman Garrison Engbrecht?
12 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes. The next item on
13 the agenda is Item #5, Approval of the Minutes. Are there
14 any corrections to the Minutes? Hearing no corrections, do
15 I have a motion to approve the minutes?
16 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Motion to approve.
17 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** The second?
18 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Second.
19 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Will the Secretary
20 please call the roll?
21 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Mills?
22 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** Yes.
23 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Alvidrez?
24 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Yes.
25 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Rasouli?

1 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Yes.

2 **MS. SARWARI:** Chairman Garrison Engbrecht?

3 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes. Thank you. The
4 next item on the Agenda is the Information Items, and we
5 have our Director's Comments.

6 **DIRECTOR CHIMA:** Good morning, Commissioners.
7 Before I begin my Director's Update this morning, I just
8 wanted to take a moment to acknowledge all of those who have
9 been impacted by the fires in Southern California,
10 especially our Commissioners and our employees. I just
11 wanted to assure you that we continue to follow all guidance
12 provided by the administration, in order to make sure that
13 we keep all of our Lottery employees safe.

14 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Thank you.

15 **DIRECTOR CHIMA:** I'm pleased to share that through
16 mid-January, we are on pace to reach our fiscal year goal.
17 We've just reached \$4.7 billion in total sales. Leading the
18 way was our Mega Millions game, which had a billion-dollar
19 jackpot offered around Christmas last month. This helped
20 boost its sales above goal for the first time this fiscal
21 year.

22 SuperLotto Plus and the Daily Games have also benefited
23 from the Mega Millions jackpot fever. As people came in to
24 buy their tickets for Mega Millions, it appears that they
25 also tried their luck with some of our other games. This is

1 a nice halo effect that we often see when we are in jackpot
2 fever and there are such large jackpots.

3 Hot Spot sales are also having a strong winter season,
4 and they're right around where we expected them to be at
5 this point in the year. In late December, Hot Spot
6 experienced its highest selling week ever. And last but not
7 least, our Scratchers games have sales exceeding goal for
8 the first time this fiscal year. Last quarter performed
9 better than expected, and we ended the year with our highest
10 weekly sales ever for Scratchers. This pushed our total
11 Scratchers sales to over \$3.5 billion, right on pace with
12 last year.

13 As I mentioned on the last slide, December brought us
14 our first billion-dollar jackpot, and excitingly,
15 California's first billionaire of this fiscal year. It also
16 marked the largest Mega Millions jackpot win ever in
17 California. The single winning ticket for \$1.2 billion was
18 sold at Sunshine Food and Gas in Cottonwood, California, and
19 you can see there in the picture the owners. The retailer
20 will receive a \$1 million bonus for selling that winning
21 ticket. For that jackpot, the jackpot rolled 30 times, and
22 so by the time that it was hit just after Christmas, nearly
23 \$27 million in prizes was won by California players, and
24 that's in addition to the actual win. Our retail partners
25 earned an estimated \$14 million in bonuses, and most

1 importantly, almost \$90 million in contributions to
2 Education were generated from those 30 rolls. That's over
3 \$130 million going out to our community in addition to the
4 jackpot prize in September from just this one game alone.

5 With the strong sales from both our Scratchers and our
6 draw games, the first half of the fiscal year generated more
7 than \$966 million for California public schools and
8 universities. As we'd assumed, we just needed one strong
9 jackpot sequence in the first part of the year to get us
10 back on track with our goal, and now we're exceeding our
11 expectations by approximately \$15 million.

12 We have high hopes for the rest of the fiscal year as
13 we start to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. As part of this
14 celebration, just this week we launched Special Anniversary
15 Scratchers games called, "40 Years of Play." You can see a
16 draft there, and I'm sure we'll have samples for you all.
17 This was the perfect opportunity to introduce our first \$40
18 game, and although that's a big deal to us, other states do
19 have Scratchers tickets as high as \$100.

20 You can see that our ticket features California's
21 official grizzly bear in a colorful design with our new 40th
22 Anniversary logo. This tested really well with our players
23 and was seen as fun, nostalgic, and uniquely Californian.
24 The special design is also available in a \$2 version for
25 additional variety and appeal. This game is just the first

1 of many special elements that we will be implementing to
2 celebrate with all Californians. The Lottery, our players,
3 and our retailers have combined to support our public
4 schools.

5 And with that, I'm happy to answer any questions that
6 you might have.

7 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Great update. Thank
8 you so much.

9 **DIRECTOR CHIMA:** Thank you.

10 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** The next item on the
11 agenda is the Consent Calendar. There are no items under
12 the Consent Calendar, so we'll proceed to the Action Items.
13 The first Action Item is Action Item #8a, Regulation Changes
14 to the Mega Millions Game and to Retailer Incentive Bonuses
15 for Sale of Winning Tickets, presented by Sharon.

16 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALLEN:** Good morning.

17 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Good morning.

18 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALLEN:** Great. Good to come right
19 off of Harj's report with this item as we're talking about
20 the Draw Games. This item is Regulation Changes to the Mega
21 Millions Game and to Retailer Incentive Bonuses for the Sale
22 of Winning Tickets. Growing sales in our highly profitable
23 jackpot games remains a key strategic priority for the
24 Lottery. Multi-state games such as Mega Millions are able
25 to offer larger jackpots, which is the primary appeal of

1 these types of games. These larger jackpots have helped
2 fuel sales in California and other jurisdictions to record
3 levels, driven by multiple billion-dollar jackpots in recent
4 years.

5 The Mega Millions Consortium, which includes
6 California, identified ways to refresh the game, increase
7 sales, combat jackpot fatigue and renew player interest.
8 The Consortium voted for these new enhancements in 2024.
9 This enhanced game will replace the existing game and launch
10 in April of this year. Today the Lottery is requesting
11 approval of Mega Millions regulation changes, including
12 these enhancements to continue to sell Mega Millions and
13 assist in achieving Lottery's financial objective of
14 consistently exceeding \$2 billion in annual contributions to
15 Public Education.

16 If the Lottery does not adopt these regulation changes,
17 it will no longer be able to offer Mega Millions. For
18 context, last fiscal year, the game represented
19 approximately \$700 million or almost eight percent of sales
20 for the Lottery. Retaining Mega Millions in the game
21 portfolio is a key component of delivering on the Lottery's
22 mission. The higher profit margins of Draw games create
23 greater opportunities to grow profits and contributions to
24 Education.

25 Additionally, providing multiple types of games within

1 the product portfolio generates interest for players and
2 media. The new game will help create larger, faster
3 jackpots more frequently while enhancing player experience
4 on non-jackpot prize levels. Players will typically find no
5 break-even prizes, which means when a player wins, they will
6 always win more than the cost of the ticket. Plus, they
7 will also find a new feature, a built-in multiplier that
8 will increase wins on non-jackpot prizes up to 10 times.

9 The Lottery Regulations must be amended to reflect
10 these game enhancements in order to continue offering the
11 game. The regulation changes also include some minor
12 changes to clarify the intent of the retailer bonus payment.
13 Lottery Staff recommends the Commission adopt the amended
14 Mega Millions Regulations to allow the Lottery to continue
15 sales of Mega Millions, and with that, I'd be happy to
16 answer any questions.

17 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Thank you, Sharon. Do
18 any Commissioners have any questions on Action Item #8a?
19 Hearing none, does any member of the public want to address
20 the Commission at this time regarding Action Item #8a? Do I
21 hear a motion to approve Action Item #8a, Regulation Changes
22 to the Mega Millions Game and to the Retailer Incentive
23 Bonuses for Sale of Winning Tickets?

24 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Motion to approve.

25 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** And a second?

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COMMISSIONER MILLS: I'll second.

CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT: Will the Secretary please call the roll?

MS. SARWARI: Commissioner Mills?

COMMISSIONER MILLS: Yes.

MS. SARWARI: Commissioner Alvidrez?

COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ: Yes.

MS. SARWARI: Commissioner Rasouli?

COMMISSIONER RASOULI: Yes.

MS. SARWARI: Chairman Garrison-Engbrecht?

CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALLEN: Thank you.

CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT: Thank you, Sharon. The next item is Action Item #8b, Ancillary Scratchers Ticket Delivery Services Contract, again presented by Sharon.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALLEN: All right, me again. With this item, the Lottery needs to secure an Ancillary Scratchers Ticket Delivery Services Contract to handle additional order volume. Representing approximately 75 percent of Lottery revenue, Scratchers are shipped from two distribution centers to over 21,000 retailers throughout the State. This includes ongoing maintenance orders and monthly new game auto-ship orders. The Lottery currently contracts with Unity Courier Services, or Unity, for Scratchers

1 delivery services. The current five-year contract is set to
2 expire in February of 2026 and has a maximum expenditure
3 authority of \$48 million. This contract is non-exclusive,
4 and the Lottery is permitted to engage other vendors for
5 these services. Lottery retailers require timely and
6 accurate delivery of Scratchers products.

7 Historically, the Lottery provided just-in-time
8 inventory weekly to retailers. This methodology allows the
9 Lottery to increase production efficiency at the
10 distribution centers and provides inventory flexibility to
11 retailers by reducing lead times and waste, particularly
12 with large orders. However, due to pandemic-related
13 disruptions, the Lottery had to change to a just-in-case
14 inventory methodology, which resulted in larger amounts of
15 inventory going to retailers less frequently. This allowed
16 the Lottery to get product out to retailers; however, it
17 requires more forecasting and is not as dynamic.

18 While the Lottery has been steadily selling more
19 Scratchers through a greater number of retailers compared to
20 the pre-pandemic years, the current shipping methodology
21 cannot support weekly orders outside of the highest-volume
22 retailers. To effectively use the just-in-time methodology,
23 the Lottery would need to ship weekly orders to the majority
24 of its retailers receiving Scratchers, and this would add an
25 estimated 29,000 orders needing delivery per month. If

1 order volume were to increase this dramatically, the Lottery
2 determined Unity would not have the capacity to meet the
3 required delivery time frames due to staffing and
4 geographical constraints.

5 Therefore, the only feasible way for the Lottery to
6 return to just-in-time inventory practices and to
7 successfully distribute additional order volume is to
8 utilize an Ancillary Scratchers Delivery vendor. To meet
9 this need, the Lottery met with multiple delivery companies
10 and determined the best value was with FedEx Corporate
11 Services, or just FedEx. A contract is available through a
12 leveraged procurement agreement with the State of California
13 and the National Association of State Procurement Officials,
14 known as NASPO. Formal competitive bidding procedures do
15 not apply to this procurement per the Lottery regulations
16 because it is through a leveraged procurement.

17 Staff estimate the contract expenditure authority of \$5
18 million for the initial term is needed. Lottery staff
19 recommends the Commission approve the contract award of an
20 Ancillary Scratchers Delivery Service to FedEx, with a term
21 beginning in February 2025 through November 2026, with the
22 option to extend based on the extension of the State of
23 California's NASPO agreement and a maximum authorized
24 expenditure authority of \$5 million.

25 And with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

1 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Thank you, Sharon. Do
2 any of the Commissioners have any questions regarding Action
3 Item #8b?

4 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** I do have a question, Sharon.
5 Just looking at the term of the agreement, so it's right at
6 a two-year, just under a two-year?

7 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALLEN:** Two years because of the
8 NASPO agreement, and we anticipate that that will be
9 extended as part of it, so we can't go beyond that. And
10 once, you know, we understand when that gets extended, we'll
11 come back to the Commission as appropriate. So, right now,
12 we can't go beyond because that's the end term on the NASPO
13 agreement.

14 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** I see. Okay, thank you.
15 Thanks for that clarification.

16 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Any additional
17 questions from the Commissioners? Does any member of the
18 public want to address the Commission at this time regarding
19 Action Item #8b? Hearing none, do I have a motion to
20 approve Action Item #8b, Ancillary Scratchers Ticket
21 Delivery Services Contract?

22 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** I'll move to approve.

23 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** And a second?

24 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Second.

25 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Will the Secretary

1 please call the roll?

2 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Alvidrez?

3 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Yes.

4 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Mills?

5 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** Yes.

6 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Rasouli?

7 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Yes.

8 **MS. SARWARI:** Chairman Garrison Engbrecht?

9 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes. Thank you,
10 Sharon.

11 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALLEN:** Thank you very much.

12 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Thank you. The next
13 item is Action Item #8c, Adobe Campaign Renewal, with Chris
14 Lopez. Good morning.

15 **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOPEZ:** Good morning,
16 Commissioners. Adobe Campaign Standard is a platform that
17 provides email, marketing, and other communication
18 capabilities to organizations. The Lottery procured Adobe
19 Campaign Standard in 2017, and it was implemented as a
20 cloud-based subscription as a service. This software
21 platform delivers personalized emails to Lottery players
22 based on their Second Chance account player preferences.

23 This includes Jackpot and Winning Number alerts for
24 Powerball and Mega Millions, SuperLotto Plus, and Fantasy
25 Five. We also send out winner news, responsible gaming

1 tips, promotional information, information about new game
2 launches, and news about the Lottery's mission and education
3 beneficiaries. Adobe Campaign also sends second-chance
4 player account transactional emails, such as account
5 activation notices and Second Chance drawn winner
6 notifications.

7 Adobe Campaign Standard platform is an essential tool
8 we use to communicate with our players. If we are unable to
9 renew Adobe, our ability to communicate with players and
10 other stakeholders to market Lottery products, increase
11 customer engagement, improve perceptions about the Lottery,
12 and support increasing Lottery sales will be severely
13 hampered.

14 For this renewal, the Lottery will be using a leveraged
15 procurement agreement where we requested bids from multiple
16 re-sellers that participate in the Software Licensing
17 Program administered by the State's Department of General
18 Services. The lowest bid was submitted by Allied Network
19 Solutions, Inc. The Lottery recommends the Commission
20 approve the one-year renewal of Adobe Campaign Standard for
21 a total cost of \$424,772.

22 And with that, does the Commission have any questions
23 for me regarding this request to renew Adobe Campaign?

24 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Question. Does the
25 renewal price reflect an increase or is it the same?

1 **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOPEZ:** It reflects a
2 little over a twofold increase in the cost for Adobe
3 Campaign.

4 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** What's the nature of the
5 increase?

6 **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOPEZ:** We had locked in in
7 2017 a very discounted rate, and we've been using that
8 discounted rate for what, the past seven years, but Adobe no
9 longer honors that discount, and they've raised the price on
10 us. I think it's something unfortunate, but it's something
11 that has happened.

12 But we do have a new business plan proposal in which we
13 are looking at email communication platforms, and that work
14 is ongoing, which is why we're only requesting a one-year
15 renewal for Adobe Campaign at this time.

16 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Thank you.

17 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Any additional
18 questions from the Commissioners?

19 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Yes. Is Adobe the only
20 purveyor of this service?

21 **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOPEZ:** It's the one that
22 we currently have, but no, there's a large marketplace out
23 there of companies that provide similar email capabilities.

24 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** And it would be even more
25 costly to switch over to something else, I assume?

1 **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOPEZ:** We don't know that
2 yet. We're doing the research at the moment, but we're
3 hopeful we can get improved email marketing capabilities
4 that support the marketing priorities of our organization
5 and get it at a better value.

6 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Any additional
7 questions? Does any member of the public want to address
8 the Commission at this time regarding Action Item #8c?
9 Seeing none, do I hear a motion to approve Action Item #8c,
10 Adobe Campaign Renewal?

11 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** I'll move to approve.

12 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** The second?

13 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Second.

14 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Will the Secretary
15 please call the roll?

16 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Mills?

17 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** Yes.

18 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Alvidrez?

19 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Yes.

20 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Rasouli?

21 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Yes.

22 **MS. SARWARI:** Chairman Garrison Engbrecht?

23 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes. Thank you, Chris.

24 **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOPEZ:** Thank you.

25 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** The next item we have

1 is Action Item #8d, Ratification of Amendment to
2 Add Funds to LPAS, Inc. Agreement to Support Architectural
3 and Engineering Services. Hi, Jean.

4 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** Hi, good morning,
5 Commissioners.

6 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Good morning.

7 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** Item 8d, it's to request
8 ratification of an amendment to add funds to the LPAS
9 Contract, which is an agreement to support our Architectural
10 and Engineering Services, and this is related to the
11 Northern California (inaudible) Distribution Center project,
12 to address some of the requirements from our State Fire
13 Marshal. They provided additional guidance.

14 So, as you may recall, in the last Commission Meeting
15 in November, I came in front of you to ask for funding to
16 close out on the work that we said that we were going to do
17 by the end of October, which we did. And throughout that
18 process, our State Fire Marshal came and did their final
19 walk-through and provided additional guidance to point out a
20 few more items for us to address.

21 And specifically for today's request, I come in front
22 of you to ask for funding for this work. And for this work,
23 two major agreements or contracts that we need. One is the
24 Architecture and Engineering Services, and they are
25 responsible for helping us to design the solution and do the

1 drawing based on the State Fire Marshal's requirements. And
2 after that, based on their solution design, we will then
3 work with our construction vendor to come up with the work
4 that needs to be done to execute the plan. So, today,
5 specifically for today's request, we need to get funding for
6 our LPAS vendor to do this current phase of work.

7 So, with that, I'm happy to answer any questions that
8 you might have.

9 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Thank you, Jean. Are
10 there any questions from the Commissioners for Jean
11 regarding Action Item #8d? Hearing none, does any member of
12 the public want to address the Commission regarding Action
13 Item #8d?

14 **MS. O'ROURKE:** (Inaudible).

15 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes, of course.

16 **MS. O'ROURKE:** Is this related to the fence out
17 there? Is it related to the (inaudible).

18 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** No, it's not. Thank you
19 for the question.

20 **MS. O'ROURKE:** Thank you.

21 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** For clarification, that
22 some of the -- I think it's a good question. Some of the
23 things that were pointed out by the Fire Marshal were around
24 fire and health and safety regarding the exit signs,
25 lighting, some other parameters that I think that --

1 bringing the building up to fire code; is that correct?

2 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** Correct.

3 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Okay.

4 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** At NDC specifically.

5 **MS. O'ROURKE:** And then was that the access
6 because (inaudible)?

7 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** For the Northern
8 Distribution Center or for the Headquarters?

9 **MS. O'ROURKE:** Headquarters.

10 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Harj, do you want to
11 address the Headquarters question?

12 **DIRECTOR CHIMA:** Sure. Jean can, but that's a
13 different issue (overlapping).

14 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Oh, I'm sorry; all
15 right, yes. Yes.

16 **DIRECTOR CHIMA:** I don't know if you want to
17 complete this one first (overlapping) item altogether?

18 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes, we can - it's
19 okay. We'll -- no, yes. Thank you for the question. Any
20 additional questions? Do I hear a motion to approve Action
21 Item #8d, Ratification of Amendment to Add Funds to LPAS,
22 Inc. Agreement to Support Architectural and Engineering?

23 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Motion to approve.

24 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** The second?

25 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Second.

1 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Will the Secretary
2 please call the roll?

3 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Mills?

4 **COMMISSIONER MILLS:** Yes.

5 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Alvidrez?

6 **COMMISSIONER ALVIDREZ:** Yes.

7 **MS. SARWARI:** Commissioner Rasouli?

8 **COMMISSIONER RASOULI:** Yes.

9 **MS. SARWARI:** Chairman Garrison-Engbrecht?

10 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Yes.

11 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** Thank you.

12 **DIRECTOR CHIMA:** Do you want to clarify your
13 question so Jean can answer it?

14 **MS. O'ROURKE:** (Inaudible) because I just heard
15 her speak about the Fire Marshal. It's my understanding
16 that our gate (overlapping) is still the way it is because
17 it's not accessed for fire. The way it was constructed,
18 fire trucks cannot get through the access so (inaudible)
19 that's what I thought this was about, so I wasn't
20 (inaudible).

21 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** Okay. Thank you for the
22 question. So, these are two separate projects, right? One
23 is for NDC based on my request today, and what your question
24 is about is related to the fence, right, the gate here at
25 the Headquarters. So, that level of work is still

1 continuing on, and so right now we are evaluating the work
2 moving forward, so it's totally separate from what I'm
3 requesting today for NDC. Thank you.

4 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Thank you, Jean.
5 Appreciate it.

6 **DEPUTY DIRECTOR COOPER:** You're welcome. Yeah.
7 Thank you.

8 **CHAIR GARRISON-ENGBRECHT:** Next on the agenda is
9 the Commissioner General Discussion. Do any Commissioners
10 have anything to bring up at this time for discussion?

11 Hearing none, the next item we have is our Next
12 Meetings. We have tentatively scheduled the next Commission
13 Meetings for March 27th, May 22nd, June 26th, September 25th,
14 and November 20th, 2025. All will be held in Sacramento.

15 The next item we have on the agenda is Item #11, Public
16 Discussion. Seeing none, we'll move on to Adjournment. The
17 meeting is adjourned.

18 **(MEETING ADJOURNED)**

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