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Pursuant to Rule 8.4(a) and Rule 1.15 of the California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, Hydrostor, Inc. hereby gives notice of the following ex parte Webex meeting. The Webex meeting took place on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 3:00pm and was approximately 35 minutes in length. Participating was Sarah Goldmuntz and Khalil Johnson, Advisors to President Alice Reynolds. Participating in this Webex meeting for Hydrostor, Inc. were Jon Norman, President; Gabe Murtaugh, Director, Regulatory Affairs (Western US); Julie Gill and Delaney Hunter, consultants to Hydrostor, Inc.

In the meeting, Hydrostor highlighted the work to date to establish market opportunities for long lead time resources, specifically long duration energy storage. Participants spoke about the need to continue that work by developing a long-term procurement program that includes long lead time resources beyond the MTR requirements and/or DWR central procurement orders pursuant to AB 1373. Hydrostor expressed concern that while the record has called for long lead time and diverse resources, the current outlined RCPPP timelines are unlikely to provide the timeframes needed for actual procurement. Further, Hydrostor expressed concerns around ELCC calculations relative to long lead time resources – specifically, that current ELCC values may not accurately reflect the value of assets with particularly long lives.

Respectfully submitted on January 20, 2026

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