



PRESS STATEMENT

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Kurt Miller to depart Northwest RiverPartners, Board Forming Hiring Committee

Vancouver, Washington—October 17, 2023—Northwest RiverPartners’ Executive Director Kurt Miller has been selected as the new Executive Director of the Northwest Public Power Association, based in Vancouver, Washington. NWPPA provides value-added services, such as training, conferences, communications, and government affairs support to its more than 150 public power members and more than 300 associate members.

“I am truly honored to lead NWPPA in its next chapter and look forward to partnering with the NWPPA staff and Board of Trustees to achieve great things on behalf of our members,” said Miller. “Words cannot express how much I’ve enjoyed my time at Northwest RiverPartners. I have felt so proud to represent public power communities across the Northwest to preserve the nation’s most significant hydropower resources. It has also been deeply meaningful to build partnerships with farmers, labor unions, and tribes, working toward win-win policy outcomes.”

Miller noted the successful focus of the last few years. “With strong member support, we’ve promoted hydropower through multiple campaigns and outreach efforts. We’ve moved the needle with the public and policymakers,” said Miller.

“I think everyone recognizes the tremendous contributions Kurt has made at NWRP. Kurt’s passion and vision were critical to achieving pro-hydropower outcomes during a critical period,” said NWRP Board Chair and Grant Public Utility District CEO Richard Wallen, “but perhaps the greatest compliment you can give any leader is that they have set the organization up for future success. Kurt believes the right elements are in place to ensure the best is yet to come for NWRP, and the board agrees.

We will begin the process of forming a replacement committee immediately.”

Kurt’s last day with NWRP will be November 30, 2023.

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About Northwest RiverPartners

Northwest RiverPartners (NWRP) is a not-for-profit, member-driven organization. We represent not-for-profit, community-owned utilities across Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Nevada. We also proudly represent farmers, ports, and businesses across the region that support clean energy and low-carbon transportation.

NWRP is focused on raising awareness about how the Northwest’s hydropower system betters communities and the natural environment, and we encourage science-based solutions that help hydropower and salmon coexist and thrive. <http://nwriverpartners.org>