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Northern California Power Agency chair and council member and former mayor of the city of Healdsburg receives American Public Power Association's public official award

Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021 — David Hagele, chair of the Northern California Power Agency and a council member and former mayor of the city of Healdsburg, California, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

In 2016, David was elected to the city council for the city of Healdsburg in Sonoma County, California. In 2019, he was unanimously selected to serve as mayor – during which time he led the city through evacuations and recovery from the Kincade Fire – a more than 75,000-acre wildfire. David speaks personally about the key issues affecting public power in both face-to-face and virtual meetings with key policymakers and stakeholders at the state and federal levels. He has routinely joined APPA for its Legislative Rally and both the Northern California Power Agency and Northwest Public Power Association for their annual federal policy conferences in Washington, D.C. During these sessions, he advocates on critical federal issues affecting the industry such as local control over pole attachments, wildfire and vegetation management, clean energy infrastructure, workforce development, and many other key priorities.

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