# Meeting Information

The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB or the Board) was held in-person and via Zoom on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

# Video Webcast Recording

 Video webcast recording: [Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting - 2/7/2024 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tgenjcz2DsI)

# Actions Taken or Discussion Points

The relevant documents discussed or approved during the meeting are posted on the Board’s webpage at

<https://energysafety.ca.gov/who-we-are/wildfire-safety-advisory-board/>.

# Board Member Attendance

The hybrid meeting was led by Chair Jessica Block. Also in attendance was Vice Chair Chris Porter and Board Members Diane Fellman, John Mader, Tim Haines, Ralph Armstrong, and Alexandra Syphard. Member Tim Haines was in-person while the rest joined online.

**Agenda Action Taken/Discussion Points**

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| 1. Public Comment
2. Electric Safety Policy Division, Office of

Energy Infrastructure Safety Update 1. Board discussion and vote on the Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) Recommendations and Policy Paper
2. Board discussion and vote on the Above-Grade Distribution Systems (AGDS) Recommendations and Policy Paper
3. Board discussion and vote on the Updating Utility Regulations in light of Climate Change and Wildfire Risks Policy Paper
4. Meeting Adjourned
 | The Board received public comments and responded to the two procedural inquiries.Nicole Dunlap, Program and Project Supervisor, provided updates on the following:1. status of the 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) evaluations,
2. deadlines for 2025 WMP updates from the electrical corporations,
3. 2026-2028 WMP update guidelines,
4. safety culture assessments,
5. executive compensation reviews,
6. risk model working group, and
7. regulatory recommendations for wildfire safety.

The Board discussed and adopted the policy paper on UVM, which included recommendations on vegetation inspections, harmonizing the General Orders with national standards for UVM, and defining and mitigating hazard trees among other things. Board Member Armstrong: Motion to adopt the utility vegetation management policy paper as amended2nd: Board Member FellmanVotes: 7 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.Next, the Board considered and adopted the policy paper on AGDS, which featured recommendations to Energy Safety to consider additional forums to better understand the use cases of AGDS and for additional utility pilots of the construction method and associated technologies. Board Member Porter: Motion to vote on the adoption of the Above Grade Distribution Systems Policy Paper2nd: Board Member Armstrong Votes: 7 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.The Board reviewed and adopted the Utility Regulations policy paper, which included recommendations on topics ranging such as grid design and construction; inspections, operations and maintenance; and remote sensing and situational awareness.Board Member Porter: Motion to vote on the adoption of the new and amended utility regulations policy paper (climate change, as it relates to general orders)2nd: Board Member SyphardVotes: 7 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.After verifying there were no further public comments, Chair Block adjourned the meeting.  |