



Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Meeting Electrical Safety Policy Division Update June 5, 2024

1. Wildfire Mitigation Plans

The Policy Division has been working on evaluating the electrical corporations' 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Updates. As a recap, the Policy Division's approach to WMP Updates is new this year. Our 2025 WMP Update Guidelines limit what types of changes or updates the electrical corporations may report in their WMP Updates. The intent is to better define the 3-year WMP cycle, with a comprehensive and robust Base WMP that cover three years, and interim WMP Updates that are concise and focused on significant updates to targets and strategies.

For the 2025 WMP Updates, we've separated the electrical corporations into two groups. Group 1 includes Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES). Group 1 submitted their 2025 WMP Updates on April 2, 2024. We anticipate issuing a draft Decision or a Revision Notice for each electrical corporation in Group 1 by July 2, 2024.

Group 2 includes PacifiCorp, Liberty Utilities, Trans Bay Cable, Horizon West Transmission, and LS Power Grid California. Group 2's submission deadline for their 2025 WMP Updates is on July 8, 2024. We anticipate issuing a draft Decision or a Revision Notice for each electrical corporation in Group 2 by October 8, 2024.

Concurrently, the Policy Division has also been revising the WMP Base Guidelines suite of documents. The revised WMP Base Guidelines will first apply to the electrical corporations' 2026-2028 WMP submittals. In addition to soliciting comments from you, the WSAB, we also solicited public comments and initial input from sister agencies. We appreciate the input the Board has provided to us so far.

We plan to publish the draft suite of documents for the WMP Base Guidelines later this month. We also plan to hold a public workshop on the draft WMP Base Guidelines in approximately mid-July. We will send the draft WMP Base Guidelines out for input from the WSAB, sister agencies, and the public. Our goal is to publish the final Guidelines by early November.

As a reminder, information and announcements about Energy Safety's WMP Guidelines and Decisions can all be accessed through our docket.



2. Safety Culture Assessments

All nine Safety Culture Assessment reports for 2023 were published to the docket in February. The 2024 Safety Culture Assessment process will kick off once we have a contractor in place to help us with that process. We are currently reviewing proposals for that contract.

The Policy Division is building out a new Branch dedicated to Safety Culture Assessments, Executive Compensation reviews, and Safety Certification reviews. We are in the process of hiring a Program and Project Supervisor for this new Branch.

3. Risk Model Working Group

In May, the Policy Division sent a data request to each electrical corporation requesting information on their risk models, such as descriptions of the various models used, how the models are connected, data usage by model type, and how the model outputs are utilized. The data request also included questions on the electrical corporation's previous and ongoing collaborations with each other and other entities.

We requested similar information from the electrical corporations approximately 3 years ago. The data request responses to the current request, due June 11, will provide a new baseline for discussions related to risk modeling.

The Risk Model Working Group last met in March 2024 and will next meet on June 26. The June meeting will provide an opportunity for Energy Safety to answer questions from the electrical corporations regarding the data request and for the working group to scope the meeting topics for the rest of the year. Lastly, in mid-May, we posted an RFP for a third-party contractor to help us facilitate the RMWG meetings.

4. 326(a)(7)

Finally, an update on our work to provide regulatory recommendations for wildfire safety to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in accordance with Public Utilities Code section 326(a)(7). We reviewed the Policy Papers published by the Board and are finalizing our recommendations report. We appreciate the Board's time and input on this important workstream. Energy Safety plans to release its final report the week of June 17.

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