**Wildfire Safety Advisory Board** **Meeting Minutes**

June 24, 2020

**Meeting Information**

The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB or the Board) was held virtually on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 from 1:00pm to approximately 2:45pm.

**Video Webcast Recording**

Video webcast recording: <http://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/other/202006241/>

**Board Member Attendance**

The meeting was led by Marcie Edwards, Chair. In attendance were Vice Chair Diane Fellman and Board Members Ralph Armstrong, Jessica Block, John Mader, Chris Porter, and Alexandra Syphard.

**Actions Taken or Discussion Points**

The relevant documents discussed or approved during the meeting are posted on the Board’s webpage at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB).

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| **Agenda Item** | **Actions Taken / Discussion Points** |
| 1. Introductions and Acknowledgements | Chair Edwards and Board member Block made statements about systemic racism in light of recent events. |
| 1. Public Comment | *No opening public comment was received.* |
| 1. Minutes from April 15, 2020 Board Meeting | The [April 15, 2020](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/About_Us/Organization/Divisions/WSD/Meeting%20Minutes%20from%20April%2015.docx) minutes were adopted. |
| 1. Recommendations on the 2021 WMP Guidelines, Performance Metrics, and Safety Culture | * *No public comments were received on this item.* * Board members discussed the recommendations. Board members Mader and Block noted their intent to file concurrences. * The Board adopted its [Recommendations on the 2021 WMP Guidelines, Performance Metrics, and Safety Culture](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/About_Us/Organization/Divisions/WSD/WSAB%20Recommendations%20on%202021%20WMP%20Guidelines%20APPROVED%20CONCURRENCES%206.24.2020.pdf). |
| 1. Publicly Owned Utility (POU) Wildfire Mitigation Efforts | * *No public comments were received on this item.* * Barry Moline, Director of the California Municipal Utilities Association spoke about the [POU’s approach](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/About_Us/Organization/Divisions/WSD/CMUA%20WSAB%206-23-20%20FINAL.pptx) to wildfire mitigation and the [POU WMP template](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/About_Us/Organization/Divisions/WSD/POU%20Wildfire%20Mitigation%20Plan%20Template.docx). |
| 1. Board’s Feedback on WSD Strategy Document | * *The Board received one comment from a member of the public.* * Director Caroline Thomas Jacobs gave a brief presentation on the Division’s [Strategic Roadmap](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSD/roadmap/). * The Board provided comments on the Roadmap. |
| 1. WSD Presentations on WMP Review and Compliance | The Board listened to a [presentation](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/About_Us/Organization/Divisions/WSD/WSD%20Presentation%20_%20WSAB%206.24%20WMPs.pdf) by WSD Program Manager Melissa Semcer who summarized the WMP review process and the findings of that evaluation. Program Manager Chris Meyer presented on the Division’s compliance efforts. |
| 1. Meeting Adjourned |  |

**Public Comment**

The Board received one public comment during the meeting, but read aloud one comment received via Email.

The Board received public comment on June 15, 2020, prior to the Board meeting, in response to the Board’s Draft Recommendations. Comments were received from: the Bioenergy Association of California; the Coalition of California Utility Employees; Kevin Collins; Georgia Goldfarb; the Green Power Institute; Patt Healy; the Joint Local Governments; Robert McCollum; the Mussey Grade Road Alliance; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; the Protect Our Communities Foundation; the Public Advocates Office of the CPUC; the San Lorenzo Valley Women's Club, Environmental Committee; Southern California Edison Company; San Diego Gas & Electric Company; the Topanga Association for a Scenic Community; and The Utility Reform Network.

All received written public comments were posted on the WSAB website <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab/publiccomment/>.

The Board has received numerous Wildfire Mitigation Plans from Publicly Owned Utilities both before and after the June 24, 2020 meeting. These are posted to the Board’s website <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab/POUandCoopWMPs/>.