Wildfire Safety Advisory Board – Electrical Safety Policy Division Remarks

September 4, 2024 Board Meeting

- Good afternoon Chair Block and Board Members.

- My name is Nicole Dunlap and I'm a Program and Project Supervisor in Energy Safety's Electrical Safety Policy Division.

- I'll provide an update today about what the Policy Division has achieved since your last meeting and provide an overview of what we will be working on in the coming months.

- I will discuss
  - Wildfire Mitigation Plans, or WMPs
  - Safety Culture Assessments
  - Executive Compensation
  - Safety Certifications, and our
  - Risk Model Working Group

Wildfire Mitigation Plans

- Policy Division has been evaluating the electrical corporations' 2025 WMP Updates. We've staggered their submission schedules into two groups:
  - Group 1 includes Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison, and Bear Valley Electric Service. Group 1 submitted their 2025 WMP Updates on April 2, 2024.
  - Group 2 includes PacifiCorp, Liberty Utilities, Trans Bay Cable, Horizon West Transmission, and LS Power Grid California. Group 2 submitted their 2025 WMP Updates on July 8, 2024.

- Not all electrical corporations' 2025 WMP Updates conformed to the WMP Update Guideline requirements, so we issued requests for errata and/or Reject and Resubmit Orders to them.
  - We requested errata from SDG&E, PG&E, and Bear Valley, and

    - We issued Reject and Resubmit Orders to Bear Valley, and Liberty.

- We published draft Decisions on all Group 1 electrical corporations in August. Group 2 Decisions are forthcoming.

- We've also been revising the WMP Base Guidelines suite of documents for the 2026-2028 Base WMP cycle.

- We plan to publish the draft WMP Base Guideline suite of documents in September and will host a public workshop before finalizing. We will send the draft Guidelines out for input from the Board, sister agencies, and the public.

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

Safety Culture Branch & Workstreams

- The Policy Division is in the process of standing up a new Safety Culture Branch. We recently hired a supervisor and are currently recruiting staff.

- This group will carry our Safety Culture Assessments, Executive Compensation Structure reviews, and the review and issuance of Safety Certifications.

- The 2024 **Safety Culture Assessments** are delayed until a contractor is on board. Once a contractor is on board, we will publish draft Safety Culture Assessment Guidelines, receive stakeholder comments, adopt the final Guidelines, then begin the Safety Culture Assessments.

- We don't expect to have the 2024 Safety Culture Assessment Reports issued in time for the 2024 Safety Certification issuance; however, electrical corporations may use their 2023 Safety Culture Assessments to demonstrate good standing for their 2024 Safety Certifications.

- PG&E, SDG&E, SCE, and Bear Valley submitted their **Executive Compensation** Structures on April 12. Our review is underway, and we are on track to meet the September deadline.

- The 2024 **Safety Certification** Guidelines were adopted on August 8, and the 2024 Safety Certification submission schedule was published on August 5.

- Electrical corporations will submit Safety Certification requests to the Policy Division on October 8, after which we will publish a decision on each request within 90 days.

Risk Model Working Group

- Last, our monthly Risk Model Working Group meetings have been temporarily paused until we have a contractor on board to help with this workstream. We hope to resume the meetings in October.