

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Strategy

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Overview of AB 1054

1. Wildfire Fund

- Electrical corporations may access the Wildfire Fund upon meeting specified requirements
- Electrical corporations must first opt in: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) have opted in

2. Safety certification

- To access the fund, an electrical corporation must annually provide the Executive Director of the CPUC documentation of meeting the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(1)-(4)
- If the requirements are met, the CPUC's Executive Director will issue a safety certification

3. Non-bypassable charge

- On July 26, 2019, the CPUC initiated a Rulemaking as required by Section 3289(a)(1)
- Requires CPUC consider using its authority to require each electrical corporation to collect a non-bypassable charge from ratepayers of the electrical corporation to support the Wildfire Fund
  - Not applicable to a regional electrical corporation that chooses not to participate in any fund

4. Wildfire Safety Division



Utility Wildfire Mitigation Strategy work

Systematically reduce the risk of wildfires ignited by utility infrastructure over the next 10 years and beyond through a clearly-articulated statewide vision to coordinate efforts, evaluate mitigation options and assess progress

1. Vision

Define Statewide wildfire mitigation vision and objectives

Clarify CPUC role to address risk drivers

2. Strategy & Roadmap

Define and prioritize utility-related initiatives

Develop initiative roadmaps

3. Guidelines for WMPs

Define WMP evaluation metrics framework

Support ongoing workshops

Deliver clear guidelines for next WMP submissions

Implementation

Establish Wildfire Safety Division

Launch new process for review of WMPs

Support rollout of priority initiatives and ongoing activities

2019 — 2020+



Key questions in this work

- What are the Statewide vision, objectives, and timeline over the next 10 years to systematically reduce risk of wildfires?
- What are the main drivers of wildfire risk? What actions can address them?
- What are the current utility-related wildfire mitigation actions/systems being proposed by various stakeholders?
- What would a best-in-class program for utility wildfire mitigation look like? What are best practices in other wildfire-prone areas?
- What targets, actions (policy, regulatory, technology, etc.), and performance measures should be prioritized to achieve the State's vision?
- What is the integrated roadmap to pursue a cohesive strategy for utility wildfire mitigation initiatives? What roles, capabilities, and resources are required?
- What is the evaluation and compliance framework for future utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan submissions (2020 and beyond)?



Questions?