

Overview of AB 111: Establishing the Wildfire Safety Division

1. Established CA Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (CWSAB) to advise the Wildfire Safety Division

2. Wildfire Safety Division to be established within CPUC by January 1, 2020, and tasked with:

- Overseeing and enforcing electrical corporations' compliance with wildfire safety
- With CWSAB, recommending to the CPUC performance metrics to achieve maximum feasible risk reduction for wildfire mitigation plans (WMPs), evaluate electrical corporation compliance with WMPs
- Developing a field audit program for WMP compliance by each electrical corporation
- Consulting with the Office of Emergency Services in response to utility public safety power shutoff events and utility actions for compliance with relevant rules and regulations
- Supporting efforts to assess and analyze fire weather data and other atmospheric conditions that could lead to catastrophic wildfires and to reduce the likelihood and severity of wildfire
- Retaining appropriate staff including experts in wildfire, weather, climate, emergency response, etc.
- Reviewing, with CWSAB and CPUC staff, safety requirements for electrical T&D infrastructure, infrastructure and equipment attached to that electrical infrastructure, and providing recommendations to the commission to address the dynamic risk of climate change and mitigate wildfire risk

3. Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) to be established within the Natural Resources Agency effective July 1, 2021

- Successor to the Wildfire Safety Division and vested with its duties, powers, and responsibilities
- CPUC and OEIS to enter into a MOU to develop consistent approaches, share data related to
- electric infrastructure safety, including relevant inspection results and regulatory development



Overview of AB 1054: Process Changes

1. Filing frequency

- Shift from annual submission to once every 3 years

2. WMP approval by Wildfire Safety Division (WSD)

- In consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- With consideration of public comments submitted

3. WMP compliance overseen by WSD

- Electrical corporations to file annual compliance reports
  - Not applicable to a regional electrical corporation that chooses not to participate in any fund

4. WMP evaluators overseen by WSD

- WSD, in consultation with CAL FIRE, to provide list of qualified independent evaluators with experience in assessing the safe operation of electrical infrastructure before March 2021
- Engaged independent evaluators shall consult with, and operate under the direction of, the WSD