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Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1 of Commission Decision (D.) 20-05-051,¹ San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) hereby submits its Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Working Group Report for the fourth quarter of 2025 (Report). The Report is set forth in Attachment A and discusses SDG&E's collaboration with stakeholders regarding PSPS.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ SDG&E is directed to follow the guidelines set forth in Appendix A to D.20-05-051. Appendix A at p. 1 requires the large electric investor-owned utilities to convene Public Safety Power Shutoff Working Groups at least quarterly and report back to the Commission on progress on a quarterly basis. This Report complies with that order.

Attachment A

San Diego Gas & Electric Company Public Safety Power Shutoff Working Group Report

San Diego Gas & Electric Company Regional Public Safety Power Shutoff Working Group Report – December 3, 2025

Background

In June 2020, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), working with the County of San Diego's Office of Emergency Services (County OES), formed a subcommittee to the County's existing Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Working Group for the purposes of focusing on Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). The Public Safety Power Shutoff Working Group (PSPSWG) was formed by leveraging the existing AFN Working Group, and adding representatives from small multi-jurisdictional electric utilities; community choice aggregators; publicly-owned electric utilities; communications providers; water service providers; the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); tribes; local government entities; public safety partners; and agencies that serve community members with disabilities, aging, and AFN populations. The PSPSWG is intended to encourage collaboration and provide an opportunity for SDG&E and local stakeholders to exchange lessons learned from PSPS events.

SDG&E's fourth quarterly meeting of the PSPSWG was held on December 3, 2025. The meeting was opened with a safety message on ways to be diligent to avoid financial scams during the holiday season. Attendees received a meteorological update and discussed PSPS conditions for the immediate future, followed by an overview of wildfire mitigation efforts and line hardening strategies. The session then focused on reviewing the 2026 AFN Plan and defining key objectives, before inviting partner presenters to volunteer for next year's working group series.

SDG&E's next PSPSWG meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2026.

A summary of the meeting discussion and a list of attendees from the fourth quarterly PSPSWG meeting are attached in Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

PSPS Working Group Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
10–11 a.m.
Virtual via MS Teams

I. Welcome and Safety Message

Matt Fehse, SDG&E - AFN Regulatory and Compliance Advisor

During the holidays, scammers often exploit goodwill and online activity through various methods such as social engineering and false package delivery updates. Fake charity scams involve posing as charitable organizations to solicit urgent donations are prevalent during the time of the year. To avoid being a victim, be skeptical when something appears too good to be true and always follow up directly with friends and family when there are suspicious requests for money.

II. Meteorological Update and PSPS

Kathryn Giannecchini, SDG&E – Principal Meteorologist

Fall this year saw significant rainfall beginning in mid-October, with totals ranging from 85% to 215% of normal precipitation which greatly reduced drought conditions statewide. Santa Ana winds were generally weak, and no PSPS events have occurred since January 2025. Current conditions show more than 2 inches of rain in most areas since October, leading to grass green-up that helps reduce fire risk. The US Forest Service predicts low fire potential through March 2026, while the Climate Prediction Center anticipates below-normal winter rainfall. Given saturated soils and vegetation growth, PSPS events are not expected in the coming months unless conditions change.

III. Wildfire Mitigation Program & Line Hardening

Katie Mauer, SDG&E – PSPS Project Manager

Despite SDG&E's success in preventing utility-related catastrophic wildfires for 17 years, recent years have brought record-setting dry conditions and extreme wind events, increasing reliance on Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and other mitigation measures. The 2026–2028 Wildfire Mitigation Plan focuses on integrated strategies such as grid hardening, vegetation management, emergency preparedness, and community outreach, supported by advanced risk-informed methodologies and life cycle cost analysis.

SDG&E employs data-driven tools to strengthen resilience. The WiNGS system, which uses weather, vegetation, and asset data to predict wildfire and PSPS risks, is among these tools which enable informed decision-making. In 2025 alone, mitigation efforts included installing 50 miles of covered conductor, 28 miles of undergrounding, replacing nearly 2,000 assets, and conducting over 485,000 vegetation inspections; all of which exceeded annual targets. Additional strategies include situational awareness through 216 weather stations, risk analytics for automated decision-making, and customer resiliency programs. Continuous improvements, training exercises, and innovative technologies underscore SDG&E's commitment to safety, reliability, and reducing wildfire and PSPS impacts.

IV. 2026 AFN Plan Review & Objectives

Matt Fehse, SDG&E – AFN Regulatory and Compliance Advisor

The overarching goal for the annual Access and Functional Needs Plan was discussed and key performance indicators used to measure success towards achieving that goal were reviewed. There were four recommendations that were developed in collaboration with stakeholders that represent strategies to achieve the goal – mitigate impacts of PSPS on individuals with AFN served by the IOUs through improved customer outreach, education, assistance programs, and services.

V. 2026 Partner Presenters

Matt Fehse, SDG&E – AFN Regulatory and Compliance Advisor

The Regional PSPS Working Group serves as a venue for collaboration and partnership, but also as a space to highlight the work organizations are doing in the community that alleviates the impact of PSPS. Efforts are made to make space for these organizations to highlight the work that they do. Attendees who represent organizations involved with PSPS were encouraged to provide their contact information so they can be scheduled to present at future meetings through the 2026 series.

VI. Discussion and Feedback/Roundtable

	Participant Questions/Comments	SDG&E Response	Action Items
1	SDCF – CERT offered two events they are coordinating looking for additional partners to table at the event	Agreed to share event information and flyers with notes distributed to mailing list	Information sharing

VII. Closing

Next PSPS Working Group Meeting (tentative): March 4, 2025, 10am – 11am.

VIII. Meeting Participants (54 Participants)

Regional PSPS Working Group	First	Last	Title	Category
211 San Diego	Laura	Cervantes		AFN
211 San Diego	Leticia	Martinez		AFN
211 San Diego	Steve	Montejano		AFN
American Red Cross	Melissa	Altman	Disaster Program Manager - CEAP	AFN
AT&T	Renee	Marfia	Area Manager	TelCo
Cal OES	Cruz	Ponce	Emergency Services Coordinator	Public Safety Partner
Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Raymond	Cuero	Muht Hei President	Tribal
CFILC/DDAR	Serra	Rea	Program Manager	AFN
City of San Diego OES	Robert	Stauffacher	Emergency Services Program Coordinator	Local Governments
Cox Communications	Jennifer	Champlin	Business Continuity Specialist	TelCo
CPUC	Daisy	Yee		CPUC Staff
CPUC	Talal	Harahsheh		CPUC Staff
Encina WPCF	Octavio	Navarrete		Water Provider
Fire Safe Council of San Diego County	Morgan	Dioli	Fire Prevention and Forestry Coordinator	Public Safety Partner
Indian Health Council	Angelina	Renteria	Chief Operating Officer	Tribal
Indian Health Council	Art	Calvo	Director	Tribal
Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank	Amy	Eilts	Director of Programs	AFN
Jamul Indian Village A Kumeyaay Nation	Syndi	Smallwood	Environmental Director	Tribal
Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians	Jesse	Morales	Vice Chairman	Tribal
Otay WD	Jake	Vaclavek	Systems Operations Manager	Water Provider
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Joshua	Keliikoa	Public Safety Manager	Tribal

Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians	Cindy	Ernst	Housing Manager	Tribal
San Diego County	John	Divins	Administrative Analyst	Local Governments
San Diego County Fire Authority CERT	Teresa	Greenhalgh	CERT coordinator	Public Safety Partner
SDG&E	Cindy	Smith	Customer Programs Advisor	Energy Provider
SDG&E	Janell	Rihan	Account Executive	Energy Provider
SDG&E	Katie	Giannecchi ni	Meteorology Data Scientist	Energy Provider
SDG&E	Katie	Mauer	Project Manager - Wildfire Mitigation PPS	Energy Provider
SDG&E	Matthew	Fehse	AFN Regulatory & Compliance Advisor	Energy Provider
SDG&E	Mia	Graff	Customer Outreach & Engagement Supervisor	Energy Provider
SDG&E	Victor	Roosen	AFN Coordination Program Manager	Energy Provider
South Coast Water District	Chris	Newton	Superintendent	Water Provider
South Coast Water District	Steve	Dishon	Water Resources Manager	Water Provider
South Coast Water District	Sunny	Lee	Compliance and Risk Program Manager	Water Provider
Southern Indian Health Council	Gabby	Amaya	Director of Facilities	Tribal
Sweetwater Authority	Clay	Clifton		Water Provider
	Jorge	Lopez		
	Monica	Lopez		
	Veronica	Santos		