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CPUC TO HOLD FIRE SAFETY AND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE EN BANC

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a Fire Safety and Utility Infrastructure En Banc to examine the fire threat in California and what steps can be taken to mitigate fire hazards to utility infrastructure.

WHEN: January 31, 2018, 9:15 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available via webcast at www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

Every year, there are more than 5,400 wildland fires that burn an average of more than 156,000 acres. In many cases, fires impact utility infrastructure regulated by the CPUC. Utilities, especially electric and telecommunication services, are critical for emergency response and the ability of first responders to communicate. However, in some instances utility infrastructure may also contribute to or be the cause of fire. As such, it is important for the CPUC to fully understand the intersect of fire safety and utility infrastructure. The En Banc will cover topics such as national standards and best practices, and climate adaptation and infrastructure impacts.

For more information on the En Banc and a draft agenda, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/2018FireEnBanc.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.



If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

The CPUC's [Safety Action Plan](#), which helps to fully integrate safety into all aspects of the CPUC's work, calls for an annual Safety En Banc that provides for an interactive discussion of utility safety.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

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