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## **CPUC TO HOLD REMOTE PUBLIC BRIEFINGS ON UTILITY READINESS FOR 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3, 2020 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold remote public briefings by the state's three large electric investor-owned utilities to discuss their readiness for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events in 2020. PSPS events are a tool of last resort for electric utilities to use to mitigate the risk of wildfire, and electric utilities must execute PSPS events safely.

The CPUC is overseeing the utilities' preparation for PSPS events and will be joined on the virtual dais by leaders from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the California Department of Fire and Forestry Protection (CAL FIRE).

**WHAT:** Briefings to provide the CPUC, Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and the public thorough information about the utilities' work to prepare for PSPS in 2020.

**WHEN:**

- Monday, August 10, 2020, 10 - 11:30 a.m.: San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
- Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 1:30 - 3 p.m.: Southern California Edison (SCE)
- Thursday, August 13, 2020, 10 - 11:30 a.m.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

**WHERE:** Watch each briefing at: [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc); there will be 30 minutes for public comment at each briefing using the following call-in number: 800-857-1917, passcode 9899501.



At the briefings, the utilities will provide information and answer questions from the CPUC, Cal OES, and CAL FIRE about all aspects of their preparation for PSPS events. The CPUC has been overseeing utility preparation in the following areas: Scaling of Business Operations; Website Capabilities and Customer Call Centers; Coordination with Counties and Tribal Governments; Accuracy and Availability of Maps; Mobilizing, Organizing, and Decision-Making for Widespread Emergency Events; Restoration and Mutual Assistance; and Steps to Minimize the Scope of PSPS Events.

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

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

For more information on PSPS, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PSPS](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PSPS).

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