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Decision 20-10-016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Strategies and Guidance for Climate Change Adaptation. | Rulemaking 18-04-019 |

ORDER CORRECTING ERROR

The Commission has been informed of an error in Decision (D.) 20-08-046, *Decision on Energy Utility Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments and Climate Adaptation in Disadvantaged Communities (Phase 1, Topics 4 and 5)*, which was adopted by the Commission at the August 27, 2020 Agenda Meeting.)[[1]](#footnote-1) As published by the Commission on September 3, 2020, Ordering Paragraph 9, subsection 9, at page 126 of D.20-08-046 states as follows:

Use DWR’s two-step vulnerability assessment methodology that 1) combines exposure and sensitivity to determine risk, and 2) combines risk and adaptive capacity to determine vulnerability.

As written, Ordering Paragraph 9, subsection 9 conflicts with the text in the body of the decision and Conclusion of Law 45.

The Commission’s Resolution A-4661, *Orders Correcting Errors in Commission Decisions* (March 9, 1977),[[2]](#footnote-2) permits the Executive Director to issue decisions correcting errors in limited circumstances, including when the error is an obvious, inadvertent error.

The errors, quoted above in Ordering Paragraph 9, as published on September 3, 2020, are obvious and inadvertent because the errors conflict with the text in the body of the decision and Conclusion of Law 45. As a result, the Commission hereby modifies D.20-08-046, Ordering Paragraph 9, subsection 9 to conform to the text in the body of this decision and Conclusion of Law 45 with the following additions (noted in underline) and removals (noted in strikeout), as follows:

Use DWR’s two-step vulnerability assessment methodology modified to conform with established IPCC definitions of risk terminology, such that 1) combines exposure and sensitivity to determine ~~risk~~ vulnerability, and 2) combines vulnerability ~~risk~~ and adaptive capacity to determine ~~vulnerability~~ risk.

Therefore, pursuant to Commission Resolution A-4661, *Orders Correcting Errors in Commission Decisions* (March 9, 1977), Ordering Paragraph 9, subsection 9 of D.20-08-046, is corrected, herein, as follows:

Use DWR’s two-step vulnerability assessment methodology modified to conform with established IPCC definitions of risk terminology, such that 1) combines exposure and sensitivity to determine vulnerability, and 2) combines vulnerability and adaptive capacity to determine risk.

**IT IS ORDERED** that Ordering Paragraph 9, subsection 9 of Decision 20‑08-046 is corrected as set forth herein.

1. The obvious, inadvertent errors in Decision 20-08-046 are hereby corrected.
2. Rulemaking 18-04-019 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 16, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

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| /s/ RACHEL PETERSON |
| Rachel Peterson  Acting Executive Director |

1. D.20-08-046 is available on the Commission’s website at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=346285534>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Resolution A-4661 is available on the Commission’s website at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/PUBLISHED/FINAL_RESOLUTION/96168.htm>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)