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## WILDFIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD TO HOLD A VIRTUAL MEETING ON THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE 2022 WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN GUIDELINES, PERFORMANCE METRICS, AND SAFETY CULTURE ASSESSMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18, 2021 - The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (the Board) will host a remote access (virtual) meeting and is accepting comments on draft recommendations as follows:

**WHEN:** Monday, June 28, 2021, 9 a.m. – noon

WHERE: Online via webcast; also available via conference line. Participation information is below.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide their input on the Board's Draft Recommendations on the 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Guidelines, Performance Metrics, and Safety Culture Assessment applicable to the Investor-Owned Utilities and Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities. Based on the volume of participants, input may be limited to three minutes. In addition to discussing the Board's Draft Recommendations, the Wildfire Safety Division (WSD) will present an update. The complete agenda and the Board's recommendations are available under meeting materials for the June 28, 2021 meeting at <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB">www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB</a>. Interested participants may submit comments on the draft report by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 by emailing WildfireSafetyAdvisoryBoard@cpuc.ca.gov.

Assembly Bill 1054, signed into law in July 2019, created the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board, a board of independent expert advisors, to advise the <u>Wildfire Safety Division</u>, currently within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on wildfire safety measures. The WSD

will soon transition to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety. The Board advises the WSD on Investor-Owned Utilities Wildfire Mitigation Plans and requirements for these plans, so the CPUC can more effectively regulate utility safety. Additionally, the Board must review the Wildfire Mitigation Plans submitted by Publicly Owned Electric Utilities and Electrical Cooperatives and provide comments and an Advisory Opinion. The Board also serves as an additional forum for the public to provide input on the important topic of wildfire safety.

## PARTICIPATION INFORMATION:

- Live with English and Spanish captions via webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
  - Participants will have audio and video but will not be able to make comments or ask questions. To make comments or ask questions, please join via the phone line.
  - o For captions, after clicking on the name of the meeting, click the green button below the video for captions. Then select captions by clicking on the white icon next to the word "live" at the bottom of the video.
  - o It will also be recorded and archived for future viewing.
- Conference call-in number: 1-800-857-1917, passcode: 1767567
  - Participants will be placed on mute in "listen-only" mode until the public comment portion of the meeting. Once the public comment portions of the meeting begin, participants may dial \* 1 (star one) when they wish to speak to be placed in a queue by the operator.
- Remote participants may email questions during the meeting to: wildfiresafetyadvisoryboard@cpuc.ca.gov

The most updated information related to Wildfire Safety Advisory Board meeting will be available prior to the commencement of the meeting at <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB">www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB</a>.

Additional information including an agenda is available at <a href="www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab">www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab</a> or by emailing <a href="www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab">WildfireSafetyAdvisoryBoard@cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

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