RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF BIGGS WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE §8387 AND PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §§4292–4293

WHEREAS, the City of Biggs is a publicly owned electric utility subject to the provisions of California Public Utilities Code (PUC) §8387, which requires the preparation, implementation, and annual update of a Wildfire Mitigation Plan designed to minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfires associated with electric infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Biggs has prepared an updated Wildfire Mitigation Plan (2026) to align with current requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, and the California Fire Threat Map; and

WHEREAS, the City of Biggs has also prepared a complementary Vegetation Management Plan (2026) that establishes specific procedures, inspection schedules, clearance standards, and operational practices in accordance with Public Resources Code §§4292–4293 and CPUC General Order 95; and

WHEREAS, both plans were developed in coordination with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and modeled on plans collaboratively developed by participating member utilities since 2020; and

WHEREAS, both plans have been reviewed and have been found to be consistent with State and local requirements governing vegetation clearance, utility operations, and wildfire prevention; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2026 Wildfire Mitigation Plan and Vegetation Management Plan will enhance the City's ability to prevent and respond to wildfire risks while ensuring continued compliance with State oversight and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these plans is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), as approval of the plans will not cause a significant effect on the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Biggs as follows:

1. The 2026 City of Biggs Wildfire Mitigation Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is hereby adopted as the official plan of the City of Biggs Electric Utility.

2. The 2026 City of Biggs Vegetation Management Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit C, is hereby adopted as the official plan for the City of Biggs Electric Utility and as a companion operational plan to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

3. The City Administrator / Director of Utilities is authorized to submit the adopted plans to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board, through the Northern California Power Agency, and to implement all provisions therein.

4. The City Administrator / Director of Utilities is further directed to obtain an independent audit of the City's wildfire mitigation and vegetation management programs pursuant to PUC §8387(c).

5. Staff is authorized to make any non-substantive formatting or editorial changes to the documents necessary for publication or submission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Squires, Sheppard, and Wilks
NOES:	
ABSENT:	Brown and Mattos
ABSTAIN:	

APPROVED:

James 'Bo" Sheppard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Roben Benish, City Clerk