PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 22-0111

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) owns and operates certain overhead electrical lines and equipment that present a significant risk of wildfire because they are in areas the California Public Utilities Commission has designated as High Fire Threat Districts; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code § 8387 (b)(1) requires that after July 1, 2020, a publicly owned electrical utility or electrical cooperative prepare a wildfire mitigation plan (WMP) annually and submit the WMP to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board, a division of the newly established Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, on or before July 1 of each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-0129, the Commission adopted the SFPUC Wildfire Mitigation Plan Version 2.0, which was the final 2020 WMP that incorporated recommendations from the Independent Evaluator report; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0094, the Commission adopted the SFPUC 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, SFPUC staff have completed the annual update to the SFPUC WMP to reflect policies, system hardening, and vegetation management projects undertaken in the 2021 calendar year that were designed to reduce the potential for SFPUC overhead electrical lines in HFTDs to be the cause of catastrophic wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of the Wildire Mitigation Plan does not constitute a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 because it would not result in any commitment to any specific project that would result in a physical change in the environment; and environmental review under the CEQA, if required, would be completed for individual projects, including vegetation removal, implemented as a result of the plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission accepts and approves the 2022 SFPUC Wildfire Mitigation Plan on file with the Commission Secretary, pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 8387 (b)(1); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission authorizes the General Manager to submit the 2022 SFPUC Wildfire Mitigation Plan on or before July 1, 2022, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety Wildfire Safety Advisory Board, with any insubstantial changes or modifications to the exhibits, as may be acceptable to the General Manager.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of June 14, 2022.

Vonna Wood

Secretary, Public Utilities Commission