



# SCOPING MEETING

## Utility Vegetation Management Best Practices for Wildfire Safety

*An Opportunity to Share Your Expertise*

### FEATURED SPEAKERS:



**Stephen R. Cieslewicz**  
Utility Vegetation  
Management Consultant &  
Host of the Utility Vegetation  
Management Podcast



**Lawrence J. Kahn**  
Director, Utility Vegetation  
Management Initiative,  
Tulane Law School

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) is hosting an initial scoping meeting for stakeholders, relevant state agencies, and California's electrical corporations to share ideas and discuss best practices for utility vegetation management (UVM) for wildfire safety.

In response to increased wildfire risk, California's electrical corporations have implemented differing approaches to prevent vegetation-caused outages and ignitions in high fire risk areas (HFRA). Current industry standards and regulations do not provide adequate guidance for electrical corporations to manage risk from vegetation.

### Topics of discussion will include:

- Identification of UVM practices in need of standardization in HFRA
- How to achieve alignment among electrical corporations

Additional meetings and workshops will be held to implement actions developed during this scoping session.

For more information about the **Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety**:  
[energysafety.ca.gov](http://energysafety.ca.gov).

FRIDAY

February 10, 2023

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PST

Please join us to learn about and discuss utility vegetation management for wildfire safety

LOCATION:

**VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**

Please click the link below to join the scoping meeting:

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**AGENDA:** Friday, February 10, 2023 | 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PST

9 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Introduction & Agenda Review
9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Speaker: Stephen R. Cieslewicz, Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) Consultant and Host of The UVM Podcast
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 p.m.	Speaker: Lawrence J. Kahn, Director, Utility Vegetation Management Initiative at Tulane Law School
9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Q&A with Speakers
10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Presentation by Energy Safety: Proposal to Establish UVM Best Management Practices for Wildfire Safety
10:40 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion
12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Next Steps and Closeout

Please contact Colin Lang ([colin.lang@energysafety.ca.gov](mailto:colin.lang@energysafety.ca.gov)) with any questions



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