

Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Meeting



Notice

December 4, 2023

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. PDT

Physical Location:

Sonoma Clean Power-Advanced Energy Center
741 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (4th Street Entrance)

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WSAB Meeting Agenda

Any agenda items other than public comments may include a Board vote and may be taken out of order for scheduling convenience. Items designated for information are appropriate for Board action if the Board chooses to take action.

Public Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**
3. **Action Item: Approve Meeting Minutes**

The Board will vote to approve minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting.

4. **Administrative Updates**
5. **Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety Update**
6. **Action Item: Advisory Opinion for 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plans of California's Electric Publicly Owned Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperatives**

The Board will discuss and vote to adopt the Advisory Opinion.

7. **Information Item: Presentations and Discussion on Above-Grade Distribution Systems**

Matt Pender (PG&E) and Brad Koelling (PG&E) will present on Ground-Level Distribution System (GLDS) Pilot. Rudy Movafagh (Rudd Engineering) will present on Minimum Cover Cable (MCC) & GLDS Systems. The Board will discuss the presentation and next steps.

8. **Action Item: Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) Recommendations and Policy Paper**

Steve Cieslewicz (UVM Podcast Host) and Larry Kahn (Tulane University) will present on UVM policy recommendations.

The Board will discuss and vote to adopt a draft UVM policy paper as



recommendations to Energy Safety requested pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 326.2(d).

9. **Information Item: Updating Utility Regulations in light of Climate Change and Wildfire Risks Policy Paper**

The Board will discuss a draft policy paper on Updating Utility Regulations in light of Climate Change and Wildfire Risks as recommendations to Energy Safety for purpose of Public Utilities Code section 326(a)(7).

10. **Information Item: Subcommittee Assignment Recap and Activity Updates**

11. **Agenda Items for Consideration at Future Meetings**

12. **Adjournment**

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Postal Mail: 715 P Street, 20th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Email: WSAB@energysafety.ca.gov

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<https://energysafety.ca.gov/what-we-do/wildfire-safety-advisory-board/wsab-events-and-meetings/>

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Contacting the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board

Questions on the subject matter of this meeting, should be directed to Mary Ann Aguayo at WSAB@energysafety.ca.gov or 279-336-1731.

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