

RESOLUTION NO. IPUC 2024-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDUSTRY PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN FOR INDUSTRY PUBLIC UTILITIES

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (“SB”) 901 (2018) and SB 1054 (2019) require every publicly owned utility (“POU”) to develop a wildfire mitigation plan that identifies strategies and programs to minimize the risk that the POU’s electrical lines and equipment will cause a catastrophic wildfire; each POU must present this wildfire mitigation plan to its governing board on an annual basis and after presenting its wildfire mitigation plan to its governing board, each POU must then submit its plan to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (“WSAB”); and the WSAB then reviews the POU wildfire mitigation plans and provides comments and advisory opinions on the content and sufficiency of each of the plans; and

WHEREAS, the Industry Public Utilities Commission (“IPUC”) approved the initial Industry Public Utilities (“IPU”) Wildfire Mitigation Plan on December 12, 2019, and IPU has developed and presented a wildfire mitigation plan to the IPUC each subsequent year; based on feedback from the WSAB, IPU Staff have made various changes to IPU’s wildfire mitigation plan, including adding an informational table that provides specific data requested by the WSAB, as well as including a summary of key changes as compared to the prior year; IPU’s most recent plan also included a new metrics table that incorporated both performance metrics and outcome metrics and these new metrics are more useful for tracking a POU’s progress and performance of its wildfire mitigation practices; and

WHEREAS, IPU’s most recent wildfire mitigation plan was approved by the IPUC on June 8, 2023, and submitted to the WSAB, and the WSAB issued its Guidance Advisory Opinion on December 7, 2023, which explained that the WSAB would be focusing on recommendations for the 2025 POU wildfire mitigation plans and developing these recommendations through regular meetings with a group referred to as the “Joint Associations,” which includes the California Municipal Utilities Association (“CMUA”), of which IPU is a member; and

WHEREAS, in early 2024, the Joint Associations and WSAB met to discuss potential recommendations for POU 2025 wildfire mitigation plans, including a streamlined reporting process for POU’s that do not have overhead electric supply facilities in tier 2 or tier 3 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“CPUC’s”) High Fire Threat District (“HFTD”) map.

WHEREAS, the WSAB Staff have issued a Working Group Report that recommends that a POU without overhead electric supply facilities in tier 2 or tier 3 of the HFTD would simply present its current wildfire mitigation plan to its governing board each year at a publicly noticed meeting without the need to make changes to the plan unless the POU determines there is a need to do so, and that instead, the POU would submit a letter to the WSAB that includes all of the following: (i) confirm that the POU’s existing wildfire mitigation was presented to its governing board at a public meeting; and (ii) provide updated information about the POU’s service territory and operations; and (iii) report the relevant wildfire metrics tracked by the POU; and

WHEREAS, the WSAB will vote to formally approve this recommended streamlined reporting process later this year; and

WHEREAS, IPU does not own or control any overhead electric supply facilities located in or near an area of the state that is designated as tier 2 or tier 3 on the HFTD map and IPU's electric supply system poses minimal risk of causing a catastrophic wildfire, and therefore IPU is eligible to use the WSAB's streamlined reporting process as currently proposed; and

WHEREAS, IPU recommends that if the WSAB approves the streamlined reporting process that IPU utilizes this option for 2025 and future reporting years; and

WHEREAS, IPU Staff have prepared an Updated Wildfire Mitigation Plan, which is provided as Attachment 1 to this Resolution 2024-04, which addresses all applicable statutory criteria; and

WHEREAS, IPU presented the wildfire mitigation plan at an appropriately noticed public meeting; and

WHEREAS, IPU verified that the wildfire mitigation plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE INDUSTRY PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Commission adopts the updated Industry Public Utilities, Electrical Utility, Wildfire Mitigation Plan, dated _____.

Section 3. In the event that the WSAB approves a streamlined reporting process, the Commission hereby authorizes IPU Staff to follow such reporting process.

Section 4. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word, or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of the Resolution or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. The Commission Secretary shall certify the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

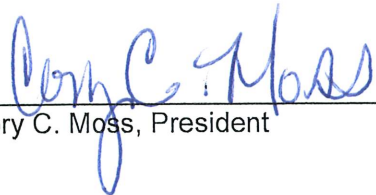
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Industry Public Utilities Commission, at a regular meeting held on June 13, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSION MEMBERS:

NOES: COMMISSION MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSION MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSION MEMBERS:



Cory C. Moss, President

ATTEST: 

Julie Gutierrez-Robles, Commission Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF INDUSTRY)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION
RE: ADOPTION OF IPUC RESOLUTION

I, Julie Gutierrez-Robles, Secretary of the Industry Public Utilities Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. IPUC 2024-04, was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Industry Public Utilities Commission on June 13, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	COMMISSIONER:	Greubel, Marcucci, Radecki, Ruggles, P/Moss
NOES:	COMMISSIONER:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONER:	None
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONER:	None



Julie Gutierrez-Robles

Secretary

City of Industry, California

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