RESOLUTION NO. 2024-043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT RISK OF THE RANCHO CUCAMONGA MUNICIPAL UTILITY ELECTRIC LINES OR EQUIPMENT CAUSING A CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE

- WHEREAS, the State of California approved Senate Bill (SB) 1028 requiring that the governing board of a local Publicly Owned Utility (POU) initiate a process to determine whether any portion of the geographic area where the POU's overhead electric lines and equipment are located poses a significant risk of catastrophic wildfires resulting from the POU's electrical lines and equipment; and
- WHEREAS, City staff determined that zero (0) percent of the Rancho Cucamonga Municipal Utility's (RCMU's) electric lines and equipment are located overhead; and
- WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the final California Public Utilities Commission Fire Threat Map and determined that zero (0) percent of the RCMU's electric lines and equipment lie within an area designated as either elevated or extreme fire risk; and
- WHEREAS, City staff also reviewed relevant historical fire data and local conditions with the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District and determined that RCMU's service area is not in an area that is considered an elevated risk of electric line wildfires; and
- **WHEREAS**, based on this assessment, City staff has concluded that RCMU's electric lines and equipment do not pose a significant risk of catastrophic wildfire; and
- WHEREAS, the State of California approved Assembly Bill (AB) 1054 and AB 111, requiring POUs including the Rancho Cucamonga Municipal Utility (RCMU) to submit their WMP to a newly formed California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board ("WSAB"); and
- WHEREAS, the WSAB has proposed recommending that POUs without overhead electric supply facilities in the elevated or extreme wildfire risk areas of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("CPUC's") High Fire Threat District map may utilize a simplified wildfire mitigation plan development and reporting process; and
- **WHEREAS**, the alternative reporting process that the WSAB has proposed recommending would allow these POUs to submit a supplemental letter describing the unchanged wildfire risk status as it is unreasonable to expect them to otherwise continue submitting new WMPs every year; and
- WHEREAS, RCMU has determined that its current WMP adequately addresses the risk of a utility-caused, catastrophic wildfire occurring in RCMU's service territory and that no substantive changes are merited; and
- **WHEREAS**, if the WSAB adopts this proposed simplified reporting process, RCMU will exercise the option to submit the supplemental letter and existing WMP each year and continue to evaluate its WMP on a regular basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The City makes a determination that its RCMU's overhead electric lines and equipment do not pose a significant risk of causing a catastrophic wildfire pursuant to SB 1025;

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1054 and AB 111, RCMU is considered a low-risk POU and has the option to submit a supplemental letter and existing WMP each year describing its unchanged wildfire risk status;

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 5th day of June, 2024.

L: Dennis Michael, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss

CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA)

I, Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 5th day of June, 2024.

AYES:

Hutchison, Kennedy, Michael, Scott

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Stickler

ABSTAINED: None

Executed this 6th day of June, 2024, at Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk