

Comments on Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Recommendations

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To: Wildfire Safety Advisory Board
Subject: Wildfire Safety

Dear Wildfire Safety Advisory Board,

Californians need fire safety to be put paramount given the last three years worth of wildfires, several of which have been caused by antiquated power lines and the poor safety record of PG&E. PG&E has tens of thousands of unsafe bare 6-gage wire that will cause more wildfires is left in place. The PSPS events will continue for more than a decade costing billions of dollars to the California economy in order to save PG&E a few hundred millions of dollars. PG&E needs to accelerate the updating of it's wires to insulated versions in the next several years and install modern computerized protective relays aw quickly as possible.

Please make sure that safety regulations remain strict and are improved to include new and improved technology. As more Californians switch from gasoline to electric vehicles a safe reliable electric system is essential for our economy and safety.

Sincerely,
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