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GridSME had an opportunity to provide an Independent Evaluation (IE) for five entities of their 2020 WMP's. Below are a list of questions / comments from GridSME serving as an IE regarding the WSAB's DRAFT Guidance Advisory Opinion:

1. It is recommended that the WSAB provide feedback and comments to each of the POU's 2020 WMPs. Individual POU feedback, for these first 2020 filings, will not only benefit the POU but also the IE and would help in improving the future plans and reports. The WSAB could then consider, in future years, providing general comments to the overall POU community.
2. The WSAB should consider developing a "guidance document" for WMP Independent Evaluators. A guidance document will ensure that there is more consistency in the format and the detail expected from the IE in the final WMP reports.
  - a. Or create a template and require each IE to use the template as the guide for writing the IE report.
3. As an IE GridSME has the technical expertise to evaluate and comment on any type of black swan event that a POU may analyze. However GridSME is of the opinion that a black swan event, other than a catastrophic wildfire, is out of scope of what is required in a WMP per Public Utilities Code §8387.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment and look forward to the next meeting.

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Hello Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Subscription List!

Attached and through [this link](#), please find the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board's DRAFT Guidance Advisory Opinion on the 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plans of Publicly Owned Electric Utilities and Electrical Cooperatives. The Board will be accepting public comment through Monday November 30, 2020. It expects to publish a final draft in advance of the December 9, 2020 Board meeting.

The DRAFT Guidance Advisory Opinion will be one of the topics of discussion at next Wednesday's virtual workshop on **November 18, 2020** from 1-5 pm. As a reminder, participation information and an agenda is below.

Kind regards,

**Katherine Stockton**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**WILDFIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD TO HOLD WORKSHOP ON  
PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITY WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLANS**

SAN FRANCISCO, November 6, 2020 - The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) will host a remote access (virtual) workshop on publicly owned utility wildfire mitigation plans.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 1– 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Remote access via webcast, WebEx, or conference line. Participation information is below.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend remotely and provide their input. The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board will hear presentations from representatives of publicly owned electric utilities and electrical cooperatives.

Assembly Bill 1054, signed into law in July 2019, created the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board, a board of independent expert advisors, to advise a new Wildfire Safety Division within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on wildfire safety measures. The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board will also review and provide advisory opinions on the wildfire mitigation plans of publicly owned electric utilities and electrical cooperatives. The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board will serve as an additional forum for the public to provide input on the important topic of wildfire safety.

**PARTICIPATION INFORMATION:**

- Live video broadcast via webcast: [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc)
  - Participants have audio and video but will not be able to submit written comments/questions.
- WebEx: Provides event audio and video and allows participants to submit written comments/questions.
  - Link: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8c6981266e6e0819caaa00d7d6347e67>
  - Event number: 146 483 7658

- Event password: 2020
- Phone: Participants can hear the live event and make comment during the discussion or Q&A portions of the workshop.
  - Call-in number: 800-857-1917, passcode: 1767567
  - Participants will be placed on mute in “listen-only” mode until the public comment portion of the meeting. Once the public comment portions of the meeting begin, participants may dial \* 1 (star one) when they wish to speak to be placed in a queue by the operator.
- Please note public comment will be via phone, WebEx, or email. During the discussion or Q&A portions, participants can comment via WebEx chat, emailing [wildfiresafetyadvisoryboard@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:wildfiresafetyadvisoryboard@cpuc.ca.gov), or dialing \* 1 (star one) to be placed in the operator’s queue.
- If you need an additional accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting, please contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

Because of the changes related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the most updated information related to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board workshop will be available prior to the commencement of the meeting at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/WSAB). The workshop will be recorded and posted to the CPUC’s website.

For questions about the agenda or to provide written comments before the meeting, please contact the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board at [wildfiresafetyadvisoryboard@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:wildfiresafetyadvisoryboard@cpuc.ca.gov).

The agenda is provided below. Additional information is available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/wsab) or by emailing [WildfireSafetyAdvisoryBoard@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:WildfireSafetyAdvisoryBoard@cpuc.ca.gov).

**Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Workshop on  
Publicly Owned Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans**  
November 18, 2020, 1 - 5 p.m.

**Agenda**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Opening Comments with Alice Reynolds, Senior Advisor for Energy at the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
- 3 POU Presentation Panel
  - a. Presentations
    - Brian Wilbur, Director of Power Transmission and Distribution,

LADWP

- Janet Lonneker, Assistant General Manager of Electric Services, Anaheim Public Utilities
- Terry Crowley, Healdsburg Utility Director, City of Healdsburg Utility Department
- David Hernandez, T&D Engineering Manager, Burbank Water and Power
- Joe Gill, Assistant General Manager, Turlock Irrigation District
- Bradley A Kresge, General Manager, Surprise Valley Electrification Corp.
- Joy A. Mastache, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, SMUD

b. Q&A + Discussion with the Board

- 4 Stretch Break
- 5 Board Introduces & Discusses General Advisory Opinion Themes
- 6 Municipal Utility Associations Discussion for WMP Improvement
  - a. Groupings
  - b. Templates
  - c. Discussion
- 7 Public Q&A
- 8 Conclude

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