

# CPUC Public Agenda 3475

Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:00 a.m.  
Remotely



**Commissioners:**  
**Marybel Batjer, President**  
**Liane M. Randolph**  
**Martha Guzman Aceves**  
**Clifford Rechtschaffen**  
**Genevieve Shiroma**



California Public  
Utilities Commission

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# CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers.



# CPUC Core Values

Accountability  
Excellence  
Integrity  
Open Communication  
Stewardship



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# Commissioner Code of Conduct

- **I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.**
- **II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.**
- **III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.**
- **IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.**



# Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-252, any member of the public (excluding parties and their representatives) who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission must call in to toll-free number: 1-800-857-1917
- Passcode: 9899501
- Spanish speakers use Passcode: 6946898
- Once called, each speaker has up to 2 minutes at the discretion of the Commission President. Depending on the number of speakers, the time limit may be reduced to 1 minute.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.

## **Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:**

- All items on the Closed Session Agenda



# Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda are: **1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33.**
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **Item 34** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** has been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- **Item 46** has been withdrawn.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:  
**Held to 12/3/20: 2, 12, and 41.**



# Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table.



# Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

## Item #35 [18940] – Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Reliable Electric Service in California in the Event of an Extreme Weather Event in 2021

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Institutes a rulemaking that will evaluate options and implement actions that will increase capacity on the energy grid in the Balancing Authority Area of the California Independent System Operator by the Summer of 2021.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Ensuring grid reliability during extreme weather events is essential to public health and safety.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this order instituting rulemaking.



# Regular Agenda – Wildfire Safety Resolutions and Reports

## Item #36 [18852] – Implements Requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections Related to Catastrophic Wildfire Caused by Electrical Corporations Subject to the Commission's Regulatory Authority

### Res WSD-011

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#### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Implements Public Utilities Code Sections 8389 (d)(1) and (2) by providing updates to electrical corporations' 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) requirements, including updates to the metrics, templates, reports and maturity model required of electrical corporations for 2020 WMPs.
- To implement Section (d)(4), this Resolution provides a recommended process for annual safety culture assessments for each electrical corporation.

#### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Mitigation of catastrophic wildfires in California is among the most important safety challenges the Commission-regulated electrical corporations face. Comprehensive WMPs are essential to safety.

#### ESTIMATED COST:

- Does not address or approve costs.

## Regular Agenda – Wildfire Safety Resolutions and Reports (continued)

### Item #37 [18861] – Implements Requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections Related to Catastrophic Wildfire Caused by Electrical Corporations Subject to the Commission's Regulatory Authority

Res WSD-012

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Implements Public Utilities Code Section 8389(d)(3) by providing a recommended Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) compliance process for overseeing and enforcing electrical corporation compliance with approved WMPs.

#### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Mitigation of catastrophic wildfires in California is among the most important safety challenges the Commission-regulated electrical corporations face. Overseeing and enforcing electrical corporation compliance with approved WMPs is essential to safety.

#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.

# Regular Agenda – Water/Sewer Orders

## Item #38 [18857] – Partial Settlement Agreement of California Water Service Company's General Rate Increases for 2020, 2021 and 2022

A.18-07-001

In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company, a California corporation, for an order (1) authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$50,673,500 or 7.6% in test year 2020, (2) authorizing it to increase rates on January 1, 2021 by \$31,461,900 or 4.4% and on January 1, 2022 \$33,000,700 or 4.4% in accordance with the Rate Case Plan, and (3) adopting other related rulings and relief necessary to implement the Commission's ratemaking Policies.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr Randolph - Judge Ferguson**

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### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves partial settlement agreement, resolves disputed issues and approves general rate increases for 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- Closes the proceeding.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- All safety requirements have been satisfied by the applicant.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- Increases 2020 rates by \$50,673,500; increases 2021 rates another \$31,461,900; and increases 2022 rates by another \$33,000,700.

# Regular Agenda – Transportation/Rail Safety Orders

## Item #39 [18863] – City of Ione, California to Construct a New At-Grade Public Railroad Crossing at the Amador Central Railroad

A.18-08-010

Application of the City of Ione for a public road crossing at the extension of Foothill Boulevard and Mile Post No.0.84 of the Amador Central Railroad (AMC) Recreational Railroad – Coalition Historical Society (RRCHS), City of Ione, County of Amador, State of California.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr Randolph - Judge Ferguson**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Grants conditional authority to the City of Ione (Ione) for a public crossing provided Ione installs automatic crossing gates at the crossing.
- Phase II will address penalties for having built a public crossing well before filing an application with the Commission and misrepresenting to the Commission that the crossing had not yet been built.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The City is using the crossing as the only entry/exit for a large housing development. The development is exposed to significant wildfire danger.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- \$200,000 for the installation of automatic crossing gates, which Ione is bound to pay by written agreement with the railroad. Potentially significant penalties for Public Utilities Code violations could be assessed in Phase II.

# Regular Agenda – Transportation/Rail Safety Orders (continued)

## Item #39A [18865] – Commissioner Randolph's Alternate to 18863

A.18-08-010

Application of the City of Lone for a public road crossing at the extension of Foothill Boulevard and Mile Post No.0.84 of the Amador Central Railroad (AMC) Recreational Railroad – Coalition Historical Society (RRCHS), City of Lone, County of Amador, State of California.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr Randolph**

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### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Phase I decision grants authority to Lone for a public crossing provided Lone installs automatic crossing gates at the crossing. Phase II will address penalties for having built a public crossing well before filing an application with the Commission and misrepresenting to the Commission that the crossing had not yet been built.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- No significant safety concerns once crossing gates added.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- \$200,000 for the installation of automatic crossing gates, which Lone is bound to pay by written agreement with the railroad. Potentially significant penalties for Public Utilities Code violations could be assessed in Phase II.

# Regular Agenda – Transportation/Rail Safety Orders (continued)

## Item #40 [18864] – Drivered and Driverless Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Program

R.12-12-011

Order Instituting Rulemaking on Regulations Relating to Passenger Carriers, Ridesharing, and New Online-Enabled Transportation Services.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr Shiroma - Judge Mason**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Authorizes drivered and driverless autonomous vehicle passenger service.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Requires each company to adopt and implement passenger safety plans.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

# Regular Agenda – Orders Extending Statutory Deadline

## Item #42 [18882] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.18-07-001

In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company, a California corporation, for an order (1) authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$50,673,500 or 7.6% in test year 2020, (2) authorizing it to increase rates on January 1, 2021 by \$31,461,900 or 4.4% and on January 1, 2022 \$33,000,700 or 4.4% in accordance with the Rate Case Plan, and (3) adopting other related rulings and relief necessary to implement the Commission's ratemaking policies.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr Randolph - Judge Ferguson**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until January 29, 2021.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations implicated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

# Regular Agenda – Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

## Item #43 [18889] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

R.15-06-009

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for Regulation of Physical Security for the Electric Supply Facilities of Electrical Corporations Consistent with Public Utilities Code Section 364 and to Establish Standards for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Plans for Electrical Corporations and Regulated Water Companies Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 768.6.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr Rechtschaffen - Judge Kelly**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Extends the Statutory deadline until May 30, 2021 for Phase II of this proceeding.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations which the Commission needs to consider with this extension order.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this extension order.



# Regular Agenda – Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

## Item #44 [18915] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.18-08-010

Application of the City of Ione for a public road crossing at the extension of Foothill Boulevard and Mile Post No.0.84 of the Amador Central Railroad (AMC) Recreational Railroad – Coalition Historical Society (RRCHS), City of Ione, County of Amador, State of California.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr Randolph - Judge Ferguson**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until September 30, 2021.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations implicated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

# Regular Agenda – Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

## Item #45 [18921] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.19-05-007

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least-Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2018, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Transition Cost Balancing Account in 2018 and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts in 2018.

**Ratesetting**

**Comr Guzman Aceves - Judge Miles**

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until February 12, 2021.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations implicated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

# Management Reports



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# Regular Agenda - Commissioner Reports

**Item #49 [18786]**

## **Presentation of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Annual Report**

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# Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group

## 2019-2020 Annual Report

Stan Greschner (Chair)

Angela Islas (Vice Chair)



# DACAG Members

**Stan Greschner** (Chair)

**Angela Islas** (Vice Chair)

**Phoebe Seaton** (Secretary)

**Fred Beihn** (began term Jan. 2020)

**Stephanie Chen**

**Jana Ganion**

**Roger Lin**

**Adriano Martinez**

**Jodi Pincus** (concluded term Jan. 2020)

**Andres Ramirez**

**Tyrone Roderick Williams**



# 2019 - 2020 Priority Topics

- DACAG “Equity Framework” Integration
- San Joaquin Valley
- Energy Storage
- EPIC
- Transportation Electrification
- Net Metering
- Biomethane
- Building Electrification
- Climate Adaptation
- Workforce Development
- AB 617 Implementation
- PSPS/Resiliency



Term: April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020

# 2019-2020 Overarching Objectives

- 1) Advocate for DACAG's Equity Framework to be applied to existing and future programming at CEC and CPUC.
- 2) Pursue interagency collaboration opportunities between CEC and CPUC, as well as with other state agencies.
- 3) Expand direct community participation in DACAG's monthly meetings and within DACAG's advocacy with Commissions.





# Primary Themes Guiding 2019 Discussions

- 1) Resiliency and Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- 2) Transportation Electrification
- 3) Holistic approach to clean energy transition (SB 100, healthy communities, expanding clean energy, building & transportation electrification)



# 2020 - 2021 Priority Topics

- Environmental and Social Justice Action Plans
- Energy Storage
- EPIC
- Transportation Electrification
- SB 100 implementation
- PSPS/Resiliency
- Solar Access
- Biomethane
- Building Electrification
- Climate Adaptation
- Workforce Development
- AB 617 Implementation
- COVID-19 Response
- Telecom, Broadband divide



Term: April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020

# Moving Forward in 2020/2021

- Collaborate to update CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan.
- Integrate DACAG's Equity Framework in existing programs and ongoing proceedings.



# Regular Agenda - Commissioner Reports

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## **Presentation of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Annual Report**

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# Commissioners' Reports



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# The CPUC Thanks You For Participating in Today's Meeting

**The next Public Meeting will be:**

**December 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Remote**

