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TO: Chair and Governing Board Members
FROM: Garrett Evans, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Adoption of a Pittsburg Power Company Resolution Approving the Annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan
MEETING DATE: May 17, 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pittsburg Power Company (PPC), a joint powers authority, provides retail utility electric and natural gas services on Mare Island, Vallejo in the name of Island Energy (IE).

State law, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, requires all publicly owned electric utilities to develop, review, update and file a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan). The Plan is to be filed with the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) by July 1st of each year.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the Plan has no direct fiscal impact to the City and the General Fund. Funds for managing the Plan, including inspections, brush removal and other mitigation will be from IE's annual electric rate case proceedings and operating budget as approved by the Governing Board of the PPC each fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Governing Board of the PPC approve the annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND

California Public Utilities Code Section 8387 was added in 2016 and amended by Senate Bill 901 in 2018 and by Assembly Bill 1054 2019, expanding the requirements of the existing wildfire mitigation efforts of electric utilities. Local publicly owned electric utilities are now required to prepare a Plan with specified elements and receive comments from the public and stakeholders, obtain an independent evaluation of the report, and submit it to the newly created California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board.

PPC's initial plan was developed in late 2019 and received comments from key stakeholders and was also independently evaluated. The WSAB is not requiring stakeholder review, public comment or independent evaluation for the 2021 Plan update.

SUBCOMMITTEE FINDINGS

The update to the 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan was not presented to the PPC Subcommittee.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The "Fire Threat Map" compiled by the California Public Utilities Commission, as well as local historical fire data and local conditions, indicate that PPC's underground and overhead electrical lines, equipment and related facilities are not located in areas designated as either elevated risk or extreme risk areas for wildfire.

However, for those portions of the utility's underground and overhead distribution system that are in areas of potential local fire risk, PPC's Plan employs vegetation management and infrastructure inspections in its routine preventive maintenance activities for these electrical lines and related facilities.

The Plan addresses all the elements required by California Public Utilities Code Section 8387. The initial Plan was reviewed by a qualified independent evaluator, who issued a summary report. PPC also received comments from the Solano County Office of Emergency Services, CalFire and the City of Vallejo Fire Department on the initial Plan draft, and their comments were incorporated.

The Wildfire Mitigation Plan is implemented as part of PPC's routine safety inspection and electrical system preventive maintenance activities to minimize the risk of its overhead electrical lines and equipment potentially causing a fire.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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