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## OVERSIGHT HEARING

### The California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office Annual Update to the Legislature

#### A Focus on Wildfires, Power Shutoffs, and COVID-19: Are Electric Utilities Prepared for the Wildfire Season?

State Capitol, Senate Chamber  
June 4, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

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#### **I. Welcome**

- Senator Ben Hueso, Chairman  
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

#### **II. California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Annual Update**

- Marybel Batjer, President
- Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director – Wildfire Safety Division
- Rachel Peterson, Deputy Executive Director – Safety Enforcement and Policy

#### **III. Public Advocates Office Annual Update**

- Elizabeth Echols, Director (formerly Office of Ratepayer Advocates)

**IV. Electric Investor-owned Utilities' Update on Wildfire Season Preparedness**

*San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)*

- Brian D' Agostino, Director – Fire Science and Climate Adaptation
- Jonathan Woldemariam, Director – Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management
- Augie Ghio, Director – Emergency Management

*Southern California Edison (SCE)*

- Phil Herrington, Senior Vice President – Transmission and Distribution
- Jill Anderson, Senior Vice President – Customer Service

*Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)*

- Debbie Powell, Vice President - Asset, Risk Management and Community Wildfire Safety
- Matthew Pender, Director - Regulatory Strategy, Community Wildfire Safety Program and Wildfire Plans

**V. Public Comments**