Board Policy Committee Meeting and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Time: Scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting (online)
AGENDA
BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
AND SPECIAL SMUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Joy Mastache
   Maria Veloso Koenig
   
   Adopt the **2021 Informational Response and Wildfire Mitigation Plan Recommended Metrics** as supplement to SMUD’s 2021 **Wildfire Mitigation Plan** adopted November 19, 2020.
   
   Presentation: 15 minutes
   Discussion: 10 minutes

2. Maria Veloso Koenig
   
   Accept the monitoring report for **Strategic Direction SD-4, Reliability**.
   
   Presentation: 10 minutes
   Discussion: 5 minutes

3. Russell Mills
   
   a. Discuss proposed revisions to **Board-Staff Linkage BL-12, Delegation to the General Manager for Transmission, Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Transactions**.
   
   b. Discuss proposed revisions to SMUD’s **Energy Risk Management and Energy Trading Standards**.
   
   Presentation: 5 minutes
   Discussion: 7 minutes

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. Nancy Bui-Thompson
   
   Board Work Plan.
   
   Discussion: 5 minutes

5. Public Comment

6. Heidi Sanborn
   
   Summary of Committee Direction.
   
   Discussion: 1 minute

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**NARRATIVE:**

**Requested Action:** Adopt the 2021 Informational Response and Wildfire Mitigation Plan Recommended Metrics as supplement to SMUD’s 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan adopted November 19, 2020.

**Summary:** Senate Bill 901 (2018) and Assembly Bill 1054 (2019) revised Public Utilities Code section 8387 to require that before January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, every publicly owned electric utility prepare a wildfire mitigation plan (WMP), present it in a noticed public meeting, and accept comments. Section 8387 also requires that each publicly owned utility update its plan annually and submit the update to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board by July 1 of each year.

On October 17, 2019, by Resolution 19-10-09, the Board adopted SMUD’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). On April 3, 2020, SMUD submitted the WMP to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) for review, comment, and advisory opinion. On November 19, 2020, Staff presented an update to the WMP, along with the Qualified Independent Evaluator’s (QIE) report, to the Board. The QIE found that the 2021 WMP is comprehensive and recommended that the number of metrics for the Plan be increased to better gauge the success of the many programs and mitigation activities outlined in the Plan. By Resolution 20-11-04, the Board adopted SMUD’s 2021 WMP. On December 9, 2020, the WSAB approved its Guidance Advisory Opinion for the 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plans of Electric Publicly Owned Utilities and Cooperatives.

Staff has prepared an Informational Response addressing the WSAB recommendations. Staff has also proposed new progress, program, and outcome metrics to track the success of the WMP and initiatives identified in the WMP. Staff will present the Informational Response and metrics at the duly noticed Policy Committee meeting.

Staff will submit the 2021 WMP, and if approved as supplement to the WMP, the Informational Response and metrics, to the WSAB by July 1, 2021.

**Board Policy:** SD-4, Reliability; SD-6, Safety; SD-15, Outreach and Communication; SD-17, Enterprise Risk Management

**Benefits:** The WMP and supplemental documents are in alignment with Strategic Direction SD-4, Reliability, that SMUD will maintain the electric system in good repair, and SD-6, that SMUD will implement measures to protect the public from injuries related to SMUD operations or facilities. Additionally, this item is consistent with Strategic Direction SD-15, Outreach and Communication, that SMUD will ensure all groups are aware of SMUD’s major decisions and programs. This item is consistent with SD-17, Enterprise Risk Management, in maintaining an integrated enterprise risk management process.

**Cost/Budgeted:** The programs outlined in the WMP and supplemental documents are budgeted in separate processes by the sponsoring departments.
Alternatives: California law requires SMUD to submit its 2021 WMP to the WSAB on or before July 1, 2021.
- Alternative 1: Adopt the Informational Response and metrics. SMUD will submit its 2021 WMP to the WSAB with documentation addressing the WSAB recommendations.
- Alternative 2: Don’t adopt the Informational Response and/or the metrics. SMUD will submit its 2021 WMP to the WSAB without addressing the WSAB recommendations.


Presenter: Maria Veloso Koenig, Director of Grid Planning
Joy Mastache, Senior Attorney

Additional Links:
SMUD Wildfire Mitigation Plan webpage:
SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN
2021 INFORMATIONAL RESPONSE

RESPONSES TO WILDFIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD’S 2021 GUIDANCE ADVISORY OPINION

Draft: May 3, 2021
I. PURPOSE OF THIS 2021 INFORMATIONAL RESPONSE


After public outreach and review by a qualified independent evaluator, SMUD’s 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) was presented in a noticed public meeting to, and adopted by, SMUD’s governing Board in November 2020. This Information Response is submitted with SMUD’s adopted 2021 WMP to address the WSAB’s recommendations. For each recommendation SMUD provides a narrative response and/or a cross reference to the location in SMUD’s 2021 WMP where the topic is addressed. Where the recommendation is not applicable to SMUD, the response will provide a brief description supporting this conclusion.

II. CONTEXT SETTING INFORMATION

WSAB requested that POUs provide an informational table to assist the WSAB Staff and Board members in understanding the unique characteristics of each POU.

Table 1: Context-Setting Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Utility Name</th>
<th>[POU]</th>
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<tr>
<td>Service Territory Size</td>
<td>900 square miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Owned Assets</td>
<td>X Transmission</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Customers Served</td>
<td>Approximately 641,000 customer accounts</td>
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<td>Population Within Service Territory</td>
<td>Approximately 1.5 Million people</td>
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<td>Customer Class Makeup</td>
<td>Number of Accounts</td>
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<td>88.3% Residential; 1.5% Government; 0.4% Agricultural; 8.6% Small/Medium Business; 1.3% Commercial/Industrial</td>
<td>46.8% Residential; 6.6% Government; 0.7% Agricultural; 6.8% Small/Medium Business; 39.1% Commercial/Industrial</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service Territory</td>
<td>25.8% Agriculture</td>
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| Location/Topography \(^1\) | 29.5% Herbaceous  
0.1% Shrub  
37.9% Urban  
2.3% Water |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Service Territory Wildland Urban Interface \(^2\) (based on total area) | 4.5% Wildland Urban Interface;  
8.4% Wildland Urban Intermix; |
| Percent of Service Territory in CPUC High Fire Threat Districts (based on total area) | ☐ Includes maps  
Tier 2: 0%  
Tier 3: 0%  
SMUD operates its Upper American River Project outside its territory within the High Fire Threat District, as described in the 2021 WMP, pages 26-28. |
| Prevailing Wind Directions & Speeds by Season | ☐ Includes maps  
CalFire provides the following description in its 2020 Unit Strategic Fire Plan Amador-El Dorado Unit (AEU):  
“Fire weather for AEU is typically dominated by three general weather phenomena; the delta push influence, north wind events, and east foehn winds caused by high pressure development in the Great Basin. All three weather conditions cause potential increases in fire intensity and size. The delta influence is the most common and surfaces frequently throughout summer. Typically, high pressure systems will dominate Northern California in the summer months bringing extremely hot and dry conditions over much of the region. As these systems develop, they will tend to yield near the Delta and Sacramento areas bringing the marine influence to the Unit. This is generally considered a good thing for fire behavior; slightly cooler afternoon temperatures and increases in relative humidity. The downside is the strong winds that typically accompany these patterns can override any benefit that may come from marine air. Typically, this type of wind will subside after sundown causing fire behavior to drop off dramatically. The other critical wind patterns that are difficult to predict for AEU are the Northerly and Easterly winds. They are relatively rare, and often are forecasted only the day before. Northerly or Easterly winds are typically warmer and drier than most other wind patterns due to air compression. These conditions provide the perfect environment for increased fire intensity and large fire growth. Fire growth is typically wind driven, however as these events recede, fire immediately returns to fuel/topography driven in |

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\(^1\) This data is based on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Multi-Source Vegetation Layer Map, depicting WHR13 Types (Wildlife Habitat Relationship classes grouped into 13 major land cover types) available at: [https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=b7ec5d68d8114bf2bfbfa665989eb3](https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=b7ec5d68d8114bf2bfbfa665989eb3).

\(^2\) This data is based on the definitions and maps maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture, as most recently assembled in *The 2010 Wildland-Urban Interface of the Conterminous United States*, available at [https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/rmap/rmap_nrs8.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/rmap/rmap_nrs8.pdf).
opposing directions to the wind driven direction. This type of wind event is commonly referred to as a Santa Ana Wind in Southern California, and a foehn wind in the Sierra/Cascade Region.”

2020 Unit Strategic Fire Plan Amador-El Dorado Unit, https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/j0zbdecg/2020-aeu-fire-plan.pdf

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<th>Miles of Owned Lines Underground and/or Overhead</th>
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<tr>
<td>Overhead Dist.: 3,871.0 miles</td>
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<td>Overhead Trans.: 461.9 miles</td>
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<td>Underground Dist.: 6,663.6 miles</td>
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<td>Underground Trans.: 17.3 miles</td>
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**Explanatory Note 1** - Methodology for Measuring “Miles”: [e.g., circuit miles, line miles.] Circuit miles.

**Explanatory Note 2** – Description of Unique Ownership Circumstances: None

**Explanatory Note 3** – Additional Relevant Context: [e.g., percentage of lines located outside service territory] See Table 4 on page 27 in SMUD’s WMP.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Percent of Owned Lines in CPUC High Fire Threat Districts</th>
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<td>Overhead Distribution Lines as % of Total Distribution System (Inside and Outside Service Territory)</td>
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<td>Tier 2: 0%</td>
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<td>Tier 3: 0%</td>
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<td>Overhead Transmission Lines as % of Total Transmission System (Inside and Outside Service Territory)</td>
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<td>Tier 2: 18.6%</td>
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<td>Tier 3: 11.4%</td>
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**Explanatory Note 4** – Additional Relevant Context: No Tier 2 or Tier 3 areas exist within SMUD’s Service Area. SMUD’s overhead facilities in the High Fire Threat District are part of its Upper American River Project (UARP) as described in the WMP (see, e.g., pages 26-28, including Table 4).

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<th>Customers have ever lost service due to an IOU PSPS event?</th>
<th>☐ Yes X No</th>
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<td>Customers have ever been notified of a potential loss of service to due to a forecasted IOU PSPS event?</td>
<td>☐ Yes X No</td>
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<td>Has developed protocols to pre-emptively shut off electricity in response to elevated wildfire risks?</td>
<td>X Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Has previously pre-emptively shut off electricity in response to elevated wildfire risk?</td>
<td>X Yes ☐ No</td>
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If yes, then provide the following data for calendar year 2020:
*Number of shut-off events: 0*
*Customer Accounts that lost service for >10 minutes: N/A*
*For prior response, average duration before service restored: N/A*
WSAB requested that POUs provide a clear roadmap as to where each statutory requirement is addressed within the POU WMP.

### Table 2: Cross References to Statutory Requirements

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<tr>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Statutory Language</th>
<th>Location in WMP</th>
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<td>Objectives of the Plan</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(B): The objectives of the wildfire mitigation plan.</td>
<td>Section [1.3] Page [10]</td>
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<td>Preventive Strategies</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(C): A description of the preventive strategies and programs to be adopted by the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative to minimize the risk of its electrical lines and equipment causing catastrophic wildfires, including consideration of dynamic climate change risks.</td>
<td>Section [3] Page [14]</td>
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<td>Evaluation Metrics</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(D): A description of the metrics the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative plans to use to evaluate the wildfire mitigation plan’s performance and the assumptions that underlie the use of those metrics.</td>
<td>Section [9.3.1] Page [48]</td>
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<td>Impact of Metrics</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(E): A discussion of how the application of previously identified metrics to previous wildfire mitigation plan performances has informed the wildfire mitigation plan.</td>
<td>Section [9.2.1] Page [48]</td>
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<td>Deenergization Protocols</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(F): Protocols for disabling reclosers and deenergizing portions of the electrical distribution system that consider the associated impacts on public safety, as well as protocols related to mitigating the public safety impacts of those protocols, including impacts on critical first responders and on health and communication infrastructure.</td>
<td>Sections [6.1.1 &amp; 7.2] Pages [30 &amp; 41]</td>
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<td>Customer Notification Procedures</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(G): Appropriate and feasible procedures for notifying a customer who may be impacted by the deenergizing of electrical lines. The procedures shall consider the need to notify, as a priority, critical first responders, health care facilities, and operators of telecommunications infrastructure.</td>
<td>Sections [7.1 &amp; 7.2] Pages [40 &amp; 41]</td>
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<td>Inspections</td>
<td>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(I): Plans for inspections of the local publicly owned electric utility’s or electrical cooperative’s electrical infrastructure.</td>
<td>Section [6.3] Page [32]</td>
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<td>Topic</td>
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| Prioritization of Wildfire Risks | PUC § 8387(b)(2)(J): A list that identifies, describes, and prioritizes all wildfire risks, and drivers for those risks, throughout the local publicly owned electric utility’s or electrical cooperative’s service territory. The list shall include, but not be limited to, both of the following:  
(i) Risks and risk drivers associated with design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the local publicly owned electric utility’s or electrical cooperative’s equipment and facilities.  
(ii) Particular risks and risk drivers associated with topographic and climatological risk factors throughout the different parts of the local publicly owned electric utility’s or electrical cooperative’s service territory. | Section [4.3] Page [21] |
| CPUC Fire Threat Map Adjustments | PUC § 8387(b)(2)(K): Identification of any geographic area in the local publicly owned electric utility’s or electrical cooperative’s service territory that is a higher wildfire threat than is identified in a commission fire threat map, and identification of where the commission should expand a high fire threat district based on new information or changes to the environment. | Section [5.1] Page [26] |
| Restoration of Service | PUC § 8387(b)(2)(M): A statement of how the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative will restore service after a wildfire. | Section [8] Page [44] |
| Monitor and Audit | PUC § 8387(b)(2)(N): A description of the processes and procedures the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative shall use to do all of the following  
(i) Monitor and audit the implementation of the wildfire mitigation plan.  
(ii) Identify any deficiencies in the wildfire mitigation plan or its implementation, and correct those deficiencies.  
(iii) Monitor and audit the effectiveness of electrical line and equipment inspections, including inspections performed by contractors, that are carried out under the plan, other applicable statutes, or commission rules. | Section [9.4] Page [50] |
The WSAB Guidance Advisory Opinion identifies 14 specific recommendations that POUs are requested to address in their 2021 WMPs. As specified in Public Utilities Code § 8387(b)(1), each POU is required to perform a comprehensive revision to the POU’s WMP at least once every three years. Pursuant to this guidance, the POUs will be updating their WMPs based on the direction of their local governing boards within this 3-year cycle. Because the WSAB’s recommendations have been provided after the initial WMP submission, the POUs will have varying capacities to fully address each recommendation in their 2021 WMP. This Section IV restates each of the WSAB recommendations and provides an opportunity for each POU to do one or more of the following: (1) provide a narrative response to the recommendation; (2) provide a cross reference to where in the POU’s WMP this topic is addressed; (3) describe why the recommendation is not applicable to the POU; or (4) inform the WSAB of the POU’s intent to address the recommendation at the point of the POU’s next comprehensive revision, occurring in either the 2022 or 2023 WMP.

A. Plan Structure

WSAB Recommendation #1: Provide context-setting information about the POU and provide a simple guide to where the statutory requirements are addressed within the WMP.

POU Response: See Sections II and III above.

WSAB Recommendation #2: Provide a short description of the POU’s public review and approval (if required) for the WMP. This description may also include a brief explanation of the funding mechanisms for wildfire mitigation efforts.
POU Response:

SMUD staff prepare the WMP through an organization wide, cross functional working group and engage in extensive public outreach to its first responders, local agencies, community-based organizations and public, including posting the draft WMP for an advertised public comment period. SMUD retained a qualified independent third party to review the plan for compliance with statute and industry standard. The WMP and QIE report was then presented to SMUD’s Board of Directors in a publicly noticed meeting, for adoption.

While the WMP is not a budget document, SMUD adopts its budget through open and public processes. Program commitments reflected in any given budget are impacted by many factors, including risk evaluations, system condition and requirements, emergency occurrences, economy, legislation, environment, and liability exposure. These commitments are consistently under evaluation, and program priorities can change if any of these factors shift.

WSAB Recommendation #3: Identify where the POU has posted the most recent Independent Evaluator (IE) Report and if your POU plans to enhance future IE reports, please summarize in what ways.

POU Response: The most recent IE report can be found at this link:

https://www.smud.org/-/media/Documents/In-Our-Community/Safety/SM20-002_WMP_IR_V1.ashx

SMUD retains the IE through a competitive procurement process and will continuously review the IE scope of work to ensure a robust and complete evaluation process.

WSAB Recommendation #4: Develop, in collaboration with POU industry associations, WMP guidelines for future WMPs, understanding that it may take multiple cycles for POUs to integrate these recommendations into the WMPs.

POU Response: This document is intended to include, as appropriate, responses to the recommendations in the WSAB’s Guidance Advisory Opinion for the POUs’ 2021 WMP. This document also represents the combined effort of the POU industry associations to further the development of a template to respond to the WSAB’s Guidance Advisory Opinion in a future reporting WMP cycle.

B. Customer Impacts

WSAB Recommendation #5: Describe the potential impact investor-owned utilities (IOU) public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events could have on POU customers and how the POU manages these impacts. For POUs that are also balancing authorities, describe the criteria for wildfire related de-energizations. Responses shall only provide aggregated information that does not provide customer-specific information or other potentially sensitive data.
**POU Response:** SMUD does not have any interconnections with an IOU at the distribution voltage levels, therefore SMUD is not impacted by IOU distribution PSPS events. SMUD interconnects with Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) at the transmission level and maintains its own generation and energy resources to serve its customers. SMUD’s exposure to a PG&E transmission PSPS event is limited to transmission curtailment or shortfall. SMUD has processes in place to address such potential shortfalls through such mechanisms as alternative transmission paths, internal generation, and demand response. As a last resort we have process in place to implement rolling outages which limit customer/community impact to short periods of around one hour. SMUD would communicate directly with its customers in such an event, with forecast of impacted communities available on our website (https://www.smud.org/en/Customer-Support/Outage-Status).

**WSAB Recommendation #6:** Describe the utility customer communication plans with respect to wildfires and PSPS, and in particular describe the methods, content and timing used to communicate with the most vulnerable customers, such as Access and Functional Needs (AFN) customers, medical baseline customers, non-English speakers, and those at risk of losing water or telecommunications service.

**POU Response:** As noted above SMUD’s customers are unlikely to be directly impacted by an IOU PSPS event.

SMUD’s customer communication plans are described in the WMP, see section 7.2 on page 41, first paragraph after the numbered bullets, and the first and second paragraphs in the second column in that section. The Opt-in program called out in that section is being developed to allow Vulnerable Populations or AFN customers the ability to opt in for additional notifications.

**C. The Grid**

**WSAB Recommendation #7:** Provide details on each POU’s system hardening and grid design programs, including: (1) the goals of the programs and the risk any particular program is designed to mitigate; (2) approach to PSPS mitigation and prevention; and (3) identify any resource shortages.

**POU Response:** SMUD’s approach to grid hardening is discussed in the WMP, section 3 on page 14, section 4.3 on page 21, section 6 on page 29. See also SMUD’s response to “WSAB Recommendation #5” above for resource shortages mitigation.

**WSAB Recommendation #8:** Describe annual visual patrols on potentially impacted circuits and the risks the POU is inspecting for. Describe whether and how system inspections lead to system improvements. Describe line patrols before, during, and/or after a critical fire weather
event, such as a Red Flag Warning with strong winds, or following a fire that burned in areas where electric facilities are or could have been impacted.

**POU Response:** SMUD’s approach to system inspections is discussed in the WMP, section 6.3 on page 32, section 9.4.4.1 on page 50, section 8 on page 45.

**WSAB Recommendation #9:** Describe options considered by POU (including through the joint efforts of the POU associations) to identify previously unidentified risks that could lead to catastrophic wildfires.

**POU Response:** The electric utility industry is collaborative in nature. Vendors, hardware manufacturers, and engineering teams reach out to peers, customers, and vendors when certain trends or problems with equipment or hardware are encountered. This type of information is typically shared more broadly at industry conferences and workshops. SMUD maintenance and planning staff, and operational staff are in constant communications with identified partners to share and learn from such collaborative efforts.

For example, SMUD maintenance and planning staff are constantly monitoring failure related fire/wildfire events around the state, and around the country. When equipment or hardware failures are identified as the cause of fires or wildfires at another utility, questions are asked for failure risk associated with similar equipment or hardware used at SMUD. These questions are further evaluated and analyzed for risks at SMUD. An example is the transmission line C-hook insulator failure. SMUD, and a majority of other electric utilities have similar insulators on their transmission lines. SMUD engineering staff initiated a pilot project to capture high-resolution images of transmission line hardware using drones to closely analyze the amount of wear on c-hooks and other hardware. This project is ongoing and has the potential to yield many more benefits than a single component risk evaluation.

**D. Risk Assessment**

**WSAB Recommendation #10:** Describe the particular wildfire risks associated with system design and construction such as topography and location near the HFTD areas of another utility’s service territory. Describe any G.O. 95 exempt assets and possible updates to G.O. 95 that could facilitate more resilient utility transmission and distribution assets.

**POU Response:** SMUD’s assessment of wildfire risks is discussed in the WMP, see, e.g., section 4

POUs as a general matter voluntary comply with the CPUC’s General Orders, including General Order 95 (GO95) that addresses overhead lines. SMUD incorporates the standards developed in GO95 into its procedures and meets or exceeds these standards. SMUD considers a wide array of industry standards and regulations when developing its design and construction criteria. We design to the highest applicable industry standard. (NESC, IEEE, ANSI etc.)
In the WMP, see section 6.5.2 on page 35 for GO95 exempt assets.

Regarding changes to GO95, SMUD notes that the CPUC recently updated several Rules impacting wildfire safety. CMUA, SMUD and other POUs actively participated in that process and SMUD suggests that any future changes to GO95 be assessed through similar properly noticed proceedings allowing participation from all interested parties.

E. SITUATIONAL AWARENESS TECHNOLOGY

WSAB Recommendation #11: Provide context-setting information about the prevailing wind directions and speeds, differentiated by season, along with average weather conditions by season. Describe how and why situational awareness technology is installed, and where on the system. Describe the decision-making process regarding the installation of situational awareness technology, including constraints such as budgets, availability of equipment, knowledge to effectively deploy, or qualified personnel to install and monitor effectively. Identify any other agencies, utilities, or fire professionals that the data from these devices is shared with.

POU Response: SMUD’s situational awareness initiatives, including weather monitoring activities, are discussed in the WMP (see, e.g., section 3, page 17, and section 6.5.3, page 36). SMUD is willing and able to share data upon request.

F. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

WSAB Recommendation #12: Describe treatment plans for all types of vegetation associated with utility infrastructure, from the ground to the sky, which includes vegetation above and below electrical lines.

POU Response: SMUD’s vegetation management program is discussed in the WMP, see, e.g., sections 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 on page 3. SMUD’s Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) approach, includes all tools (pruning, tree removal, mastication, livestock grazing, herbicide, etc.) to address and manage vegetation around and near SMUD’s Transmission and Distribution assets. Treatment methods are selected based on an array of factors and site-specific conditions, including landowner consultation and review of sensitive species and habitat.

SMUD’s integrated vegetation management approach employs a variety of methods to manage those species, including annual clearing, livestock grazing, and direct and targeted herbicide treatments. Two specific methods used to monitor re-growth are traditional visual patrols and the use of remote sensing LiDAR and imagery.

WSAB Recommendation #13: List the qualifications of any experts relied upon, such as scientific experts in ecology, fire ecology, fire behavior, geology, and meteorology. Specify the
level of expertise of the POU staff that manages the contractors performing vegetation management. Describe measures each POU takes to ensure that POU staff and contractors comply with or verify compliance with Cal/OSHA standards on Minimum Approach Distances (MAD).

**POU Response:** SMUD’s in house Vegetation Management (VM) employees have decades of Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) experience, and also nearly all have industry credentials and formal educations (AS/AA, BS/BA, MS degrees, Certified Arborist, Utility Specialists, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ), Municipal Arborists, as well as other relevant industry credentials. SMUD’s contractors’ management teams are also Certified Arborists, and bring extensive Utility Vegetation Management Line Clearance Qualified knowledge to the program.

**WSAB Recommendation #14:** Describe whether the POU has considered innovative and alternative approaches to vegetation management.

**POU Response:** SMUD’s Vegetation Management Program includes deployed remote sensing technology, analytic data analysis, and computer learning, where reasonable to drive continuous improvement in SMUD’s UVM program. Additionally, SMUD has partnered and collaborated with landowners (Federal and Private) to improve forest health and reduce fire risk well outside SMUD easements to target and reduce “fall-in” trees and forest fuels adjacent to the utility assets. Also of note, SMUD holds industry leadership roles in several UVM organizations such as: Utility Arborist Association (UAA), North American Transmission Forum (NATF), as well as other organizations to continue to explore and pilot new technology and tools in SMUD’s UVM program.
Wildfire Mitigation Plan
Recommended Metrics

1. **Progress metrics** that are designed to track concrete actions toward reducing wildfire risk. Progress metrics include absolute metrics (e.g., number of grid condition findings per circuit mile)

   - Number of circuit miles inspected from Patrol/Detail Line inspections in HFTD and PCA
   - Number of [GO95 Rule 18](#) Level 1 findings in HFTD and PCA
   - Number of GO95 Rule 18 Level 2 findings in HFTD and PCA
   - Number of GO95 Rule 18 Level 3 findings in HFTD and PCA
   - Number circuit miles inspected for vegetation compliance (PCA, HFTD)
   - Aerial Flight patrols (miles, Valley, and UARP, annual reporting)
   - Number of trees trimmed or removed
   - Vegetation Management Quality Control for electric transmission in all UARP (Semi-annual reporting)

2. **Program targets** that outline utility progress toward the utility’s own specific targets identified in their WMP

   - PCA Hardening (Hardware replacement, #6CU reconductor) Status (How many locations completed each quarter)
     - Hardware Replacement
     - Number of Pole locations
     - #6CU Reconductor
     - By maps/job packages. (Issued to design & Construction as package) (semi-annual reporting)
   - UARP 4kV underground conversion. Status
     - By project/Line.
     - Reach out to Jose to identify best method to track progress.
   - Vegetation Management Activities
     - UARP Additional Trimming/Removing Activities (Number of trees addressed per quarter)
     - Trees worked (trimmed/removed) (El Dorado/Sac County)
Pole Clearing Status (annual reporting)

- Cleared by start of fire season.

3. **Outcome metrics** that track wildfire and planned de-energization related outcomes on impacted communities. Outcome metrics include leading and lagging indicators of wildfire and de-energization risk and while they describe utility risk reduction, they may be collected from a variety of sources including utilities themselves, CAL FIRE, Cal OES, and others.

(Report only for Cal Fire designated fire season, in PCA only)

- Number of Wire Downs
- Number of OH Outage Events caused by contact with animals
- Number of Outage Events caused by contact with vegetation inside of right of way
  - Tree preventable (grew into lines, exceeded GO requirements)
- Number of Outage Events caused by contact with vegetation outside of right of way
  - Tree non-preventable: (Palm frond, broken tree branch blow-in or fall in, whole tree falling into lines)
- Number of OH Outage Events due to foreign material in the line
- Number of contacts with Federal, State and local government offices (specific to wildfire or de-energization related contacts) (semi-annual reporting)
- Number of mailers sent to customers related to Wildfire Mitigation activities (semi-annual reporting)
  - Email/direct mail to MED rate customers and Senior ID customers
  - Customer Connection sent out with SMUD bills
**SSS No.**
DO21-001

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**STAFFING SUMMARY SHEET**

**DO21-001**

**June 17, 2021**

1. Claire Rogers
2. Scott Martin
3. Tracy Carlson
4. Jennifer Davidson
5. Stephen Clemons
6. Lora Anguay
7. Distribution Operations & Maintenance
8. EA504
9. May 26, 2021

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**NARRATIVE:**

**Requested Action:** Accept the monitoring report for Strategic Direction SD-4, Reliability.

**Summary:** The purpose is to provide the Board with an update on SD-4, Reliability for the year 2020. The information in the monitoring report can be used by the Board to determine if any policies or metrics need to be changed or further developed.

**Board Policy:** SD-4, Reliability. The information in the monitoring report will provide a summary of system reliability, availability, and related activities for 2020.

**Benefits:** Allows the Board of Directors and Executive Staff a better understanding of the Board Policies and gives them an opportunity to make revisions if necessary.

**Cost/Budgeted:** N/A

**Alternatives:** Provide the Board written report and communications through the CEO & General Manager.

**Affected Parties:** Power Generation, Grid Operations

**Coordination:** Power Generation, Grid Operations

**Presenter:** Maria Veloso Koenig, Director of Grid Planning

**Additional Links:**

**SUBJECT**

Board Monitoring Report – SD-4, Reliability

**ITEM NO. (FOR LEGAL USE ONLY)**

ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.
SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors                DATE: June 1, 2021

FROM: Claire Rogers CR 6/1/21

SUBJECT: Audit Report No. 28007404
Board Monitoring Report; SD-04: Reliability

Audit and Quality Services (AQS) received the SD-04 Reliability 2020 Annual Board Monitoring Report and performed the following:

- A review of the information presented in the report to determine the possible existence of material misstatements;
- Interviews with report contributors and verification of the methodology used to prepare the monitoring report; and
- Validation of the reasonableness of a selection of the report’s statements and assertions.

During the review, nothing came to AQS’ attention that would suggest the SD Board Monitoring report did not fairly represent the source data available at the time of the review.

CC:

Paul Lau
1. Background

Strategic Direction SD-4 states that:

Meeting customer energy requirements is a core value of SMUD.

Therefore:

a) SMUD will assure all customer energy requirements are met. This will be accomplished through the use of: (i) its generation resources and purchase power portfolio 100 percent of the time; and (ii) its transmission assets to assure an overall availability of at least 99.99 percent.

b) SMUD will achieve distribution system reliability by:

   Limiting the average frequency of outage per customer per year to:

   With major event: 0.99 – 1.33
   Excluding major event: 0.85 – 1.14

   Limiting the average duration of outages per customer per year to:

   With major event: 67.5 – 93.3 minutes
   Excluding major event: 49.7 – 68.7 minutes

   Ensuring that no individual circuits exceed these targets for more than two consecutive years. For circuits that exceed these targets for two consecutive years, a remedial action plan will be issued and completed within eighteen months.

c) SMUD will maintain the electric system in good repair and make the necessary upgrades to maintain load serving capability and meet regulatory standards.

2. Executive Summary

Improving reliability is essential to meeting customer energy requirements and drives customer loyalty.

**SMUD was in compliance for both generation and transmission availability.** SMUD met all energy supply requirements 100% of the time through its generation resources and purchased power. At a peak load of 3,057 MW (which occurred on August 18), 49% of the generation was
provided by internal resources and 51% was provided by purchased power. The transmission availability was at 100% for the year.

**SMUD was in compliance for both SAIDI and SAIFI for the distribution system reliability metrics in 2020.** The outage mitigation and prevention plans put into place have had a significant improvement on system reliability, decreasing outage durations and frequency from the previous years. The 2020 distribution system reliability performance can be seen in Table 1 below.

Table 1: 2020 Distribution System Reliability Performance

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There were no major events in 2020. Major events are those defined as events caused by earthquake, fire, or storms of sufficient intensity which result in a state of emergency being declared by the government. Absent the declaration of a state of emergency, any other natural disaster may be excluded only if it affects more than 15% of the system facilities or 10% of the customers, whichever is less.

Of the total number of distribution circuits, 97.6%, or 737 circuits, met the Board’s reliability criteria. Twenty-eight projects were issued to improve the reliability, of which eighteen have been completed. The remaining ten projects are on schedule to be completed within the eighteen-month requirement. These projects include cable replacement, line reconductor, avian mitigation, and targeted vegetation management.

### 3. Additional Supporting Information

**Generation**

**Hydro Generation Facilities**

The availability rate for SMUD’s hydro generation system in 2020 was 80.14% and for the June 1st through September 30th peak period, hydro generation availability was 96.56%. SMUD’s Upper American River Project (UARP) hydro system generated 713,823 MWh. The budgeted generation was 1,530,124 MWh.

**Gas Pipeline Operations**

SMUD’s gas pipeline had a 100% availability rating in 2020 and provided a constant flow of gas to SMUD’s thermal generation facilities. All necessary maintenance activities were successfully completed in accordance with our operations and maintenance plans and procedures.
Thermal Generation Facilities

The overall availability rate for SMUD’s thermal generation facilities was 91.09% and for the June 1st through September 30th peak period, thermal plant availability was 99.26%. SMUD’s thermal generation facilities generated a net total of 5,285,487 MWh against the budgeted generation of 5,427,460 MWh.

Transmission and Distribution

SMUD has approximately 484 miles of transmission lines and 10,507 miles of distribution lines including 69kV. Approximately 40% of the distribution lines are installed overhead and 60% percent are installed underground. The transmission system is predominately overhead except for 18 miles of underground lines located in the Carmichael and downtown areas.

4. Challenges

Staff monitors circuit reliability regularly to assess circuits that could potentially exceed the reliability limits. Outage causes, trends, and reliability impacts are analyzed to identify projects that will bring the reliability of these circuits within the acceptable range. This ongoing process ensures that circuit reliability impacts are identified and addressed as they occur throughout the year. The main drivers for the distribution system performance, along with the mitigation measures for each, are summarized below.

Drivers for Reliability Performance

Underground Cable Failures

In 2020, underground cable failures were the leading driver toward reliability impact. The number of outages due to cable failure increased by 15.6% compared to 2019. SAIDI and SAIFI values rose by 29% and 79% respectively. The main drivers for the increased cable failures are due to the 120,000 circuit feet replacement quantity reduction in 2019 from the planned 370,000 circuit feet to 250,000 circuit feet. Additionally, unforeseen failures on the 69kV system had a significant impact to SAIDI and SAIFI as well.

It is anticipated that the failure quantity and SAIDI/SAIFI will decrease in 2021 compared to 2020 due to the increased cable replacement quantities in 2020 and 2021. Additionally, two 69kV cable replacement projects are anticipated to be completed in 2021, which will significantly improve future SAIDI/SAIFI reliability indices. Furthermore, SMUD is testing and monitoring the remaining direct-buried 69kV circuits for any deterioration to proactively address potential issues.

Vehicle Accidents

Vehicle accidents were among the leading drivers toward reliability impact in 2020. Overall we saw a 2% decrease in the number of vehicle accidents, a slight increase in SAIDI minutes and
29% decrease in SAIFI for 2020 when comparing with 2019. Although the reliability statistics for vehicle accidents have improved since 2019, they still comprise 23% of SAIDI minutes and 20% of SAIFI for 2020.

In 2020, SMUD installed new visibility strips on 108 poles, and relocated 2 poles based on the analysis of car-pole incidents that identified assets that have been impacted multiple times. Furthermore, staff assess ongoing car-pole incidents and develop appropriate mitigation. In 2021, SMUD plans to install pole barrier systems at 2 pole locations, new visibility strips on 400 poles, and to relocate 5 poles.

**Equipment Failures**

The second most impactful reliability driver for 2020 was equipment failure. Equipment related outages are associated with a wide variety of distribution line components, such as fuses, poles, wire hardware, broken connectors, broken jumpers, failed transformers, broken cutouts and more. Outages due to failed equipment continue to be evaluated to locate and address any systemic deficiencies.

Although failed equipment was one of the leading causes of outage events for 2020, the overall number of outages decreased by 158 or 24% while SAIDI and SAIFI decreased by 41% and 39% respectively for 2020 when compared to 2019. This improvement in reliability can be attributed to the reduction in 69 kV equipment failures in 2020. There were 6-69kV equipment failures in 2019 with a combined SAIDI of 2.6 minutes and SAIFI of 0.03. The largest outage was caused by a broken jumper on Elk Grove Feeder 3, a 69 kV line affecting more than 18,000 customers, with a SAIDI of 2.5 minutes and SAIFI of 0.03. This single outage was contributing to 94% of SAIDI and 88% of SAIFI for 69kV equipment failures in 2019. Contrarily, there was only 1-69 kV equipment failure in 2020 where an insulator failed at Hurley Feeder 6 with a SAIDI of 0.09 minutes and SAIFI of 0.002 affecting 1,562 customers.

Correcting deficiencies on the 69kV system has a large reliability impact because 69kV circuits affect a larger number of customers than lower voltage distribution circuits. Staff is actively looking for ways to reduce equipment failures. Staff reviews outage reports for accuracy and failure trends. Through routine inspections, Inspectors and Troubleshooters try to identify deficiencies before they result in failure.

**Unknown Outages**

Unknown outages comprised approximately 16% of outages in 2020. This category saw a decrease of 21% in the amount of outages and 44% in SAIDI minutes. Contrarily, SAIFI increased 9% for 2020. During an outage, a Troubleshooter is dispatched to patrol the lines to determine the cause of the outage. An outage is classified as “Unknown” if the Troubleshooter cannot find the specific cause. Although direct evidence is not found, the most likely cause of these outages is flashover between phase conductors during windy conditions, from bird, or animal contact.
Line reframing addresses outages caused by high winds, birds and animals. The overhead lines are reconstructed with increased spacing between phases, reducing the possibility of flashover between phase conductors.

The avian protection program addresses bird caused outages by installing bird diverters, spike strips, and insulated covers on energized equipment. Bird diverters are a visual aid to help birds avoid our overhead lines and spike strips installed on cross arms discourage birds from landing on our facilities. Covers are installed on exposed conductors, cutouts, and transformer bushings to keep birds and animals insulated from energized equipment.

5. Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board accept the Monitoring Report for SD-4 Reliability.
Appendices

Appendix 1: Generation Supplementary Information

Major hydro generation maintenance and construction activities include:

- Loon Lake powerhouse chiller replacement
- Loon Lake powerhouse machine hall mesh installation to protect against rockfall
- White Rock tunnel rock bolt augmentation and shotcrete completion
- Chili Bar Powerhouse preparation for purchase from PG&E
- Camino unit 1 generator rewind study
- Camino tunnel rock trap inspection and repair
- Camino surge basin road repair to Brush Creek
- Camino unit 1 circuit breaker replacement
- Robbs peak tunnel rock trap inspection and repair
- Robbs Forebay dredging and trash rack repairs
- Fresh Pond HVAC system controls modernization
- Sourdough Hill telecommunications tower replacement foundation installation
- Union Valley and Ice House gates analysis, dam safety inspections and responses to FERC part 12D assessments
- Transformer dissolved gas analysis instrumentation and bushing monitoring installations at White Rock unit 2, Loon Lake, Jaybird unit 2 and Camino unit 2
- Powerhouse instrumentation intelligence upgrades engineering design
- White Rock phase unit 2 circuit breakers and disconnect switches replacement
- White Rock pressure relief valve and servomotor refurbishment
- White Rock unit 1 controls upgrade
- Generator partial discharge monitoring system installations at Jaybird unit 2 and Robbs Peak
- Powerhouse and switchyard grounding studies for Camino, Jaybird, Union Valley and Loon Lake
- 4kV power system undergrounding

Gas Pipeline Operations Capital improvements and major maintenance activities include:

- Interconnection to Procter & Gamble and Air Products manufacturing sites to facilitate PG&E natural gas transmission to their customers.
- Installation of a bracketed pipe support at the Winters station to replace a concrete pipe support to reduce corrosion potential and facilitate future inspections.
- Purchase of mainline valves 8, 10 and CPP actuators for 2021 installation
- Cathodic protection station installation at 47th Avenue
- Cathodic protection station installation and AC mitigation at 28th Street
- Valve station safety assessments
Thermal Generation Facilities  Major thermal generation maintenance and construction activities completed include:

Central Valley Financing Authority (CVFA; Carson Cogen):
  • Auxiliary Boiler Vent Valve Automation completed
  • Distributed control system (DCS) upgrade engineering design and procurement activities completed; installation of DCS upgrade deferred to 2021 due to pandemic

Sacramento Cogeneration Authority (SCA; Procter & Gamble Cogen):
  • Completed Transformer Upgrade

Sacramento Power Authority (SPA; Campbell Cogen):
  • Completed alternative fire water pump installation to allow for intake of Sacramento County recycled water (Shared costs with Regional Sanitation District and City of Sacramento)

Sacramento Financing Authority (SFA; Cosumnes Power Plant):
  • Zero liquid discharge evaporator replacement completed
  • Distributed control system upgrade completed
  • Boiler feed pump system 1 feedwater fiber at heat recovery steam generator replacement was deferred due to pandemic
Appendix 2: Graphs

The graphs below show a decreasing trend in the SAIDI and SAIFI impact of vehicle accidents, tree outages, and bulk substation incidents from 2016 to 2018. There was an increase in these outage causes in 2019 followed by a drop in 2020. Underground cable failure SAIDI and SAIFI impact has been rising from 2018 to 2020. Contrarily, equipment failures and their SAIDI and SAIFI impacts increased slightly in 2019 and fell in 2020.

Graph 1: Multi-Year Comparison
System Average Frequency Index (SAIFI)

Graph 2: Multi-Year Comparison
System Average Duration Index (SAIDI)
Appendix 3: Reliability Comparison

Table 2 below provides a comparison between SMUD’s average distribution system performance compared to that of Pacific Gas and Electric’s (PG&E)’s distribution systems. PG&E defines its distribution system as line voltage less than 60kV, while SMUD includes the 69kV line voltage as part of the distribution system. The information regarding PG&E’s system average performance was obtained from the 2019 reliability report posted on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website. PG&E’s 2020 Reliability Report has not been posted on the CPUC website.

Table 2: Distribution System Reliability Comparison (excluding major events)

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Notes:
1. Listed SAIFI and SAIDI numbers are based on outages greater than 5 minutes (CPUC criteria).

Appendix 4: Year-to-Date 2021 Reliability Update

Table 3: 2021 Year-to-Date Distribution System Reliability Performance

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The reliability index for underground cable failures decreased from 2020 to 2021, SAIFI from 0.04 to 0.02 and SAIDI from 1.9 to 1.3 minutes. The reliability index for vehicle accidents almost tripled in terms of SAIFI from 0.04 to 0.11. SAIDI for vehicle accidents increased significantly from the first quarter of 2020 (3.1 minutes) to the first quarter of 2021 (5.2 minutes). The reliability indices for failed equipment increased greatly for 2021 with SAIFI from increasing from 0.01 to 0.06 and SAIDI increasing from 0.5 minutes to 2.3 minutes. The reliability indices for tree-related outages are almost the same for 2021 SAIFI at 0.01, and a SAIDI decrease from 0.6 to 0.5 minutes.
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**NARRATIVE:**

**Requested Action:**

a) Discuss proposed revisions to Board-Staff Linkage BL-12, Delegation to the General Manager for Transmission, Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Transactions.

b) Discuss proposed revisions to the Energy Risk Management and Energy Trading Standards.

**Summary:**

At the October 20, 2020, Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee, the Board asked staff to provide proposed revisions to Board-Staff Linkage BL-12, Delegation to the General Manager for Transmission, Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Transactions (BL-12) to incorporate renewable fuels and to ensure that the language is broad enough to incorporate new fuels or products.

Staff has made clarifying proposed revisions to BL-12. Staff has also reviewed and provided proposed edits to the Energy Risk Management and Energy Trading Standards. Copies of the proposed revisions of both documents in redline format and “clean” format are attached.

**Board Policy:**

Governance Process GP-3, Board Job Description – a) Produce and maintain written policies that ensure high quality of governance and clear roles in decision-making between Board and staff.

**Benefits:**

Clarifies delegations to the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager and provides the Board the opportunity to make corrections, additions, or changes if necessary.

**Cost/Budgeted:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

Do not make the proposed revisions or make other changes.

**Affected Parties:**

Board Office, Legal, Energy Trading & Contracts, Risk Management

**Coordinations:**

Board Office, Legal, Energy Trading & Contracts, Risk Management

**Presenter:**

Russell Mills, Treasurer and Director of Risk Management

**Additional Links:**

Proposed Revisions to Board-Staff Linkage BL-12, Delegation to the General Manager for Transmission, Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Transactions

Items submitted after deadline will be postponed until next meeting.
SMUD BOARD POLICY

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As part of prudently managing energy related risks, providing retail rate stability and serving customers, SMUD is required to enter into: (i) contracts to purchase and sell wholesale electricity, electric capacity and storage, and natural gas and clean and emissions-free fuel, and environmental attributes; (ii) contracts for transmission, natural gasfuel transportation and natural gasfuel storage; and (iii) contracts to financially hedge or mitigate pricing, supply and market risks associated with the transactions above wholesale electricity and natural gas prices, supplies and markets.

Delegation of Authority: The Chief Executive Officer/General Manager is delegated decision making authority consistent with the Energy Risk Management and Energy Trading Standards adopted by this Board.

Monitoring Method: GM Report
Frequency: Annual
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**Delegation of Authority:** The Chief Executive Officer/General Manager is delegated decision making authority consistent with the Energy Risk Management and Energy Trading Standards adopted by this Board.
ENERGY RISK MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY TRADING STANDARDS
SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

PURPOSE

The wholesale energy markets are exposed to numerous risks including, but not limited to, market price risk, supply risk, credit risk and regulatory risk. The purpose of the Energy Risk Management and Energy Trading Standards (the “Standards”) is to establish protocols for prudent risk mitigation and management.

SCOPE

The Standards apply to:

- The operation of SMUD-owned or controlled generation, transmission, natural gas and other fuel reserves and natural gas pipeline assets;
- Contracts for and related to the purchase and sale of wholesale electricity, electric capacity and storage, and natural gas and clean and emissions-free fuel, and environmental products;
- Contracts for and related to electricity transmission, natural gas and clean or emissions-free fuel transportation, and natural gas storage; and
- Contracts for and related to financially hedging or mitigating risks associated with wholesale electricity, electric capacity and natural gas and other fuel prices, supplies and markets.

PRIORITIES

The Chief Executive Officer/General Manager (CEO/GM) and CEO implement the Standards in accordance with Board policies and with the following priorities, listed in order of importance:

Priority 1. Manage resource mix to comply with Board Strategic Direction (SD-4) Reliability.

Priority 2. Minimize net commodity energy purchase costs while operating within the targets established in Board Strategic Direction (SD-3) Access to Credit Markets.

Priority 3. Optimize SMUD-owned or controlled assets, including but not limited to, generation, transmission, fuel natural gas reserves, natural gas pipeline assets, natural gas.
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ENERGY RISK MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY TRADING STANDARDS
SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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### BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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**Committee Meeting & Date**

Policy 2021

**Board Meeting Date**

2021

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**TO**

1. Jennifer Davidson
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9. Legal
10. CEO & General Manager

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**Consent Calendar**

Yes ☑

**Budgeted**

Yes ☑

**MAIL STOP**

B307

**EXT.**

5079

**DATE SENT**

12/22/2020

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**NARRATIVE:**

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**Cost/Budgeted:** N/A

**Alternatives:** Not review the Work Plan at this time

**Affected Parties:** Board and Executive staff

**Coordination:** Donna Lofton

**Presenter:** Nancy Bui-Thompson, Board President

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**SUBJECT**

Board Work Plan

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ITEM NO: (FOR LEGAL USE ONLY)

**ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.**
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**Consent Calendar** | **Yes** | **x** | **No (If no, schedule a dry run presentation.)** | **Budgeted** | **Yes** | **No (If no, explain in Cost/Budgeted section.)** |

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