

**WILDFIRE SAFETY
DIVISION**
California Public Utilities Commission



**OFFICE OF ENERGY
INFRASTRUCTURE
SAFETY**
A California Natural Resources Agency

TRANSITION UPDATE

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TO: WILDFIRE SAFETY DIVISION SERVICE LIST

By July 1, 2021, CPUC's Wildfire Safety Division (WSD) will become the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) under the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). This transition is statutorily required by Assembly Bill (AB) 111 signed by the Governor in July of 2019. This transition date will mark the culmination of our efforts to establish a separate department dedicated to reducing utility-related wildfire risk and continue our critical mission to advance long-term wildfire safety. As the transition date approaches we want to inform you of some of our work done to prepare for the transition and provide awareness of this change.

Our goal is to ensure that this transition is as seamless as possible. We have been working on an extensive list of tasks and transition agreements. Some of the significant initiatives include:

- Establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CPUC and OEIS to ensure continued collaboration and information sharing;
- Developing Rules of Practice and Procedure through the Office of Administrative Law;
- Migrating data between agencies and setting up new internal systems – including a new stand-alone website to ensure continued transparency and sharing of public information; and,
- Planning for a move of offices and equipment from CPUC's Sacramento Office to nearby CNRA offices.

During this transition, our team will continue to conduct work on our core responsibilities including evaluating upcoming 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) updates, initiating the inaugural, annual Safety Culture Assessments and reviewing applications for Safety Certification.

Going forward we will be sharing more information as we approach the date of transition. This will include a planned briefing to talk through more details of the transition and answer any questions or concerns you may have. We will send out notification of this briefing when a date and time has been finalized.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please reach out to Ryan Arba, our Transition Project Manager, at Ryan.Arba@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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