

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 22

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE STATE’S UTILITY AFFORDABILITY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The 2025 Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package (Package) consists of bills in the California State Senate and Assembly that aim to lower utility costs, ensure fair electricity pricing and advance equitable and affordable energy for residents across the state. The Package includes the following bills: AB 825, AB 1167, SB 24, SB 254, SB 330, and SB 500. The bills collectively address issues that impact utility affordability such as capping rates to align with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased transparency for energy data, and relief programs for residents who experienced family deaths or are victims of wildfires and natural disasters. Today’s request is to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to take action that reflects the County’s support for the 2025 Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE AND CHAIR PRO TEM PALOMA AGUIRRE

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to express the County’s support for the 2025 Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package consisting of: AB 825, AB 1167, SB 24, SB 254, SB 330, and SB 500 consistent with Board Policy M-2.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2025 Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package (Package) advances equity by addressing the cost of living and relieving the hardships of housing cost-burdened San Diegans. Housing Cost-Burden is defined under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as households that spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent or mortgages. 38 percent of homeowners and 58 percent of renters in San Diego County spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, according to the University of San Diego’s Non-Profit Institute. Supporting the Package offers equitable economic opportunities to preserve the household income of all San Diegans by lowering utility bills and requiring more transparency from investor-owned utilities (IOUs).

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2025 Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package (Package) addresses economic sustainability by capping residential rate increases in alignment with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and providing low-cost financing options for electric infrastructure. The bills included in the Package promote environmental sustainability through lowering transmission costs by incentivizing microgrids and ensuring increased wildfire prevention and mitigation responsibilities for investor-owned utilities (IOUs).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOES: Anderson

State of California)

County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter