

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

**SUBJECT: REPORT TO THE BOARD ON PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS:
ADDRESSING GAPS AND IMPROVING COORDINATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On March 2, 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to consult with stakeholders and produce a report and recommendations to increase regional resiliency for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.

As a result, the Office of Emergency Services (OES) formed the 2021 PSPS Regional Resiliency Working Group, with members from the County of San Diego, State of California, federal, city and tribal governments, the Fire Chiefs Association, SDG&E, County Water Authority, County Office of Education, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), mobile providers, and the Air Pollution Control District. The working group analyzed existing PSPS gaps and identified opportunities to further improve mitigation strategies, operational area coordination, and lessen the impacts of PSPS on residents. OES also requested public input, conducted a survey, and hosted a PSPS Public Forum. The collection of input from the public will be ongoing through a survey posted on the Office of Emergency Services' website.

Today's action is to receive and review the staff report addressing operational area coordination and PSPS mitigation opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Receive and review the August 2021 PSPS Regional Resiliency Report addressing Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) operational area coordination and mitigation recommendations.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) recognizes natural and human-caused hazards may increase systemic inequities throughout the region. OES is committed to equitable and inclusive coordination of all-hazard planning, mitigation, response, and recovery to foster strong, capable, and prepared communities. Therefore, OES formed the 2021 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Regional Resiliency Working Group to seek PSPS-related feedback through stakeholder meetings and surveys to affected partners and residents. The feedback received includes suggestions regarding County policy, interagency coordination, outreach, and equipment to address the county's energy needs during a PSPS event. These potential actions could improve PSPS experiences for low-income populations, individuals with disabilities, individuals with access and functional needs, underserved communities and populations that are more likely to be adversely impacted during a power shutoff.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Board's acceptance of the report. There is no change to net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Received and reviewed the August 2021 PSPS Regional Resiliency Report addressing Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) operational area coordination and mitigation recommendations.
2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - a. Work with external partners to explore ways to operate traffic control devices during power outages for longer periods of time, particularly along evacuation routes.
 - b. Maximize investments in undergrounding funds, particularly in areas that are impacted by the most wind events.
 - c. Secure additional CPUC Rule 20 funding for San Diego County.
 - d. Continue to pursue State Community Power Resilience Allocation Program to resume previous funding levels.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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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