

City of Duarte
Public Services Commission
September 11, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 :00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dalessandro led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Dalessandro, Gallivan, Kirchner and Tse
Staff: Rocha

4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gallivan made a motion to approve the minutes.
Commissioner Kirchner seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.

6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mr. Salvador Ramirez from Southern California Edison (SCE) gave a presentation on the SCE Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Mr. Ramirez explained that, given the worsening in the frequency of California wildfires, SCE has developed a three-pronged approach to prevent, combat and respond to wildfires: 1. Bolstering Situational Awareness Capabilities; 2. Enhancing Operational Practices; and 3. Hardening the Grid.

Under *Bolstering Situational Awareness*, Mr. Ramirez explained the current process of installing high-tech cameras to monitor potential fires in high-risk areas. He also discussed the installation of weather stations which would aid in more advanced weather modeling.

Under *Enhancing Operational Practices*, Mr. Ramirez explained that inspections of SCE structures and vegetation management, particularly those in high fire risk areas, are happening with more frequency. Commissioner Gallivan expressed a concern that when he called to confirm that crews entering his private property were indeed SCE staff, they could not confirm that. Commissioner Gallivan also asked for an update on when the goats would be employed in the foothills for vegetation. Lastly, Mr. Ramirez covered Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) measures. PSPS is when elevated fire conditions dictate the need to shut down powerlines.

Lastly, Mr. Ramirez discussed *Hardening the Grid* which is the installation of 600 circuit miles of insulated wire by 2020, automatic reclosers with more sensitive settings and fast-acting fuses and in some cases undergrounding. Commissioner Gallivan commented that he would like SCE to re-visit placing the lines in Fish Canyon underground.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

There were no items from the commission members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dalessandro moved to adjourn and Commissioner Gallivan seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.