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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

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REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112

SUBJECT: SB 1088 (Dodd)-Safety, Reliability, and Resiliency Planning

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action on SB 1088 (Dodd), a bill that would require the Office of Emergency Services to adopt standards for reducing risks during a major emergency and require each electrical and gas corporation, beginning January 15, 2019 and every two years thereafter, to prepare and submit a safety, reliability, and resiliency plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SB 1088 would require the Office of Emergency Services by September 30, 2019, to adopt standards for reducing risks from a major emergency. The adopted standards would include model policies for implementation by local governments and actions to be undertaken by an electrical or gas corporation, a local publicly owned electric or gas utility, or a water utility to reduce the risk of fire occurring during a major event. SB 1088 would also require each electrical or gas corporation beginning January 15, 2019, and by January 15 every 2 years thereafter, to prepare and submit a safety, reliability, and resiliency plan, containing specified elements, to the commission for review and approval. Finally, the bill would establish procedures for the Public Utilities Commission to review the compliance of each utility corporation with its plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission, after a hearing, to require every public utility to construct, maintain, and operate its line, plant, system, equipment, apparatus, tracks, and premises in a manner so as to promote and safeguard the health and safety of its employees, passengers, customers, and the public. Existing law requires electrical corporations to annually prepare and submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the commission for review. Existing law requires the commission to establish standards for disaster and emergency preparedness plans, as specified, and requires an electrical corporation to develop, adopt, and update an emergency and disaster preparedness plan, as specified.

The California Emergency Services Act, among other things, establishes the Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of mitigating the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies and makes findings and declarations relating to ensuring that preparation within the state will be adequate to deal with those emergencies.

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Rural County Representatives of California: No Position

California State Association of Counties: Pending--Staff working on a support letter

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . SB 1088-Text

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan