

**R.18-04-019: Strategies and Guidance for Climate Change Adaptation
Virtual Workshop on Safety Policy Division Staff Analysis on Climate Adaptation and
General Orders**

April 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Webex and Call-in Information:

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Purpose

This workshop will present findings from the Safety Policy Division's (SPD) analysis of the CPUC's General Orders regarding R.18-04-019 Phase 2 Task 6. This task focuses on the potential to update General Orders to incorporate climate adaptation measures. Additionally, the workshop aims to engage experts to gather insights on three possible strategies SPD staff proposes to update the General Orders in line with climate adaptation requirements.

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

1. Opening remarks from Commissioner Houck
2. Logistics, virtual housekeeping (Junaid Rahman, CPUC)

II. Background and Purpose

9:15 - 9:25 a.m.

1. Procedural History of R.18-04-019: Strategies and Guidance for Climate Change Adaptation (Junaid Rahman, SPD)

III. California Climate Adaptation Landscape

9:25 - 9:45 a.m.

1. California Assessments and Strategy (Sara Moore, CPUC)
2. State Climate Adaptation - Highlights
3. Climate Adaptation Phase 2 (R. 18-04-019)

IV. Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) Presentation on Climate Adaptation Work

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

1. OEIS's insights on the dynamic risk of climate change and on mitigating wildfire risk as they relate to safety requirements for electrical infrastructure and equipment.
(Colin Lang, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety)

V. General Order Analysis

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

1. Methodology (Britney Gaines, CPUC)
2. Findings and Thematic Categories (Maria Jaya, CPUC)
3. Q&A

VI. BREAK

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.

VII. Proposed Regulatory Approaches

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

1. SPD staff's proposed courses of action for the regulatory approach to modify General Orders (Sara Karim, CPUC)
2. Q&A

VIII. Panel on Climate Adaptation Policy

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Moderator: Audrey Williams, CPUC

1. This panel features industry experts and state agency representatives to discuss climate adaptation strategies and regulatory approaches, emphasizing a more resilient grid and considering ratepayer costs.
2. Panel members:
 - Nathan Bengtsson, Pacific Gas and Electric
 - Stephen Torres, Southern California Edison
 - Sandeep Aujla, San Diego Gas & Electric
 - Colin Lang, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
3. Q&A

IX. Open Discussion

12:30 - 12:40 p.m.

X. Next Steps and Closing Remarks (Audrey Williams, CPUC)

12:40 - 12:50 p.m.