

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: February 18, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Councilmember Carnacchi
Subject: Informational Presentation from Naveed Paydar, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Liaison

Recommendation : That the City Council Receive the Presentation
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
Net General Fund Cost:
Amount: \$

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) N/A  (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request Council Receive Presentation by Naveed Paydar, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Liaison

Attachment:
Presentation



Introduction to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)



February 18th, 2020
Sebastopol City Council
Dr. Naveed Paydar
CPUC Executive Division





About the CPUC

- The CPUC regulates:
 - Electricity
 - Natural Gas
 - Telecommunications
 - Water
 - Rail and Transportation
- Headquartered in San Francisco
- Offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento
- 1,200+ staff
- Five Governor-appointed Commissioners six-year terms
- Bi-weekly public voting meetings





Select CPUC Policies & Programs

Policies

- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Demand Response
- Dynamic Pricing / Time Varying Rates
- Smart Grid
- Electric Vehicles
- Transmission Planning and Permitting
- Energy Generation and Infrastructure Safety

Public Programs

- California Alternate Rates for Energy
- California Lifeline
- Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
- Low Income Energy Efficiency Program
- Single-family and multi-family Solar program
- Assistance with formal consumer complaints
- Safety inspections & investigations





Community Outreach

- Inform and educate communities, local governments, and businesses about policies and programs in the industries we regulate
- Create and foster relationships with local governments and community benefit organizations/nonprofits
- Enable two-way communication to implement CPUC policies externally and help shape policy internally





Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

- The CPUC has a PSPS proceeding to address issues including:
 - Phase 1: strengthening notification requirements to entities including government agencies and community-based organizations serving limited English speakers and people with disabilities
 - Phase 2: addresses identification and communication with access and functional needs populations, communication with customers while the power is turned off, communication during reenergization, mitigation measures, coordination with emergency responders, and transmission-level de-energization





CPUC Action on PSPS

- Launching a formal investigation to consider fines and penalties for utility 2019 PSPS events to ensure utilities are held accountable
- Reexamining the current PSPS protocol and the use of PSPS by utilities
- Ensuring that for PSPS events, the utilities do not collect from their customers the charges that are a part of every customer's bill so that customers are not charged for services they do not receive during PSPS events
- Directing utilities to expand their upcoming 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plans to focus on increasing the safe performance of utilities, reduce the need for PSPS events, create more resilient communities, and provide results before the next wildfire season





Working Together

How to work with the CPUC

- Become a party to a proceeding
- Attend or listen to a workshop
- Send a letter to the Public Advisor (Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)
- Contact me for more details

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