

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03**  
**of the**  
**EASTSIDE POWER AUTHORITY**

**ADOPTING THE 2020 ANNUAL WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, THE Eastside Power Authority (ESPA) is authorized under various provisions of the California Constitution and the general laws of California (including, specifically, Article XI, Section 9(a) of the California Constitution, Public Utilities Code Section 10004, and Government Code section 39732(a)) to establish, purchase, and operate a public utility to furnish its member districts with, among other things, electricity; and

WHEREAS, ESPA is generally subject to the legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to local publicly owned electric utilities ("POUs"); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill ("SB") 1028 (stats. 2016), adding California Public Utilities Code, Section 8387, requires each POU to construct, maintain, and operate its electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize the risk of wildfire posed by those electrical lines and equipment; and

WHEREAS, SB 901 (stats. 2018), amending California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, requires all POUs to prepare a wildfire mitigation plan before January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387(b)(2) specifies the content that must be included in each POU's wildfire mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387(c) requires each POU to have a qualified independent evaluator review its wildfire mitigation plan to assess the comprehensiveness of its plan and to issue a report that is made available on the POU's website and presented at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code Section 8387(b)(3) requires each POU to present its wildfire mitigation plan at an appropriately noticed public meeting and to verify that its plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, SB 111 (stats. 2019), adding California Public Utilities Code Section 326.1, established the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, SB 1054 (stats. 2019), amending California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, requires each POU to submit its wildfire mitigation plan to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board by July 1 of each year, starting in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 326.2, the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board will review each POU's wildfire mitigation plan and will provide comments and advisory opinions on the content and sufficiency of each plan; and

WHEREAS, ESPA staff prepared a wildfire mitigation plan for calendar year 2020, addressing all statutory criteria; and

WHEREAS, ESPA verified that the wildfire mitigation plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards; and

WHEREAS, Tulare County Fire Chief Duffy is a qualified independent evaluator and, after reviewing ESPA's wildfire mitigation plan, has determined that the plan meets the requirements of California Public Utilities Code Section 8387; and

WHEREAS, Adele Sanchez – Strathmore Fire Protection District - has prepared a report that is presented at a public meeting of ESPA's governing board and will be posted to ESPA's website on or before January 1 2020; and

WHEREAS, ESPA staff will submit its wildfire mitigation plan, adopted today by ESPA's governing board, to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board before July 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Directors of the Eastside Power Authority (Board), pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 8387, adopts ESPA's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, dated May 22, 2019.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 on motion of Director Galloway, seconded by Director Warson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Lindsay Strathmore ID, Terra-Bella ID

**NOES:** -

**ABSENT:** Delano Earlimart ID

**ABSTAIN:** -

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I do hereby certify that I am the presently appointed and acting Secretary of the Eastside Power Authority, a joint powers authority organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said Authority at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held at the office of the said Authority at 14181 Avenue 24, Delano, California on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Millan", written over a horizontal line.

EMILY MILLAN, Secretary  
Eastside Power Authority

**Attachment A to Resolution No. 2019-03**

ESPA 2020 Annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan