

RESOLUTION NO. 6667(24)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Adopting the 2024 City of Lompoc Wildfire Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, On September 21, 2018, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 901 (SB 901). A section of the bill, amending Public Utilities Code (PUC) section 8387, directed local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) and electric cooperatives to annually prepare a wildfire mitigation plan related to its power lines and equipment and to incorporate in their plans specified information and procedures; and

WHEREAS, SB 901 requires POUs to annually review and update their wildfire mitigation plan and provide to their governing board for approval; receive an independent review to assess compliance and ensure it complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards; and provide the review report to their governing body at a noticed public meeting; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1054 was further enacted in 2019 establishing the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) who was to review each utility's wildfire mitigation plan beginning in 2020 and provide guidance opinions for improvements and future considerations in subsequent wildfire mitigation plans. AB 1054 further requires each electric utility to submit by July 1 of each year, its plan to the WSAB for review with a comprehensive revision not less than every three years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City of Lompoc Electric Division (Lompoc Electric), in accordance with SB 901 prepared its Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) and had it adopted by the City Council of the City of Lompoc (City) at a public meeting on December 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Lompoc Electric contracted with an independent evaluator to review the Plan for compliance with PUC section 8387(b) and on July 21, 2020, the evaluator presented their review report to the City Council at a public meeting. The independent evaluator determined that the Plan is in compliance with PUC section 8387(b)(2). No recommendations were made for improvements to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Lompoc Electric staff has complied with requirements of SB 901 and AB 1054 by evaluating the Plan in 2021, 2022 and 2023, submitting Plan to the City Council for approval and submitting the Plan to the WSAB. In each year staff found the implementation of the Plan to be successful, no wildfires were started by electric equipment or overhead lines in the High Fire Threat District; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2023, the WSAB approved its final "Guidance Advisory Opinion for the 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plans of Electric Publicly Owned Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperatives." The WSAB did not make specific recommendations for each publicly owned utility rather, they recommend to each publicly owned utility to embark on a collaborative approach as to improve POU reporting on its wildfire prevention efforts and WSAB's ability to comprehend and advise on those reports. The WSAB recommends that POUs participate in Joint Association meetings or workshops to engage with the WSAB and to exchange

information and ideas through discussions on topics provided by the WSAB. Lompoc participates in the California Municipal Association of Utilities (CMUA) meetings and workshops and will continue to participate per the recommendation of the WSAB; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Lompoc Electric staff evaluated the 2023 Plan and determined that implementation of the Plan has been successful. No wildfires were started by electric equipment or overhead lines in the High Fire Threat District in 2023. Only minor changes were made to the Plan. Lompoc Electric added metrics for 2023 and made minor changes to its infrastructure details; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc Wildfire Mitigation Plan complies with SB 901 and AB 1054 and considers all of the requirements outlined in PUC Section 8387(b)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the 2024 City of Lompoc Wildfire Mitigation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective on the day of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on June 18, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):

NOES: Council Member(s):

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

Jenelle Osborne, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk
City of Lompoc

Attachment: Exhibit A: City of Lompoc 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan