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TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Rancho Cucamonga Municipal Utility's Wildfire Mitigation Plan 2021 Update. (CITY)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Rancho Cucamonga Municipal Utility's (RCMU's) Wildfire Mitigation Plan – 2021 Update.

BACKGROUND:

On September 21, 2018, then Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill ("SB") 901 requiring that publicly owned utilities ("POUs") prepare and present a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) to its Governing Board by January 1, 2020. On July 12, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill ("AB") 1054 and AB 111 into law, requiring POUs including the Rancho Cucamonga Municipal Utility (RCMU) to submit their WMP to a newly formed California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board ("WSAB"). The WSAB will review the POU's WMP and produce advisory opinions on their content and sufficiency, as well as provide recommendations on mitigating wildfire risk. Lastly, all POUs were required to submit their WMP to the WSAB by July 1, 2020.

On December 18, 2019, the Rancho Cucamonga City Council approved RCMU's 2020 WMP and the approved WMP was filed and submitted to the WSAB on March 18, 2020. On December 9, 2020, the WSAB issued its first Guidance Advisory Opinion for Electric POUs, which included a list of 14 specific recommendations and guidelines for consideration by the POUs in their 2021 WMPs.

ANALYSIS:

The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board's (WSAB's) Guidance Advisory Opinion identified 14 specific recommendations that POUs were requested to address in their 2021 WMPs. As specified in Public Utilities Code § 8387(b)(1), each POU is required to perform a comprehensive revision to the POU's WMP at least once every three years. However, because the WSAB's Guidance Advisory Opinion was provided after RCMU's initial 2020 WMP submission, RCMU decided that it would fully address each of the 14 recommendations in its 2021 WMP update. The attached updated 2021 WMP restates each of the WSAB recommendations in Section IX where RCMU provides one or more of the following responses: (1) a narrative response to the recommendation; (2) a cross reference to where in the RCMU's WMP this topic is addressed; (3) describes why the recommendation is not applicable to RCMU; or (4) informs the WSAB of RCMU's intent to address the recommendation at the point of its next comprehensive revision, occurring in either the 2022 or 2023 WMP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in the approval of the RCMU Wildfire Mitigation Plan 2021 update.

COUNCIL MISSION / VISION / GOAL(S) ADDRESSED:

This item supports the City Council's Core Values by promoting and enhancing a safe and healthy community for all by developing and updating a comprehensive Wildfire Mitigation Plan for its Municipal Utility to meet the community's needs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Wildfire Mitigation Plan – 2021 Update