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AGENDA

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
1:30 p.m. – State Capitol, Room 437

OVERSIGHT HEARING

Energy Affordability: Wildfire Spending

I. Opening Statements

- Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities & Energy
- Assembly Member Steve Bennett, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation

II. Wildfire Mitigation Investments – Funding Activities to Date

- Forest Kaser, Chief Deputy Executive Director, California Public Utilities Commission
- Randy Howard, General Manager, Northern California Power Agency
- Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief, Orange County Fire Authority

III. Risk Mitigation Strategies – Maximizing Investments

- Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
- Carla J. Peterman, Executive Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- Duncan Callaway, Professor and Chair, Energy and Resources Group, University of California Berkeley

IV. Who Pays? – Alternative Funding Options

- Helen Kerstein, Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office
- Nathaniel Skinner, Energy Safety Program Manager, Public Advocates Office
- Sam Uden, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Net-Zero California

V. Public Comment