

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2021
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: District Manager
SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval of Letter to Southern California Edison Regarding
Community Resource Center Operations During Public Safety Power Shutoffs --
Supplemental Information #1

A previous version of the draft letter was inadvertently attached to the staff report for this item.
Please find attached a revised draft of the letter for Board consideration.



Dan Paranick
District Manager

REVISED DRAFT

January 21, 2021

Rudy Gonzales
Government Relations Manager
Southern California Edison
2244 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770

Dear Mr. Gonzales,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and the residents we serve, we would like to express our concern regarding the inconsistent operation of Edison's designated Public Safety Power Shutoff Community Resource Centers in our District. The operation of CRC's has been inconsistent, poorly managed, and at times, non-existent.

During the PSPS outage events that occurred in Simi Valley in December 2020, the power was shut off at the City's Senior Center which serves as Edison's designated Community Resource Center in Simi Valley. At the 11th hour, the Park District's Rancho Santa Susana Community Center staff was called upon to provide a location, where the power was also shut off. During those power outage events, we received several calls from confused residents. The designated location at the Simi Valley Senior Center was not provided as previously planned by Edison. Our staff opened our community center so residents could receive needed services. We are disappointed to report that Edison employees never arrived to staff the CRC or provide the needed services as promised.

When PSPS events occur, we request that Edison fulfill their commitment to provide Community Resource Centers at the designated location that are staffed with Edison employees who can answer questions and provide services as promised so people in need have access to services when they are experiencing PSPS outages for extended periods of time.

Sincerely,

Brian Dennert
Board Chair

cc: City Council
City Manager