

WILDFIRE SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

April 10-11, 2024 • Hilo, Hawai'i



Day 1 – April 10, 2024



9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast, Sign in, Informal Open House

Join personnel from Hawaiian Electric, Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization, and Firewise Communities for informal conversations.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Symposium Welcome and Opening Remarks

Shelee Kimura, President and CEO, Hawaiian Electric
Ka'iu Kimura, Executive Director, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Introduction to Our Grid and Wildfire Safety Strategy Process

Colton Ching, SVP, Planning & Technology, Hawaiian Electric

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Celebrating Collective Action

Elizabeth Pickett, Co-Executive Director of Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization
Dr. Clay Trauernicht, Wildland Fire Science & Management, Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Introduction to Climate Risks and Resilience

Elizabeth Pickett, Co-Executive Director of Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization
Michael Walker, Fire Protection Forester, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, DOFAW
Dr. Clay Trauernicht, Wildland Fire Science & Management, Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa
Tom Rolinski, Fire Scientist, Southern California Edison

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch & Networking

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Identifying Wildfire Risk Areas

Ian Fitzpatrick, Essential Energy (Australia) – *Virtual*
Breakout Discussions

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wildfire Mitigations: Industry Practices and Lessons Learned

Jack Shearman, CEO, UMS Group
David Geier, CEO, Utility Safety Associates
Jonathan Woldmariam, Director, Wildfire Mitigation & Vegetation Mgmt., SDG&E
Scott Strenfel, Senior Director, Meteorology Operations & Fire Science, PG&E
Ian Fitzpatrick, Essential Energy (Australia) – *Virtual*
Shay Bahramirad, SVP T&D Strategy, LUMA Energy (Puerto Rico) – *Virtual*

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

BREAK

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

What's Next: Recap of Day 1 and Looking to Day 2

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Informal Open House

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Day 2 – April 11, 2024



8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast, Informal Open House

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9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Day 2 Opening Remarks

Colton Ching, SVP, Planning & Technology, Hawaiian Electric
Erik Takayesu, Former SVP, Asset Strategy and Planning, Southern California Edison

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Hawaiian Electric's Wildfire Safety Strategy

Marc Asano, Hawaiian Electric
Jonathan Woldmaria, Director, Wildfire Mitigation & Vegetation Mgmt., SDG&E
Scott Strenfel, Senior Director, Meteorology Operations & Fire Science, PG&E
Jack Shearman, CEO, UMS Group
Shawn Holder, Director, Public Safety Power Shutoff, PG&E

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Planning for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

Erik Takayesu, Former SVP, Asset Strategy and Planning, Southern California Edison
Shawn Holder, Director, Public Safety Power Shutoff, PG&E
Jonathan Woldmaria, Director, Wildfire Mitigation & Vegetation Mgmt., SDG&E
Koko Tomassian Program Manager Safety Management Systems Branch, CPUC
Keith Okamoto, Chief Engineer, Department of Water Supply, County of Hawaii

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch & Networking

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Collective Action for Wildfire Safety

Breakout Discussions

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Collective Action for Wildfire Safety

Debrief

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Appreciation and Next Steps

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Informal Open House and Networking