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DATA REQUEST SET Cal Advocates - SCE - 2022 WMP - 11

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Question 01 Supplemental :

Regarding SCE's Dead and Dying Tree Program, on p. 420 of SCE's 2022 WMP, SCE states: QC verifies that 100% of the completed remediations have been performed. In 2021, QC inspectors verified approximately 2,200 tree remediations. 133 tree remediations did not pass QC inspection, most of which were due to lack of site debris clean up. These 133 tree remediations were reassigned to vegetation management contractors for re-work.

Please provide the following:

- a) How many of the 133 tree remediations which did not pass inspection in 2021 were due to lack of site debris clean up?
- b) What were the causes of tree remediations which did not pass inspection due to reasons other than lack of site debris cleanup, in 2021?
- c) In 2020, how many tree remediations were verified by QC inspectors?
- d) In 2020, how many tree remediations did not pass QC inspection?
- e) In 2020, how many tree remediations which did not pass QC inspection were due to lack of site debris clean up?
- f) What were the causes of tree remediations which did not pass inspection due to reasons other than lack of site debris cleanup, in 2020?

Initial Response to Question 01:

QC for Dead and Dying Tree remediation commenced in 2021 and was not performed in prior years. In 2021, QC remediation verification was performed on 2,228 trees through the Dead and Dying Trees Program (DDTP). Based on the foregoing, SCE responds to (a) through (f) as follows:

- a. 133.¹
- b. No other causes.
- c. Not applicable. QC was not performed in 2020.

¹ SCE's information in the 2022 WMP referenced 133 trees as not passing QC inspection. However, after further review, SCE has identified 220 trees that failed QC inspection. Of the 220 failures, 133 were documented in the work management system as failures attributed to lack of site cleanup, and 87 did not include a cause for failure. Because the 220 trees were physically removed, it is reasonable to assume the 87 unspecified failures relate to lack of site cleanup. Prior to Q3 2021, it was not a requirement to provide a reason why a tree did not pass QC inspection. The 87 blank entries were wholly attributed to verifications being performed in Q1 and Q2 by SCE's DDTP contractor's QC staff and not through SCE's formal QC program. SCE subsequently took over its DDTP contractor's QC program commencing in Q3 2021. Since SCE took over the QC program for DDTP, SCE no longer has these same data quality issues.

d. Not applicable. QC was not performed in 2020.

e. Not applicable. QC was not performed in 2020.

f. Not applicable. QC was not performed in 2020.

Response to Question 01 Supplemental :

For Quality Control in SCE's Dead and Dying Tree program, when QC identifies an instance where a tree requiring remediation was not remediated, that is considered a nonconformance. In instances where the tree was remediated but additional site cleanup is needed, it is not considered a nonconformance. Nonetheless, when SCE's QC inspector performs the verifications of remediation, they look for complete site cleanup of debris and require the contractors to revisit the site if necessary.

In 2021, rework for site cleanup was required for 220 tree remediations, of which 133 were correctly documented in the database and 87 were not correctly annotated.

In 2021, QC inspected 2,228 locations where tree remediation was required and identified 19 instances where the prescribed tree remediation did not get performed. This results in a conformance rate of 99.15%, or a nonconformance rate of 0.85%.

a. As explained in the initial response, the 133 referenced was actually 220. All were for lack of site cleanup. In some very limited instances, lack of site cleanup included some property damage, for example, a damaged fence.

b. 19 trees failed QC inspection because the contractor failed to remove the tree prescribed for removal.

c. No change to initial response

d. No change to initial response.

e. No change to initial response.

f. No change to initial response.