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Question 003:

For all activities listed under “Vegetation Management and Inspections” (i.e., rows 61-82), which incurred programmatic cost increases (i.e., not attributable to increases from reporting non-HFTD area spend) from those reported in the 2020 WMP, provide the following:

- o An explanation for the cost increase
- o A breakdown of the increased amount attributed to changes in activity scope, labor costs, etc.

Response to Question 003:

Vegetation Management program cost increases from 2020 WMP to 2021 WMP include:

- **Technology Solutions:** Increase due to new Arbora Technology Tool investment, emergent program post-2020 WMP (\$16M).
- **Hazard Tree Removal:** Increase in forecast driven by inclusion of SB 247 and related rate increases, inclusion of Palm Program (\$10M).
- **Veg Mgmt: Line Clearing:** Increase in forecast driven by:
 - o Inclusion of SB 247 and related rate increases (\$135M annually) unknown at the time of filing of the 2020 WMP.
 - o Inclusion of the Dead & Dying Tree Removal Program (\$45M annually), for which costs were not included in SCE’s 2020 WMP wildfire initiatives. SCE’s Dead & Dying Tree Removal Program has been in existence since 2014. It was initiated as a result of Governor Brown’s declaration of a state of emergency regarding drought mitigation in Resolution ESRB-4. SCE began taking measures to increase vegetation inspections and remove hazardous, dead, and sick trees and other vegetation near our power lines and poles.
 - o Cost increases for more first-time expanded clearances (estimated at \$15M annually) initiated as part of D.17-12-024 to increase recommended clearance distances at the time of trimming in HFRA.