

*Southern California Edison*  
**WSD-001 – Resolution WSD-001 to Establish Procedures for the Wildfire Safety Division's  
Review of 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plans Pursuant to PUC Sections 8386 and 8386.3**

**DATA REQUEST SET C E J A - S C E - 0 0 1**

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**Question 003:**

For your enhanced vegetation management decisions, how often do you utilize an arborist to decide which trees pose a risk, and in what situations do you use an arborist's judgment? What guidelines do you give to the arborist to follow?

**Response to Question 003:**

SCE assumes the question pertains to Hazard Tree assessments as part of SCE's Hazard Tree Management Program (HTMP).

When assessing trees, SCE uses an ISA Certified Arborist to perform the HTMP assessment and determine which trees pose a risk. The Certified Arborist performs the assessment using a Tree Risk Calculator which provides a consistent assessment methodology. The Tree Risk Calculator provides a final risk score which may be overridden by the Certified Arborist based on his/her professional judgment.

When assessing palms, the assessment is performed to specific criteria which does not involve the Tree Risk Calculator, and palm assessments are performed by trained and qualified inspectors, who do not require certification as an arborist.

With regards to guidelines, the ISA Certified Arborists are trained by SCE Vegetation Management personnel (also ISA Certified Arborists) in the use of the Tree Risk Calculator and SCE's Hazard Tree Management Program. During the training they are instructed on how to use the Tree Risk Calculator and given the flexibility to override the risk score based on their experience. Any score that is overridden must have a justification entered. Qualified inspectors performing assessment on palms are trained to perform palm assessments and SCE's Hazard Tree Management Program.