

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 W S D - S C E - 0 0 2

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Question 063 (SCE-43895-I-378):

A. Item Index [For CPUC tracking purposes. Please reference this item index with the response provided.]

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B. Request Type

Request for additional specificity or clarification regarding information submitted in WMP or maturity survey

C. Relevant section of WMP (if applicable)

5.3.5

D. Relevant question in Maturity Survey (if applicable)

NA

E. Relevant meeting or call (if applicable)

NA

F. Specific Data request

In section 5.3.5 on page 5-97, SCE states that through collaborating with local land managers “SCE understands local timber disposals and sale regulations for that area.”

a. Have all areas been covered so that SCE fully understands timber disposal and sale regulations in all of its service territory?

b. Did SCE not fully understand such before 2019?

Response to Question 063 (SCE-43895-I-378):

a. SCE has had conversations and fully understands the timber disposal and sale regulations with the respective USFS agencies in all of the service territory. There are currently only two timber sales/disposal arrangements that occur in the Shaver Lake, CA and Bishop/Mammoth Lakes, CA areas. In all other areas, timber is disposed of according to the USFS Forest Practice Rules which include leaving timber on site with logging and scattering of the limbs to reduce fuel loading.

SCE coordinates with the USFS on all SCE work executed on USFS lands. We cannot operate in the forest in the absence of appropriate permits and authorizations. Examples include FERC licenses that allow SCE to own and operate hydro-generation facilities on USFS lands, master permits and easements that allow SCE to own and operate non-FERC transmission and distribution facilities, and stand-alone special use permits that allow SCE to own and operate communications equipment, substations, and laydown/parking areas.

SCE regularly coordinates with the USFS on the management of vegetation debris and remains. At

a minimum, SCE meets with the Forests annually to discuss past vegetation activities and to come to agreement on the vegetation management methodology that will be used for the upcoming year. In some cases, SCE works with the Forests to develop site-specific fuels management plans that specifies what vegetation management disposal methodologies will be used in specified areas on USFS lands. SCE's vegetation management crews will also contact the Forest's permit administrators and District Rangers to provide updates on where they plan to working and what they are planning to do with the vegetation that is removed. Vegetation management/disposal examples include chipping and leaving the fuel onsite, lopping (cutting the logs) and scattering them onsite, or moving and storing them at an approved USFS location. In some cases, SCE will enter into agreements to take ownership of the vegetation via settlement agreements or timber sale contracts.

b. SCE did understand all of the timber disposal and associated sales rules, but had limited engagement with several USFS agencies as they were not inclined to discuss timber sales at that time. SCE Environmental and Government Lands teams had reached out prior with the agencies and had begun those conversations. Due to the increase in tree mortality and the increased downed timber in the forest areas, the agencies have since engaged with SCE and there has been discussions moving forward to have additional timber disposal/sales.