

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 088 (SCE-43895-I-403):

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 5.4.5.15 on page 5-102, SCE states that it “is still in the process of implementing these activities.”

a. How is SCE still in the process of implementing such activities?

b. Describe how far along SCE has come in implementing each of the described activities.

c. When does SCE intend to complete each of the activities?

d. Provide all procedures relating to the activities discussed in section 5.3.5.15.

Response to Question 088 (SCE-43895-I-403):

a. SCE’s utility vegetation management program has evolved significantly over the past several years. Implementing all the activities listed in our program documents such as expanded clearances to Grid Resiliency Clearance Distance (GRCD), removal of all fast growing species directly beneath the lines, removing overhangs, and making palms safe, requires considerable resources and is expected to be achieved during a multi-year effort. SCE’s primary obligation is achieving its regulatory clearance obligations, and SCE also sees this activity as the primary risk mitigation tool for wildfire safety. Although all standards have been documented as requirements, resource constraints have been a significant challenge to realizing all standards in the field while completing the expanded clearances. SCE is continuing to work through these challenges with the goal of implementing the aforementioned activities by year end 2022.

b. With regard to expanded clearances, where achievable, SCE estimates we are approximately at 40-50% implementation for distribution circuits and approximately 5% for transmission circuits.

Other activities may be as low as 10% implemented at this time.

c. SCE is reasonably optimistic that barring any unforeseen challenges, it will fully implement removal of all fast-growing species directly beneath the lines, removal of all overhangs, and the rendering of palms safe by the end of 2022.

d. Relevant procedures are the TVMP, DVMP and HTMP, which were provided in response to WSD-SCE-002 Question 52.