

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 081 (SCE-43895-I-396):

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 5.3.5.11, SCE states that it “performs supplemental vegetation inspections in HFRA, such as Canyon Patrols, At-Risk Circuit Patrols, and Operation Santa Ana.”

a. Are these the only three programs that encompasses supplemental vegetation patrols? If not, provide a list of all instances in which additional patrols are performed, including a schedule of when SCE performs such patrols.

b. Describe in detail how these three patrols differ from annual inspections.

c. Provide a schedule with locations for when such patrols would occur.

d. Are there any instances in which an area would undergo more than one of these three programs? If so, describe where and why.

e. Provide all procedures relating to these three programs.

Response to Question 081 (SCE-43895-I-396):

a. Yes, these are the only three supplemental patrols performed by SCE Vegetation Management (VM). However, on an annual basis VM will make a determination if additional patrols are needed based on the current work conditions (e.g., post-storm patrols, post-fire patrols, PSPS patrols, etc.).

b. The annual inspections are Level 1 Tree Risk Assessments performed by SCE Pre-Inspectors to determine if annual routine tree maintenance is required to maintain compliance with all local rules laws, etc. See the following descriptions for the other three Supplemental patrols:

- Canyon Patrols – Are Level 1 Tree Risk Assessments performed by SCE Contractor Patrolman to identify dead, dying, diseased, weaken, or leaning trees or branches that

threaten SCE electrical facilities. While during a patrol, a Patrolman identifies signs on a tree such as die back, cavities, leans, etc., they will subsequently perform a Level 2 Tree Risk Assessment to determine the required mitigation to eliminate the risk associated with the trees hazardous characteristics. These patrols are performed in High Fire threat districts and Canyons which have several factors that require additional attention

- At-Risk Circuit Patrols – Are Level 1 Tree Risk Assessments performed by Patrolman to identify dead, dying, diseased, weaken, or leaning trees or branches that threaten SCE electrical facilities. While during a patrol a Patrolman identifies signs on a tree such as die back, cavities, leans, etc., they will subsequently perform a Level 2 Tree Risk Assessment to determine the required mitigation to eliminate the risk associated with the trees hazardous characteristics. These patrols are conducted on circuits which had challenges with Vegetation related circuit interruptions.
- Operation Santa Ana – Are Joint Patrols performed by SCE Sr. Specialist/Utility Arborist and local fire authorities under Cal Fire to ensure conformance with California Public Resource Codes 4292 and 4293. These patrols are performed in State Responsibility Areas (SRA) including the forest interface

c. Please see schedule below:

- Canyon Patrols – Are performed annually between April and July in high fire risk areas and canyons throughout SCE's service territory
- At Risk Circuit Patrols – Are performed at various times and locations throughout the year depending on the performance of high voltage circuits
- Operation Santa Ana – Is conducted between June and October depending on the Local Fire Authority schedule. These patrols are performed in SRA areas including the forest interface.

d. Yes, because the patrols are designed to focus on separate issues

e. Refer to response (b) above