

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 031 (SCE-43895-L-352):

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)

5.3.10 Stakeholder Cooperation and Community Engagement

D. Relevant question in Maturity Survey (if applicable)

NA

E. Relevant meeting or call (if applicable)

NA

F. Specific Data request

In section 5.3.10.4 on page 5-148, SCE states that "Currently there is no formal operating agreement or joint roadmap in place to coordinate with USFS on fuel reduction related initiatives."

a. Why does SCE currently not coordinate with the USFS for such efforts?

b. Does SCE intend to establish a relationship with the USFS in the next 10 years for fuel reduction related initiatives? If so, describe how. If not, describe why.

Response to Question 031 (SCE-43895-L-352):

Please see SCE's response to WSD's question SCE 43879-E-63.

Cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on fuels reduction is ongoing. In March of 2019, SCE completed a two year effort with Region V of the USFS where SCE obtained new 30 year master permits and easements (MPEs) for its facilities on USFS lands and developed an O&M Plan that contains a framework to allow for streamlined approvals when completing O&M work, including fuel reduction activities. At a minimum, SCE holds annual meetings with each of the 7 forests covered under the MPEs. There are 3 forests where SCE holds quarterly meetings to discuss a variety of projects including efforts that are under way to reduce fuels that have the risk of impacting SCE powerlines and facilities.

SCE has been collaborating with Sierra National Forest over the past 1-1/2 years to significantly reduce fuels in and around its powerlines. SCE has also been working closely with Inyo National Forest over the past several months to reduce fuel hazards. SCE has well established

relationships with the USFS and regularly interacts with its staff and leadership (at the Forest and Region V level).

The MPEs and associated O&M Plan constitute formal agreements with the USFS covering fuel reduction activities among other things. The O&M Plan also calls out fuel reduction activities as a Class III activity, meaning that in the event we have a large fuel reduction project, SCE would submit the request to the USFS. The USFS then has 30 days to get back to us to determine next steps. However, even with the MPEs in place, there is the potential for delays in the event the USFS requires additional environmental analysis (NEPA).