

*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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**Response Date: 3/10/2020**

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**Question 098 (SCE-43895-I-413):**

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

SCE-43895-I-413

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 5.3.5.16.1 on page 5-103, SCE states that “Given the limitations on the actual mitigation, there is no benefit in pursuing higher volumes through increased resources.”

a. Expand upon what SCE means by “limitations on the actual mitigation”?

b. How is SCE analyzing the effectiveness of hazard tree removal for wildfire mitigation?

c. How effective has SCE found hazard tree removal to be for wildfire mitigation?

d. How has SCE prioritized work to increase effectiveness of limited resources?

e. How does SCE plan to address resource constraints outside of reducing the scope of work?

**Response to Question 098 (SCE-43895-I-413):**

a. This sentence refers to the prior sentence describing the labor constraints for qualified tree crews. These constrained resources are needed in order to perform the mitigations.

b. SCE is evaluating the number and types of tree caused circuit interruptions (TCCI). SCE expects to see a reduction in incidents of trees or portions of trees falling or blowing into lines over the next several years. Given variability in weather conditions and the rate of annual mitigation, it is difficult to forecast when a trend will be confirmed.

c. Given the number of mitigations performed, it is too early to see a measurable impact that would allow SCE to evaluate effectiveness.

d. SCE organizes assessment and mitigation work based on geographic locations with multiple

high-risk circuits to drive operational efficiency for the resources involved.

e. SCE seeks to expand its pool of qualified contractors through regular competitive bidding processes. It is also improving its internal scheduling function to drive greater efficiency by bundling tree trimming and removal activities that are currently scheduled based on each particular driver, such as hazard tree assessment, annual inspection, patrol, emergent notification, and electrical support.