

*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*

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**Question 003:**

Regarding SCE's response to SCE-43895-I-411:

- a. Does this include contractors? If not, provide the numbers above for such. Provide the percentage in which are contracted and subcontracted.
- b. Go into more detail on SCE's plan on obtaining more ISA-certified inspectors

**Response to Question 003:**

- a. Yes, all 41 HTMP certified arborists used for assessments were employed by 1 of 2 contractors; no subcontractors were used. SCE considered using its own internal employees to perform assessments, but ultimately was able to complete the targeted number without reassigning duties.
- b. For HTMP in 2020, we have secured enough ISA-certified inspectors to identify at risk trees based on the capacity of the available crews to complete the work (and forecasted prescription rates). In Q3 2020, SCE will turn attention to growing the pipeline for 2021 and beyond. 2019 lessons learned indicated that contractors underestimated their ability to attract arborists consistent with their commitments. The most successful strategy observed to date is to recruit and train up recent forestry graduates to provide them the requisite experience to become qualified.