

OUR COMMITMENT TO KEEPING SANTA CLARITA SAFE

THIS MEETING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M.





## **AGENDA**

Welcome   Safety   Introductions	<b>Natalie Yanez</b> Government Relations Manager, Local Public Affairs
City of Santa Clarita	Mayor Bill Miranda
LA County Sheriff's Department	Captain Brandon Barclay
Weather & Fire Science	<b>Jude Schneider</b> Senior Advisor, Wildfire PSPS Response, Business Resiliency
Wildfire Safety PSPS Operations Update /Grid Hardening	Raymond Fugere Director, Asset & System Intelligence
Customer Programs and Resiliency	<b>Lori Blackwell</b> Principal Manager, PSPS Customer Support
Q&A	<b>Natalie Yanez</b> Government Relations Manager, Local Public Affairs
Closing Remarks	<b>Natalie Yanez</b> Government Relations Manager, Local Public Affairs

## SAFETY NEAR DOWNED WIRES



- Stay away and call 911
- Stay clear of anything contacting downed power wires
- Stay clear of vehicles near downed power wires
- If escape is necessary, do so carefully

Damage observed while conducting power restoration patrols on circuits de-energized during the January 2025 PSPS events.

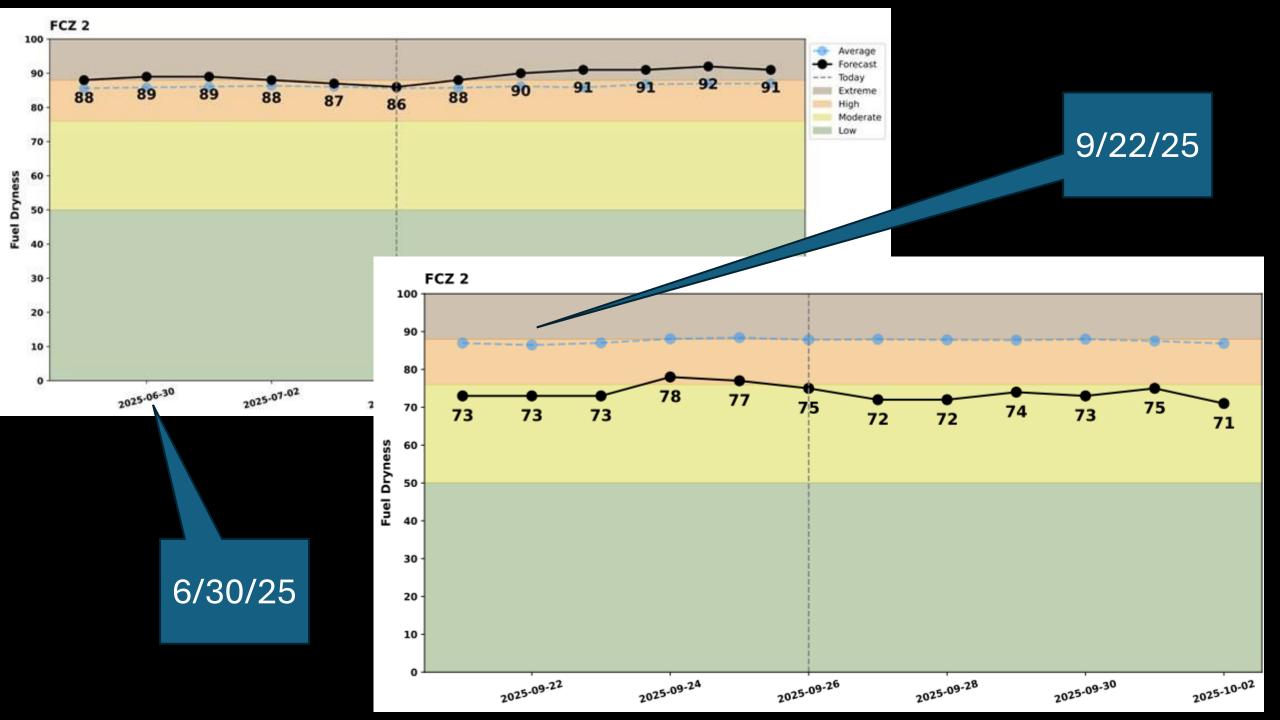
# WEATHER & FIRE SCIENCE

# Jude Schneider

# WEATHER AND WILDFIRE FORECAST

Large fires possible during windy, dry periods prior to the onset of winter precipitation.

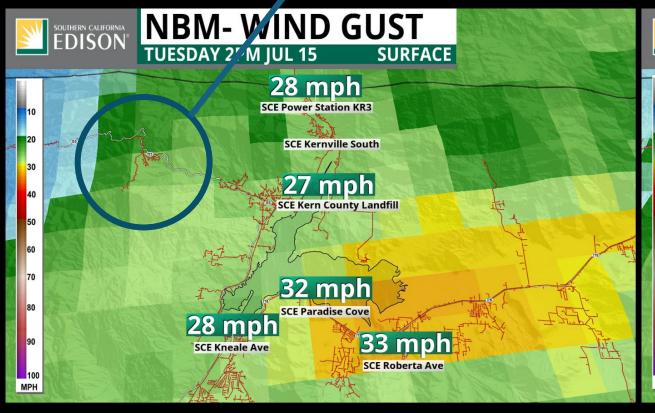
PSPS will continue during elevated windy and dry periods.

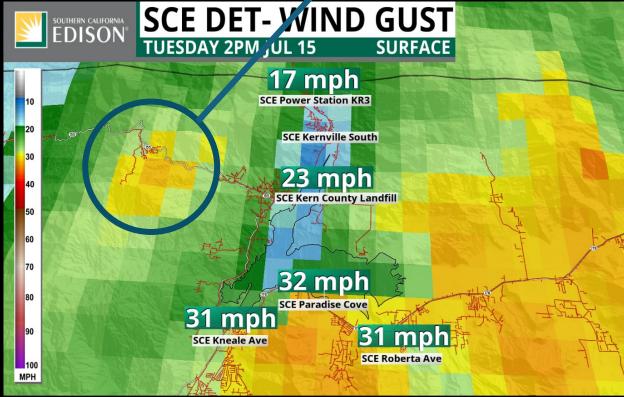


## NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE VS. SCE FORECAST GUIDANCE

NOAA-based model averages across larger areas (3km<sup>2)</sup>

More granular (2km <sup>2</sup>) SCE forecast sees weather for individual circuits

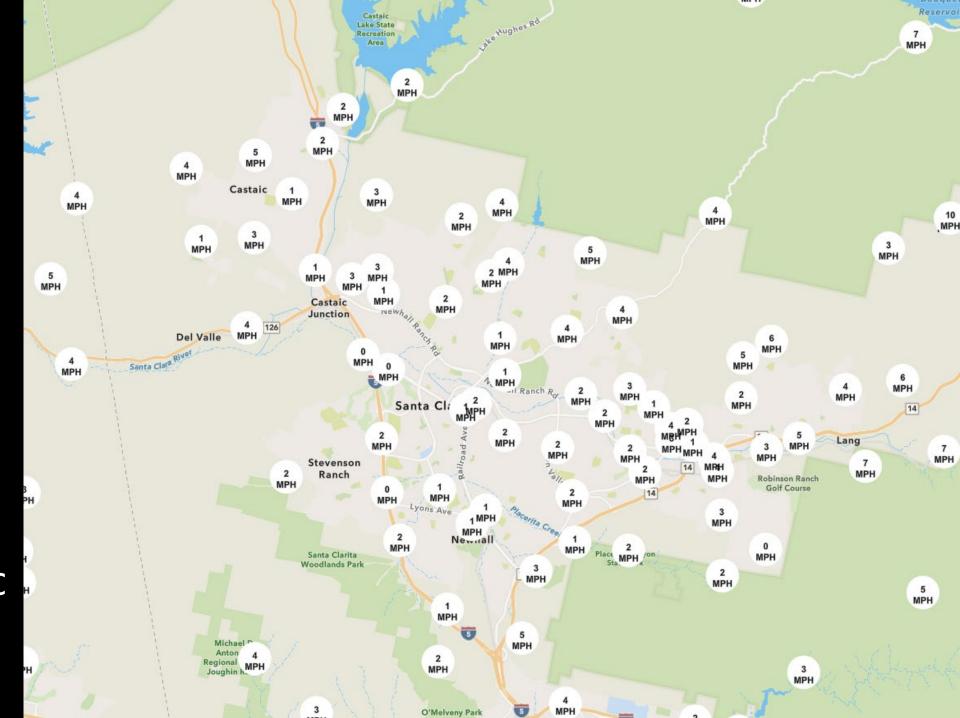




## STRATEGIC WEATHER STATION – SANTA CLARITA

~1,870 weather stations

A dense network of weather stations enables strategic de-energization decisions.



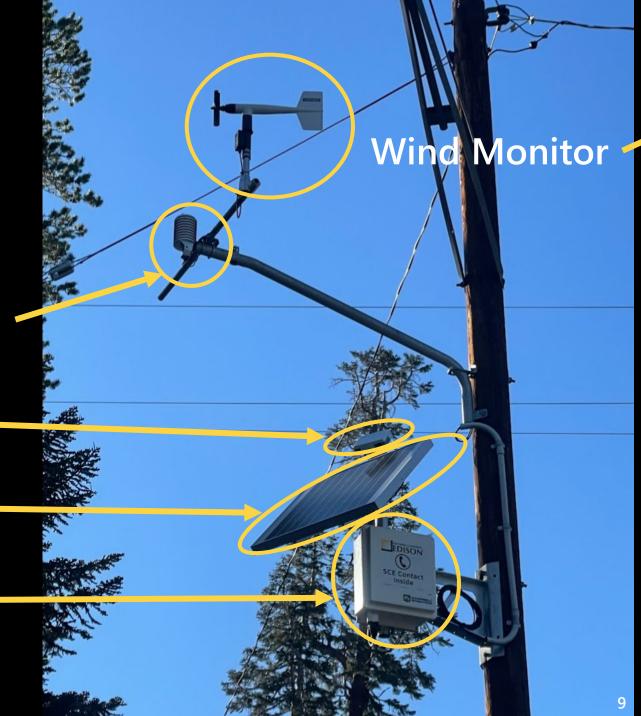
# ANATOMY OF A WEATHER STATION

Temperature/RH Sensor

**Satellite Communicator** 

**Solar Panel** 

Data Logger/Battery



# PSPS OPERATIONS UPDATE & GRID HARDENING

Raymond Fugere

## GRID HARDENING IN SANTA CLARITA

490.5

Miles

COMPLETED COVERED CONDUCTOR **22** 

COMPLETED REMOTE
CONTROLLED SWITCHES
/AUTOMATIC
RECLOSERS

0.2 Miles

COMPLETED TARGETED UNDERGROUND

**49.5 Miles** 

PENDING COVERED CONDUCTOR 5

PENDING REMOTE CONTROLLED SWITCHES / AUTOMATIC RECLOSERS

**13.6 Miles** 

PENDING TARGETED UNDERGROUND

## **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

## **2025 Progress**

Inspected and cleared brush at **88,238** poles

- Hazard tree removal beyond traditional trim zone
- SCE currently inspects every year up to 1.6 million trees that might pose a hazard to power lines throughout its 50,000-square-mile service area
- More than 749,000 are located in high fire risk areas
- Vegetation removal at poles and around power lines
- Remote sensing and satellite technology utilized to enhance inspections and vegetation management



## **UPDATES TO PSPS PROGRAM**

# FPI AND WINDSPEED CRITERIA REFINEMENTS

- Updated application of FPI when broader fire weather concerns identified
- Refined application of windspeed discount factors
- When new FPI criteria is applied, suggests 20-40% more PSPS activation days and event size is up to twice as large in 2025 assuming similar weather to 2024

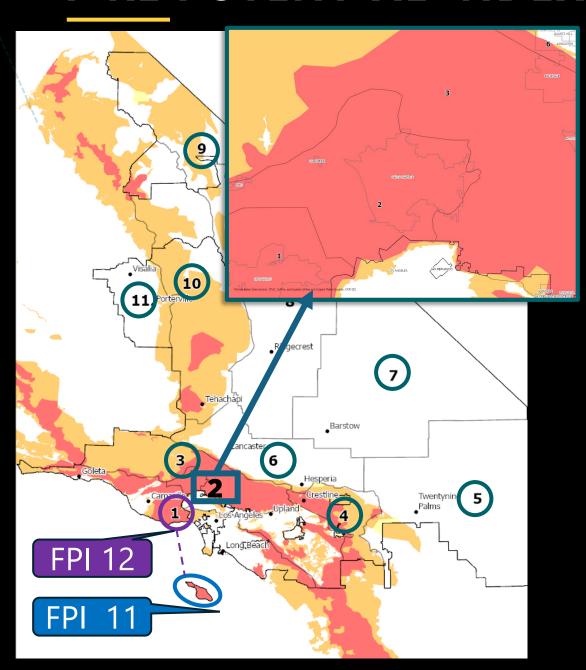
# NEW HFRA CIRCUITS / EXPANDED BOUNDARIES

- 32 new circuits and ~47,000 more customer accounts now in HFRA and in scope for PSPS
- Expanded precautionary boundaries around HFRA; up to ~43,000 more customer accounts could be in scope for PSPS
- Includes areas and customers that have not experienced PSPS in the past

# 24/7 MONITORING AND ALERT SYSTEM

- Capturing unexpected weather (outside of current PSPS activation) meeting PSPS de-energization thresholds
- When necessary, circuits will be de-energized immediately, day or night
- In these rare, time-sensitive occurrences, customer notifications and website information will follow as soon as possible

## FIRE POTENTIAL INDEX THRESHOLDS



## FIRE POTENTIAL INDEX (FPI) 1-17

is a formula used to estimate the potential of fire ignition and spread.

### **HIGH FIRE RISK AREAS (HFRAs)**

correspond to CPUC High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD), with small deviations. HFRA Tiers 2-3:

## FIRE CLIMATE ZONES (FCZs)

group similar vegetation, weather, topography, and fire history. FCZs 2-11: FCZ 1: C

FPI thresholds are set for each FCZ. When specific conditions suggest more risk, baseline FPI thresholds may be reduced.

## WINDSPEED THRESHOLDS

Windspeed thresholds for activation are based on **forecasts**, and Windspeed triggers for **shut offs are based** on **actual weather** 



NWS Wind Advisory level: 31 mph sustained winds or 46 mph gusts <u>or</u> when speeds reach local extremes.

**Activation threshold for:** 

Uncovered/partially-covered circuits

**Shutoff trigger for:** Uncovered segments\*



NWS High Wind Warning: 40 mph sustained windspeeds or 58 mph gusts.

**Activation threshold for:** 

Fully covered circuits \*

Shutoff trigger for: Fully-covered

segments\*

\* Windspeed triggers are adjusted (lowered) based on circuit, environment and eventspecific factors to determine circuit specific shut off values for each event.

## **PSPS NOTIFICATION TIMELINE**

4-7 DAYS SCE begins planning for potential

AHEAD PSPS

**3 DAYS** Incident Management Team

**AHEAD** activated

WHEN POSSIBLE Initial notification sent to all

customers and public safety partners

**DAILY** 

**UPDATES** Daily update notifications sent as

1-2 DAYS the weather forecast is refined

**AHEAD** 

1-4 HOURS

**BEFORE** Expected shutoff notification

**SHUTOFF** 

**PLANNING AND MONITORING** 

**POWER** Sent after shuttoff authorization

RESTORATION Sent when restoration BEGIN patrols begin

**POWER** Sent after **RESTORATION** inspection

### **OUTAGE AND RECOVERY**

Advance notifications may not be possible in unexpected weather conditions.

# Is it PSPS?

# Is it Maintenance?

# Is it Repair?

Notifications

First notification is typically 1-3 days before the planned shut off and mentions high winds and fire conditions

Mandatory

First notification is typically up to 10 days before the planned shut off and mentions the need for repairs to area electrical infrastructure

Optional

First notification is typically up to 10 minutes after the power shuts off and lets customers know that SCE is responding

Optional

length Average

23 hours, but can be longer

5 hours

Depends on complexity: usually same day restoration

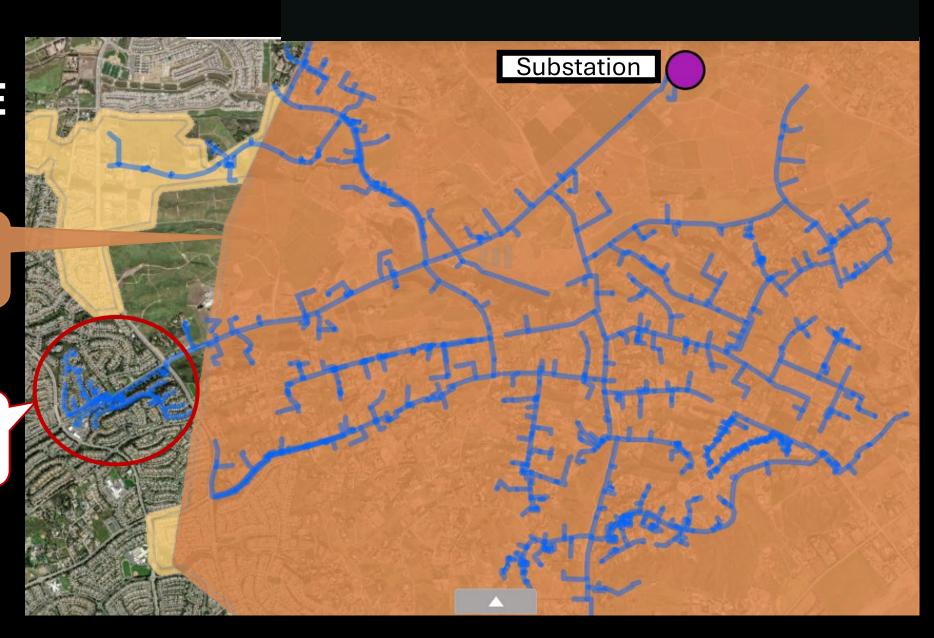
## WHY IS MY POWER OUT WHEN IT ISN'T WINDY?

## Actual SCE Circuit

Tier 3 High Fire Risk Area

Undergrounded neighborhood

Maps available at <u>drpep.sce.com</u>







# CUSTOMER SUPPORT AND RESILIENCY

Lori Blackwell

## MITIGATING IMPACTS OF PSPS – COMMUNITY CARE RESOURCES

100 Community (9 resilient) that provide water, snacks, thermal Resource Centers bags for medication, and access to charging stations for mobile devices and medical equipment

8 Community Crew deployed to locations where we can't open an Vehicles indoor center; provide similar services as **Community Resource Centers** 

8 Resiliency Zone Sites powered by backup generator provided by SCE to operate even if the local power is down



## **CUSTOMER BACK-UP BATTERY PROGRAMS**

- Critical Care Battery Backup Program for customers on Medical Baseline Allowance
- In-Event Battery Loan Program for customers with medical devices or assistive technologies
- \$200 / \$600 rebates on qualifying portable generators
- \$150 rebate on portable power stations
- Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) for energy storage and solar

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

Access & Functional Needs (AFN)
Resources

Disability Disaster Access and Resource (DDAR)

**Local Food Banks** 

**Community Based Organizations** 











## MICROGRIDS FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Typically consist of solar + battery storage

Have blue-sky benefits (time-of-use load shifting, demand response)

Solar can require significant rooftop square footage

Interconnected in parallel with the grid

Eligible for tax benefits/grants

Require interconnection agreement



## **BACKUP GENERATORS**

**Safety considerations** 

Requires interconnection application when connected to panel

Most are gas or diesel (requiring refueling), some are natural gas

Requires maintenance, testing, training, etc.

Can be noisy & foul smelling

Not considered a clean source of power

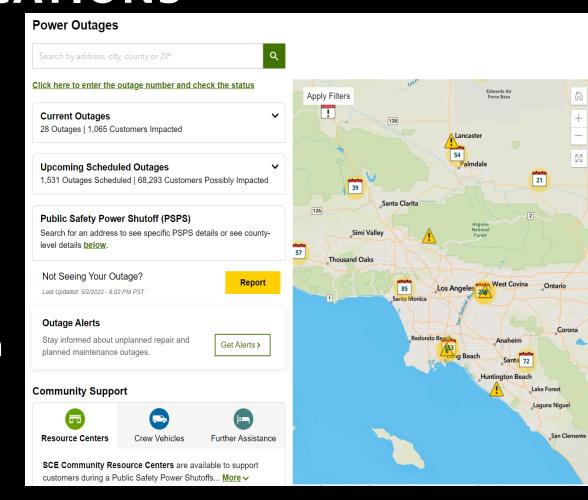
PSPS CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS

## **Notifications**

- SCE provides PSPS notifications through various communication channels
  - SCE Account Holders (email, text, and voice call)
  - Address Level Alerts
- Non-customers can sign up at scepsps.com

## **SCE Outage Map**

 Consolidated outage map that incorporates PSPS outages at sce.com/outagemap





# Q&A

If you have a question or concern that is not addressed today, please email us at **SCE**Wildfire Safety Outreach:

wildfireoutreach@sce.com



Share your feedback about the meeting

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

SCE Wildfire Webpage – <a href="mailto:sce.com/wildfire">sce.com/wildfire</a>
PSPS Webpage – <a href="mailto:sce.com/psps">sce.com/psps</a>

#### **SCE Notifications**

Sign up for PSPS alerts – <u>sce.com/pspsalerts</u>

#### **Situational Awareness**

- SCE outage map sce.com/outagemap
- Role of weather in PSPS sce.com/fireweather
- Weather awareness for PSPS, fire detection map & wildfire cameras sce.com/wildfire/weather-awareness
- Weather stations **sce.com/weatherstations**
- CPUC high fire threat district maps <a href="mailto:ia.cpuc.ca.gov/firemap/">ia.cpuc.ca.gov/firemap/</a>

#### **Preparedness**

- SCE emergency preparedness <u>sce.com/beprepared</u>
- CAL FIRE preparedness readyforwildfire.org

#### Safety

• Report an object caught on a power line: 1-800-611-1911

#### **Vegetation Management**

 Vegetation Management – <u>sce.com/safety/power-lines</u>; contact 1-800-655-4555 or <u>safetrees@sce.com</u>

### **Targeted Undergrounding**

 Targeted Undergrounding – <u>sce.com/tug</u>; contact 1-888-331-0010 or <u>SCEprojects@sce.com</u>

### **Customer Programs & Rebates**

- SCE Customer Programs & Resources <u>sce.com/customerresources</u>
- SCE Marketplace (rebates and programs) marketplace.sce.com
- SCE Critical Care Backup Battery Program <a href="mailto:sce.com/ccbb">sce.com/ccbb</a>
- SCE Access & Functional Needs Resources sce.com/afn
- SCE Medical Baseline Program <a href="mailto:sce.com/medicalbaseline">sce.com/medicalbaseline</a>
- Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) <a href="mailto:seelf-generation">see.com/sgip</a> or <a href="mailto:self-generation">selfgenca.com</a>
- SCE Income Qualified Programs sce.com/iqp
- SCE Customer Support: 1-800-655-4555

#### **Community Meetings**

• Join SCE's wildfire safety community meetings – <a href="mailto:sce.com/wildfiresafetymeetings">sce.com/wildfiresafetymeetings</a>

### **Energized by Edison**

• Corrections to recent articles & online content – edison.com/edison-for-the-record

# THANK YOU for joining us.

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