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TO KEEPING
COMMUNITIES SAFE

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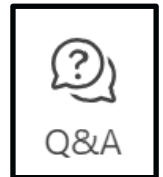
Karla Sayles

Vice President

Local Public Affairs

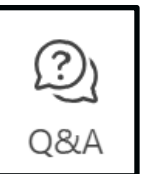
WELCOME: HOUSEKEEPING

- Thank you for joining us this evening.
- This meeting is being recorded.
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- To submit a question, click the Q&A icon and select “ask a question.”



BIENVENIDOS: AVISOS

- Gracias por acompañarnos esta tarde.
- La reunión de hoy está siendo grabada.
- Por favor, tenga en cuenta que la función de preguntas y respuestas está disponible para sus comentarios y preguntas.
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- Para enviar una pregunta, haz clic en el icono de preguntas y respuestas en la cinta y selecciona "hacer una pregunta."



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TONIGHT

- **Discuss recent changes to Public Safety Power Shutoffs** (PSPS) criteria that impact Santa Barbara County
- **Fire risk in Santa Barbara County** stays elevated into fall
- **SCE is upgrading power lines** in Santa Barbara County through 2028
- **How to update your contact information** and sign up for notifications

AGENDA

TOPIC	PRESENTER
Welcome Safety	Karla Sayles Vice President, Local Public Affairs
Santa Barbara County Fire	Chief Garrett Huff
Weather & Fire Science	Tom Rolinski Fire Science Expert, Meteorology
Wildfire Safety Grid Hardening PSPS Operations Update	Jude Schneider Senior Advisor, Wildfire/PSPS Response
Local Grid Hardening and Project Updates	Carolina Burgess Distribution Project Manager
Customer Programs and Resiliency	Rosa Perea Senior Manager, PSPS Customer Experience
Q&A	Karla Sayles Vice President, Local Public Affairs
Closing Remarks	Karla Sayles Vice President, Local Public Affairs

SAFETY NEAR DOWNED WIRES



- **Stay at least 100 feet away**
- **Call 911 immediately**
- Stay clear of anyone or anything in contact with downed 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.

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Garrett Huff

WHY IT MATTERS

In a Disaster, There Is No Do-Over.



EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Preparation shortens response time and saves lives.



PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST

Our families, neighbors, businesses, and way of life.



REDUCE IMPACTS

Minimize injuries, damage, and disruption—when we prepare together.



STRONGER TOGETHER

A prepared community is a resilient community.



WEATHER & FIRE SCIENCE

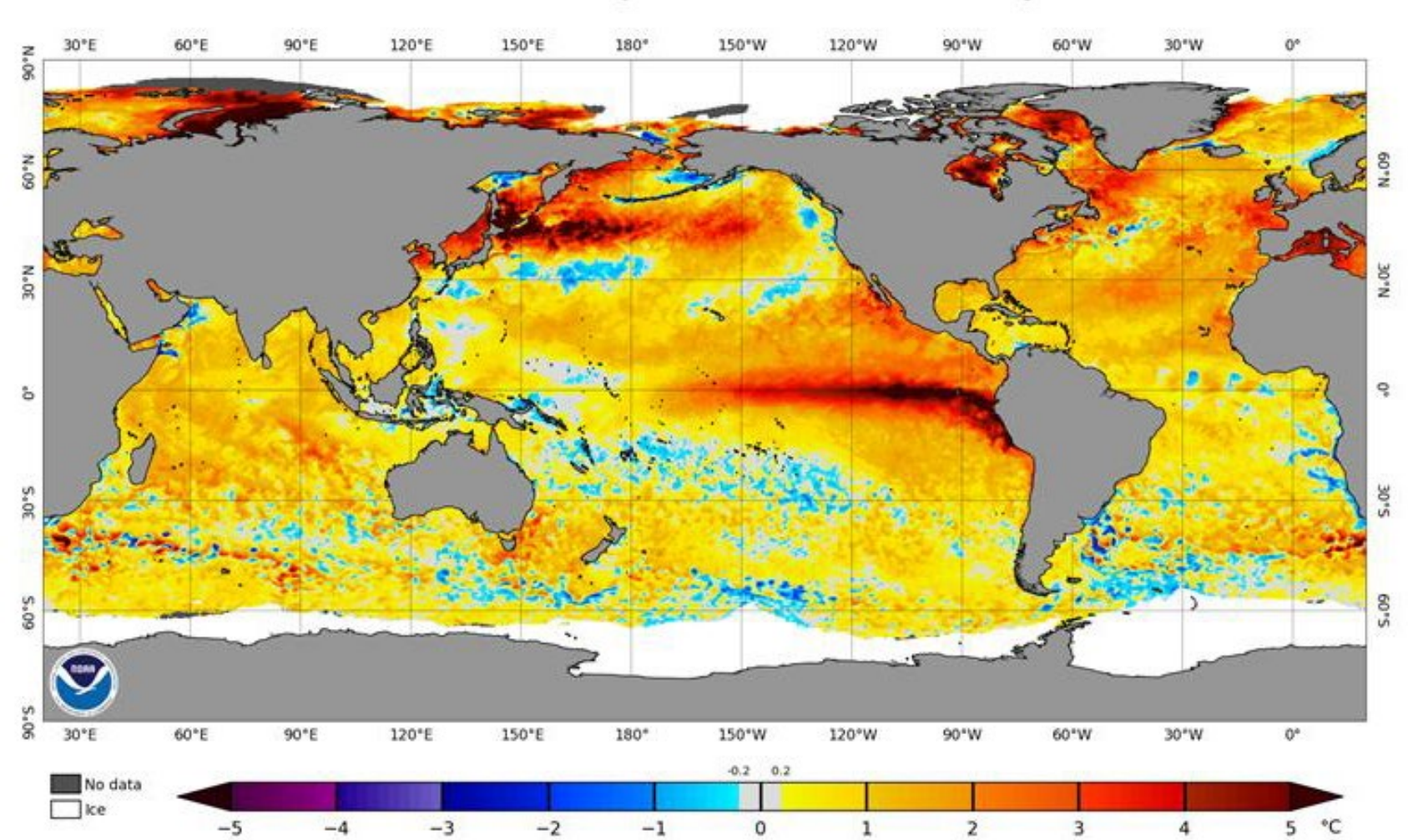
Tom Rolinski

Fire Science Expert

Meteorology

2026 FIRE SEASON OUTLOOK

NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5km SST Anomalies (v3.1) 18 Aug 2026

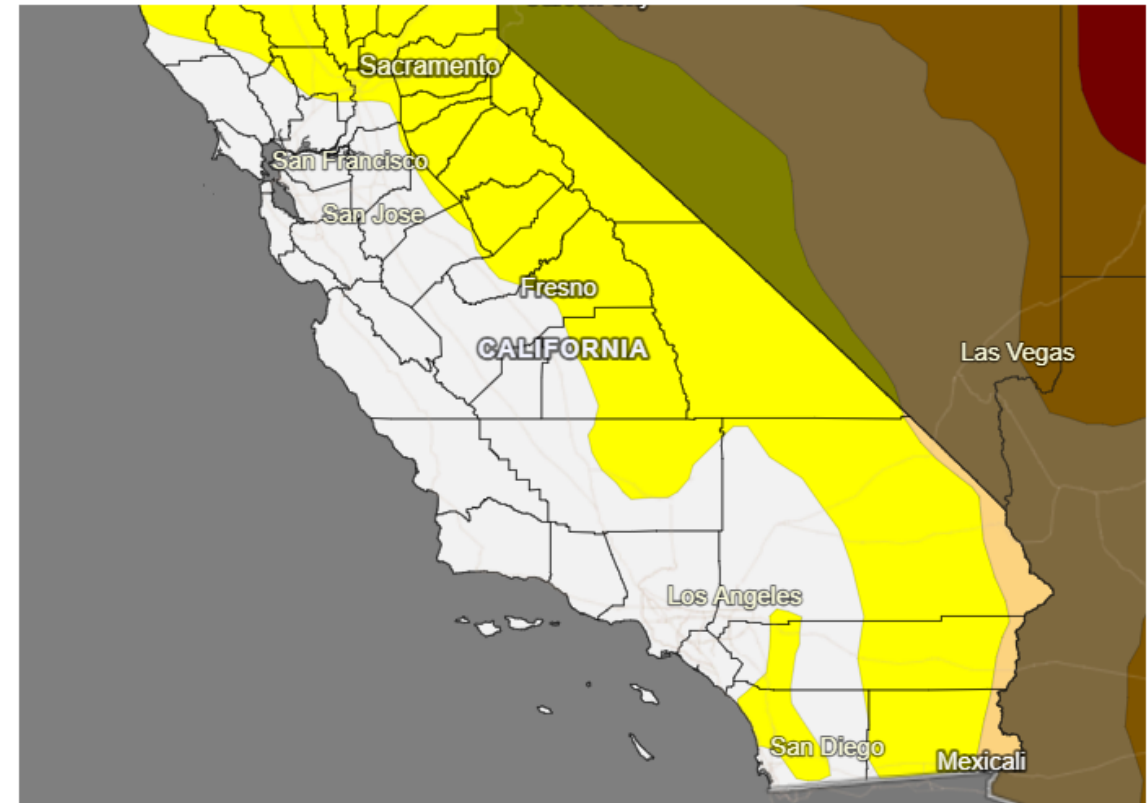


- **Sundowner winds** will become less frequent in September
- **Warmer than normal sea surface temperatures** off the California and Baja coasts will result in warmer nights and more muggy conditions
- **Increased chances through September** for the remnants of a tropical system to affect the area
- **El Niño strengthened during July** and is expected to become very strong by October, increasing confidence that it will persist into early next year

2026 FIRE SEASON OUTLOOK

- **Forecasts indicate warmer-than-normal temperatures** and above-normal chances of precipitation over the next three months
- **Live vegetation and dead fuels remain very dry**, creating conditions for fires to spread rapidly
- **Fire activity is expected to be primarily terrain- and fuel-driven** across the northern half of the county through late summer, then shift toward wind-driven fires in the fall
- **More** Public Safety Power Shutoff events **expected by early October**

U.S. Drought Monitor: California



Drought & Dryness Categories

	D0 – Abnormally Dry	57.9%
	D1 – Moderate Drought	6.7%
	D2 – Severe Drought	0.7%
	D3 – Extreme Drought	0.0%
	D4 – Exceptional Drought	0.0%
	Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)	7.4%

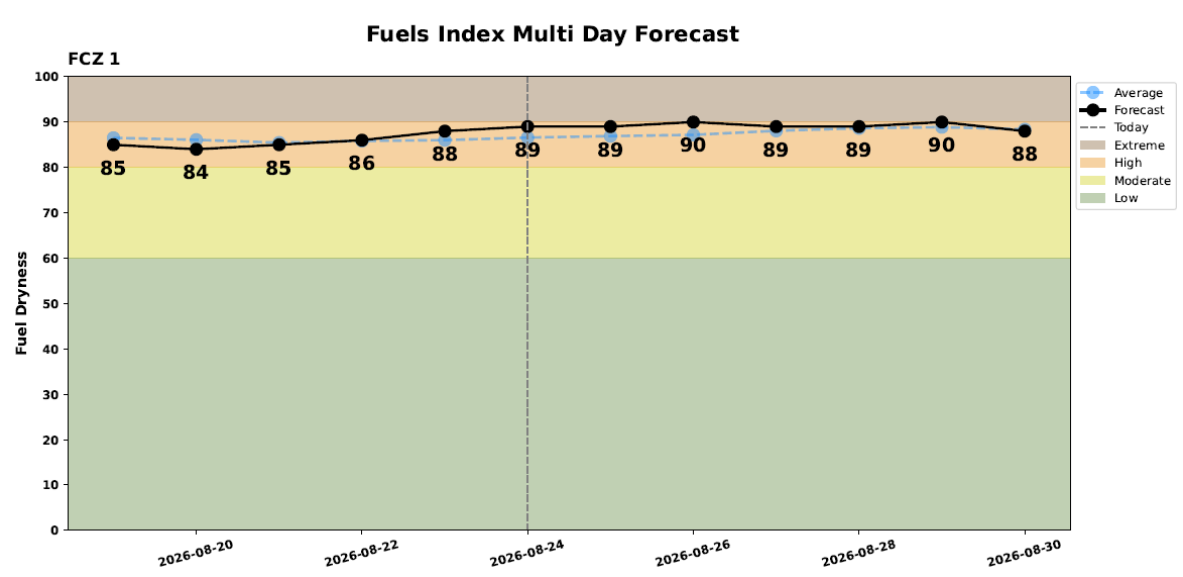
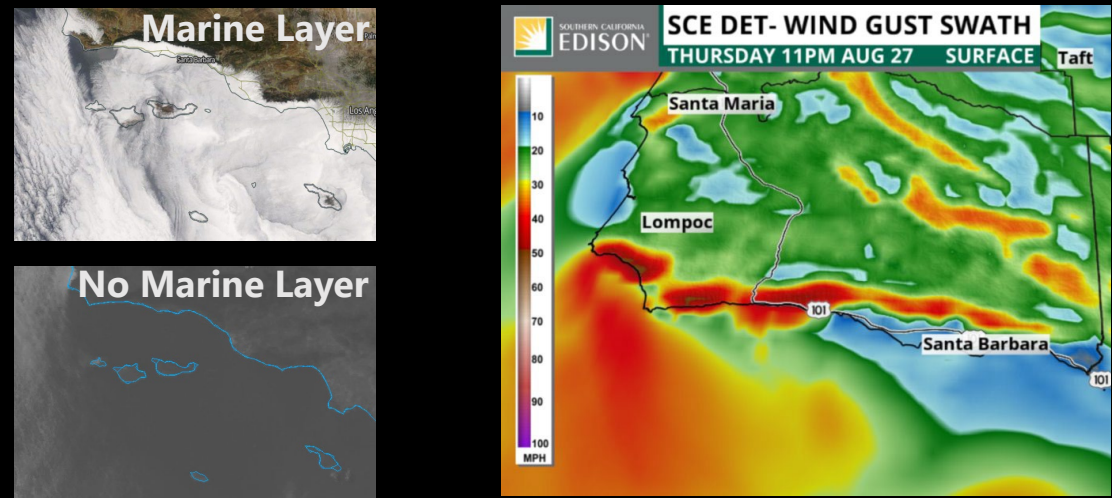
Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA

Data Valid: 08/18/26

Drought.gov

SANTA BARBARA CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

When Costal fog burns off, brush dries out faster and fire risk goes up



Lack of a marine layer along the coast, warmer temperatures and lower humidity causes dryer than normal fuel

PSPS OPERATIONS UPDATE

Jude Schneider

Senior Advisor

Wildfire/PSPS Response

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS (PSPS)

- PSPS is driven by dangerous fire weather conditions.
- Under these conditions, an electric utility may temporarily shut off power to reduce the risk of a fire caused by utility equipment.
- PSPS is approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

REAL-TIME PSPS WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

Provides real-time weather conditions from each of our ~2,000 weather stations

Search for:
SCE PSPS Weather and Fire Detection

WEATHER AND FIRE DETECTION

Outages & Safety / Wildfire Safety

SCE's interactive Weather and Fire Detection map is designed to give you real-time insight into:

- Fire ignitions and perimeters affecting your area.
- Conditions observed by the many HD cameras installed throughout our service area.
- Red flag warnings and other wildfire-related National Weather Service notifications, including potential storm threats.

Enter an address to get location-based weather data.

Search by address or city

Get Alerts

View Outages

Layers

Observations

Double click on the map or use the "+" button to zoom in and view local weather station data, including wind speeds, temperatures, and more.

Top Wind Speed

Altamont: 16 MPH
Duncan: 16 MPH
Alturas Ca: 14 MPH
Bodie State Park: 14 MPH
Salt Lick Trail: 14 MPH

Top Temperature (F°)

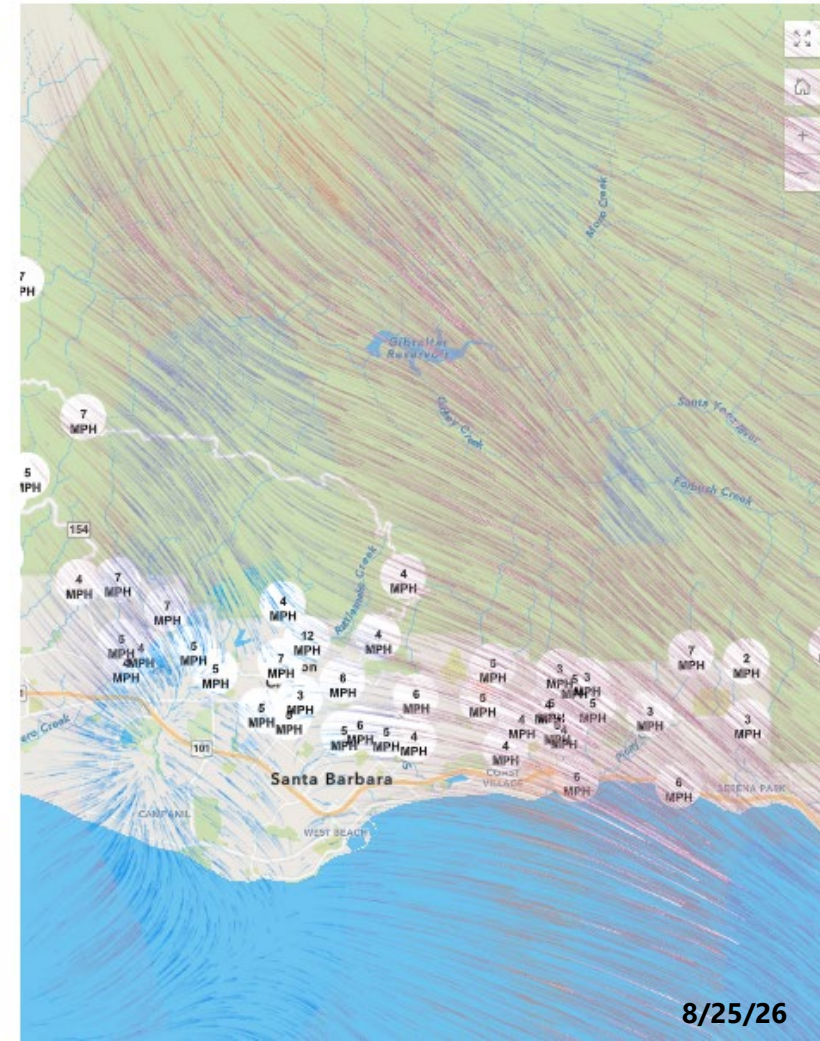
Senator Wash: 108°
Marguerite St: 108°
Thermal Ca: 108°
Canyon Plaza Stores: 107°
S Belardo-2 Rd: 107°

Top Humidity

Wandermere Rd: 99%
Spring Valley: 98%
Tangerine Rd: 95%
Old Pacific Highway: 93%
Los Sauces Creek: 93%

Top Wind Gust

Rice Canyon: 29 MPH
Rush Creek: 24 MPH
Duncan: 24 MPH
Bodie State Park: 22 MPH
Tnf03 Portable: 21 MPH



PSPS FIELD DEPLOYMENTS

Up to 3 days before the event

2 hours prior and during event

After winds die down and the event is over

1

PRE-PATROL

Looks for potential hazards that could endanger equipment or pose a fire risk

2

LIVE FIELD OBSERVATIONS

- Crews positioned in the field
- Observe conditions on circuits being monitored
- Monitor for wind and hazards
- Damage assessment if damage is found

3

RESTORATION PATROL

- Begins once conditions improve and the Incident Commander authorizes patrol and restoration
- Inspects all de-energized circuits and segments
- Any damage is isolated or corrected before re-energization

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

ADVANCE NOTICE

- 1** **3 DAYS AHEAD**
Initial notification sent to all customers and public safety partners
- 2** **1-2 DAYS AHEAD**
Daily update notifications sent as the weather forecast is refined
- 3** **1-4 HOURS BEFORE**
Sent when de-energization is expected, although weather could change and circuit might not be de-energized in this time frame

SHUTOFF & RESTORATION

- 4** **POWER SHUTOFF**
Sent after authorization to de-energize
- 5** **RESTORATION BEGINS**
Sent when restoration patrols begin
- 6** **POWER RESTORATION**
Sent after inspection

Advance notifications may not be possible in unexpected weather conditions.

CHANGES TO PSPS PROTOCOLS

CHANGES THAT COULD INCREASE IMPACTS

CHANGED PSPS FORMULA

Beginning in early September, wind carries more weight in the PSPS formula to align more closely with wildfire risk

EFFECT Potential for more PSPS and a change in most and least impacted circuits and areas

EARLIER SHUTOFF

De-energization may begin at lower wind speeds:

- Urban-conflagration potential
- System risk

EFFECT Customers on these circuits may lose power sooner when they are already in scope for an event

CHANGES REDUCING IMPACTS

HIGHER ACTIVATION THRESHOLD

PSPS IMT now activates at 40% confidence of reaching PSPS de-energization criteria, up from 25%

EFFECT Fewer no-shutoff activations

LOCALIZED SCOPE With fewer than four circuits in scope, PSPS may not be required when localized conditions do not rise to PSPS-level concern

EFFECT Fewer small events

OUTAGE TYPES

	Is it PSPS?	Is it Repair?	Is it Maintenance?
Notification timing	First notification 1-3 days before planned shut off (when possible) / mentions <u>high winds</u> and <u>fire conditions</u>	<u>NO advance notice:</u> first notification is typically up to 10 minutes after shutoff	First notification up to 10 days before shut off / mentions <u>need for repairs</u>
Mandatory notifications?	YES Emergency communications	NO Customers must sign up	NO Customers must sign up
Average Length	23 hours, but can be longer: <u>no exceptions</u>	Depends on complexity: often same day restoration	Typically, less than 5 hours: scheduling adjustments possible

LOCAL GRID HARDENING & PROJECT UPDATES

Carolina Burgess
Distribution Project Manager

COVERED CONDUCTOR IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



~**200 miles** of covered conductor installed

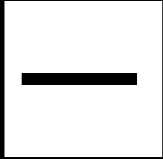
~**52% of project portfolio** located in HFRA designated areas

Automation Update

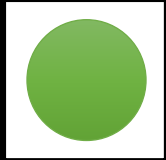
~**12** remote controlled switches/automatic reclosures

Additional ~**190 miles** of covered conductor planned

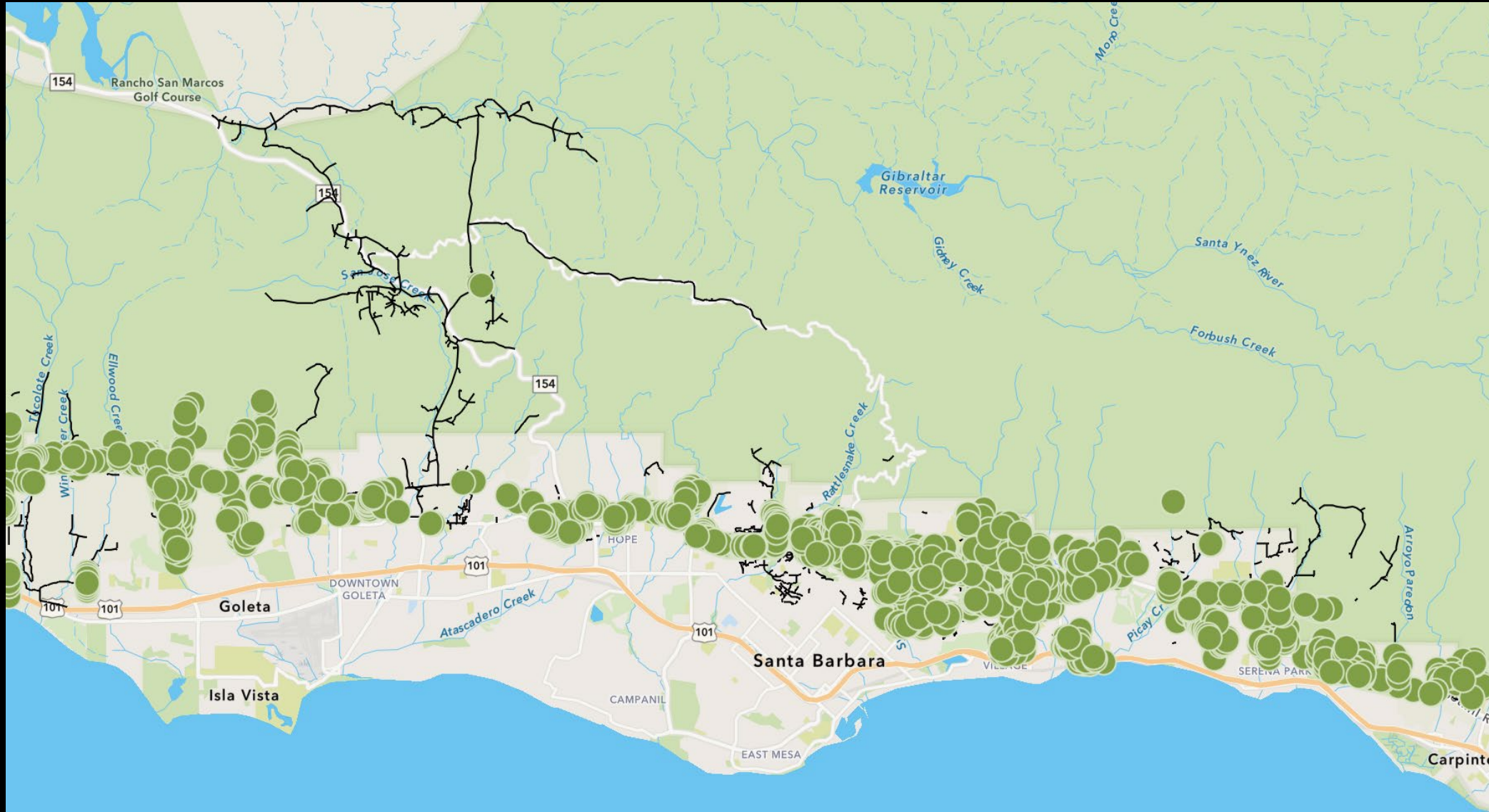
SCE.COM/GRID HARDENING



Completed
Covered
Conductor



Planned
Covered
Conductor



SHEFFIELD PROJECT OVERVIEW

~11 miles of covered conductor in Montecito/Carpinteria to complete by 2028



MIST PROJECT OVERVIEW

~16 miles of covered conductor in Goleta to complete by 2028



SEACLIFF PROJECT OVERVIEW

~20 miles of covered conductor in Carpinteria to complete by 2028



CONCEPTION PROJECT OVERVIEW

~27 miles of covered conductor along the coastline to complete by 2028



CUSTOMER SUPPORT & RESILIENCY

Rosa Perea

Senior Manager

PSPS Customer Experience

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Build Your Kit

- Flashlights and batteries
- First aid kit and medications
- Bottled water and non-perishable food
- Special needs items for infants, older adults or people with disabilities

Have A Plan

- Identify evacuation routes and meeting places
- Practice the plan with all family members/pets
- Know how to shut off home utilities

Stay Informed

- Update contact info in your SCE My Account
- Sign up for PSPS alerts (email, text or voice call)
- Use the SCE Outage Map for real-time updates

Backup Power

- Consider a portable battery or generator
- SCE offers rebates on qualifying power stations and generators

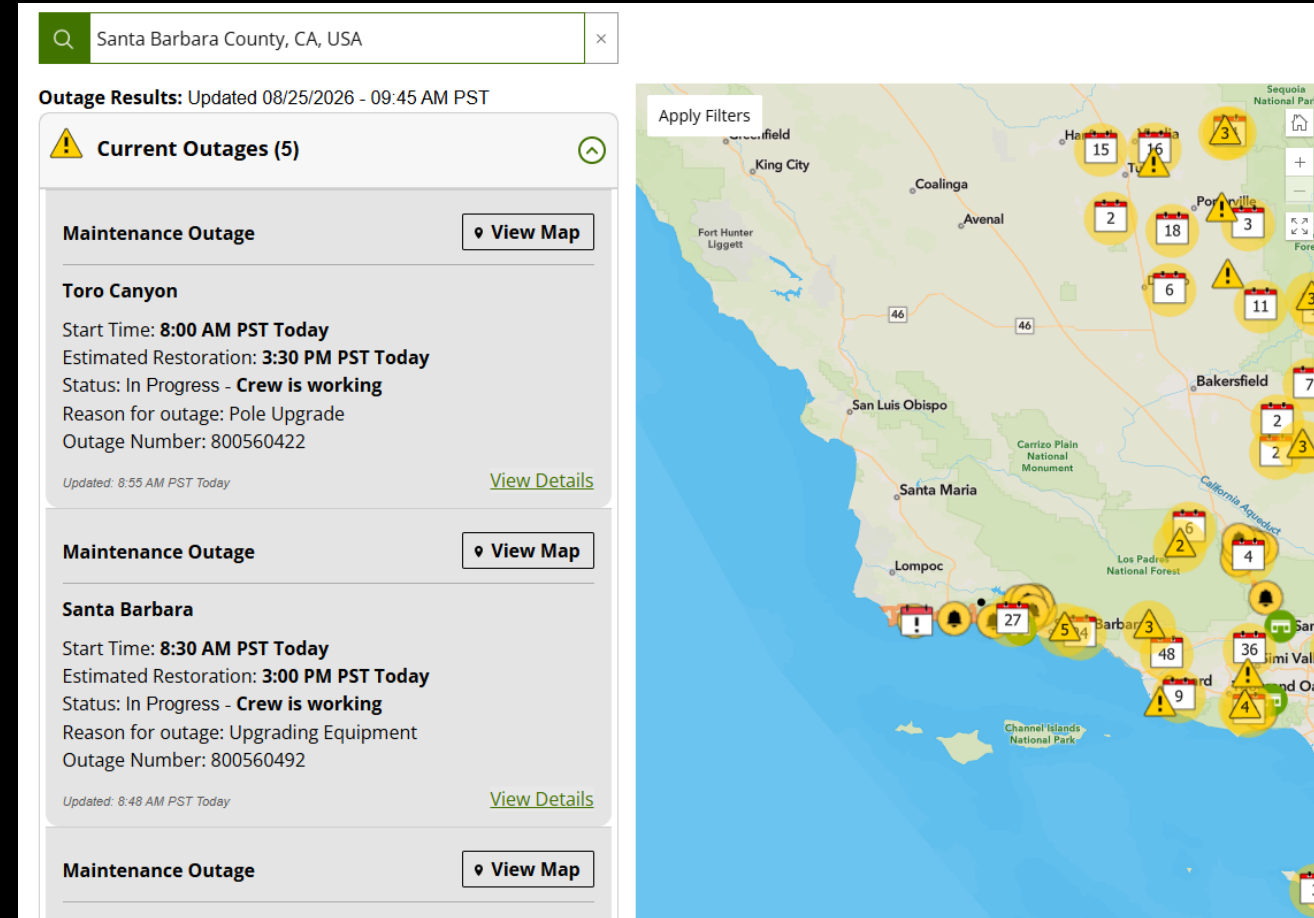
PSPS CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS

Notifications

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

SCE Outage Page

- A consolidated outage map at sce.com/outagemap
- Shows locations of resources available, including Community Resource Centers, hotel assistance, and food banks



MITIGATING IMPACTS OF PSPS – COMMUNITY CARE RESOURCES

132 Community Resource Centers

Provide water, snacks, thermal bags for medication and access to charging stations for mobile devices and medical equipment
(6 contracted sites in Santa Barbara County)

8 Community Crew Vehicles

Deployed to locations where we can't open an indoor center; provide similar services as Community Resource Centers

PSPS RESOURCES FOR CUSTOMERS WITH ACCESS & FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

- Targeted offerings for select **schools and senior care facilities**
- Partnerships with **community-based organizations** to **support customers with access and functional needs (AFN)**
- Provide referral services through **211 California** for food support, transportation or temporary lodging
- Conduct additional **outreach or in-person visits** to confirm initial notifications to Medical Baseline customers
- Broadening use of **American Sign Language** for marketing videos and PSPS notifications

CUSTOMER BACK-UP POWER PROGRAMS

- **Critical Care Battery Backup program** for qualifying HFRA customers enrolled in Medical Baseline Allowance (MBL)
- **In-Event Battery Loan program** for customers with AFN to power medical devices or assistive technologies
- **SCE Marketplace (marketplace.sce.com)**
 - **Up to \$800 rebate** on qualifying portable generators
 - \$200 base rebate; \$800 for CARE/FERA/MBL
 - **Up to \$200 rebate** on qualifying portable power stations

Q&A

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

Wildfire Safety Outreach:
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Helpful Resources

SCE Outage Map – **[sce.com/outagemap](https://www.sce.com/outagemap)**

PSPS – **[sce.com/psps](https://www.sce.com/psps)**

Emergency Preparedness – **[sce.com/beprepared](https://www.sce.com/beprepared)**

Grid Hardening Map – **[sce.com/gridhardening](https://www.sce.com/gridhardening)**



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SCE Wildfire Safety Community Meeting: August 27, 2026

Thank you for joining us.

This meeting has concluded.

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