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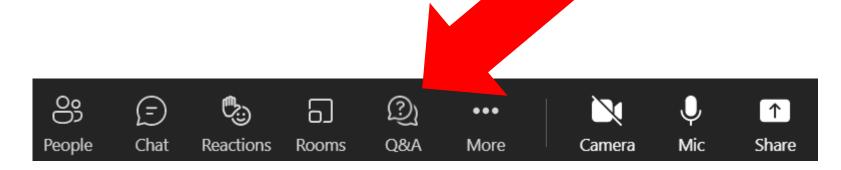


#### **Our Commitment to California**

Keeping our communities safe from wildfires

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### Agenda

- 2021 Wildfire Season
- SCE's Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- Reducing the Need for PSPS
- Customer Care Programs
- Engaging Our Communities
- Resources
- Q&A

### **BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES**



#### An emergency can happen at any time.

#### Have a Plan & Make a Kit

You can help your family be prepared for any emergency situation with a safety preparedness plan, an emergency kit with some basic supplies and advance planning. Whether a storm, an earthquake, a wildfire or a flood comes our way, preparedness will help everyone cope better and stay safer. Learn more at sce.com/beprepared.

### Santa Barbara County Links:

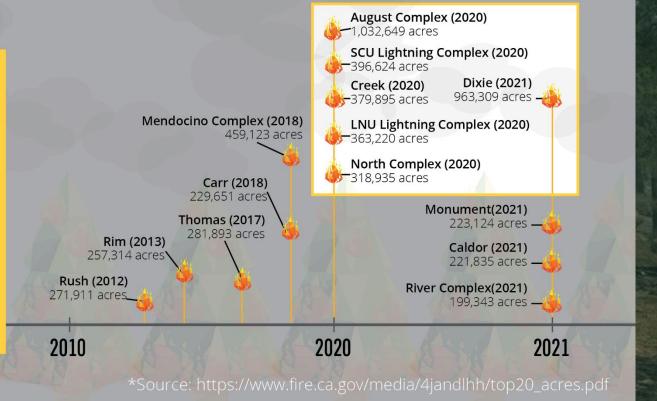
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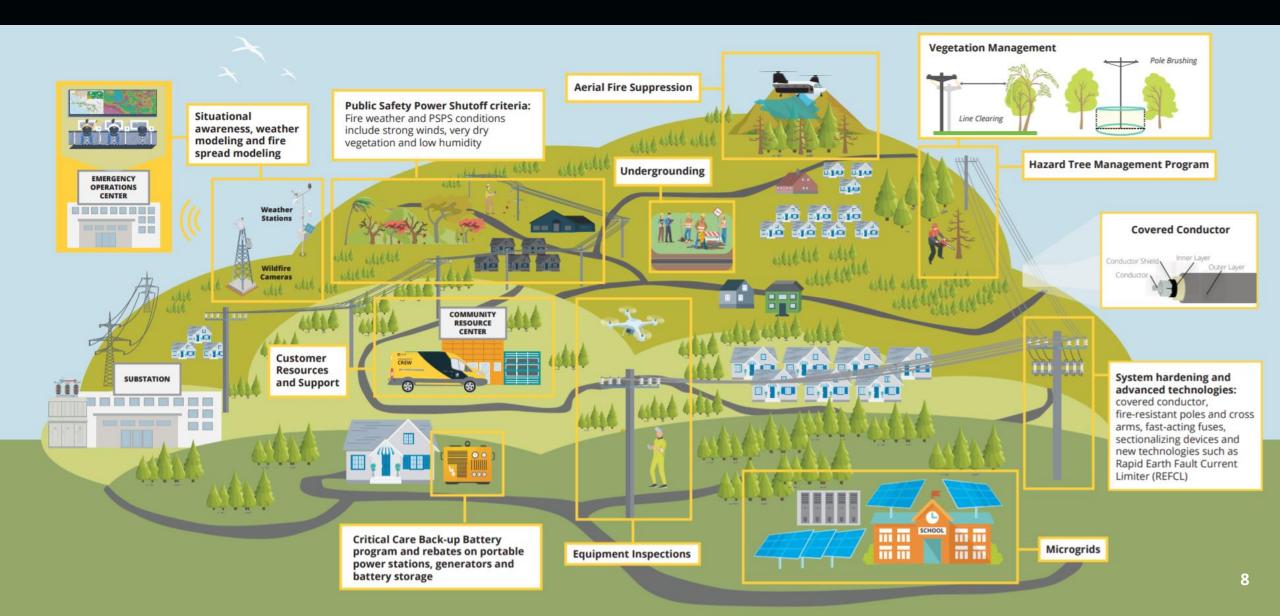
### **2021 WILDFIRE SEASON**

California experienced another year of extreme wildfire activity, exacerbated by intensifying drought. Dry vegetation and strong winds continue to threaten our communities during year-round fire season





### **REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK IN OUR COMMUNITIES**



#### COVERED CONDUCTOR IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO REDUCE WILDFIRE & PSPS RISKS IN SCE'S SERVICE AREA

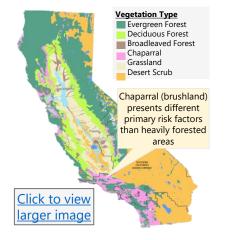
Covered conductor is a very valuable tool to expeditiously and cost-effectively reduce wildfire risk specific to SCE

Undergrounding considered for certain locations based on risk profile

#### Geography

Contact from vegetation and other objects is a key risk factor in much of SCE's area

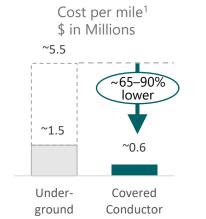
Covered conductor is very effective in mitigating these risks



#### **Cost to Implement**

Covered conductor installation costs significantly lower than undergrounding

Undergrounding costs vary depending on construction methods, locational, and operational factors

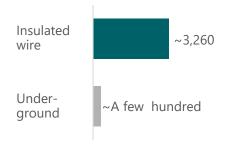


#### **Execution Speed**

Covered conductor can be deployed within 16–24+ months, and sometimes faster

Undergrounding generally takes 25–48+ months

Actual installed miles of covered conductor<sup>2</sup> vs. <u>hypothetical</u> undergrounded miles<sup>3</sup>



#### **Unique Factors**

Undergrounding is considered where there is:

- High burn frequency
- Limited egress
- Wind speeds exceeding covered conductor PSPS thresholds
- Exceptionally high potential consequence (>10,000 acres)

Several hundred miles currently under consideration for additional enhanced mitigation, including undergrounding

1. Based on data provided in SCE's 2022 WMP Update

2. Through March 31, 2022

3. Undergrounded miles is a hypothetical approximation of underground lines that could have been constructed through March 31, 2022, based on SCE's assumptions and experience with planning and executing undergrounding projects

### **REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK & PSPS IMPACTS – BY THE NUMBERS**

SCE estimates its wildfire mitigation and PSPS measures have reduced the risk of damage from catastrophic<sup>1</sup> wildfires by **65% to 70%**, relative to pre-2018 levels.



ONGOING WILDFIRE MITIGATION EFFORTS

~34% of overhead wire in high fire risk areas replaced with covered conductor<sup>2</sup>

**Suite of mitigations** include system hardening, annual equipment inspections, vegetation management and situational awareness measures



IMPROVED PSPS EXECUTION & CUSTOMER SUPPORT

**73% reduction** in PSPS outage time in 2021 on frequently impacted circuits<sup>3</sup>

**81,000 customers** removed from scope from exceptions and switching protocols

64 Community Resource Centers available



AERIAL FIRE SUPPRESSION SUPPORT

**Contributed \$18 million** for the creation of the quick reaction force of the world's largest helitankers

#### Used on more than 50 fires

**in 2021**, helping to suppress fires in its early stages

A wildfire directly causing one or more deaths, damaging or destroying more than 500 structures, or burning more than 140,000 acres of land
 Though March 31, 2022
 Based on 2021 weather and fuel conditions

### **PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS**



Damage/hazards found after strong winds during PSPS • A tool of last resort used during dangerous fire conditions (weather and fuels)

De-energizing lines to prevent a spark from our equipment starting a significant wildfire

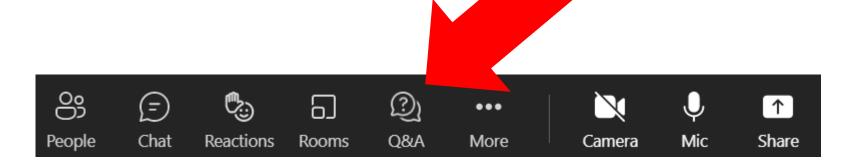
Primarily impacts circuits in high fire risk areas

 Use of multiple methods to notify customers and partners in affected areas before, during and after a PSPS event

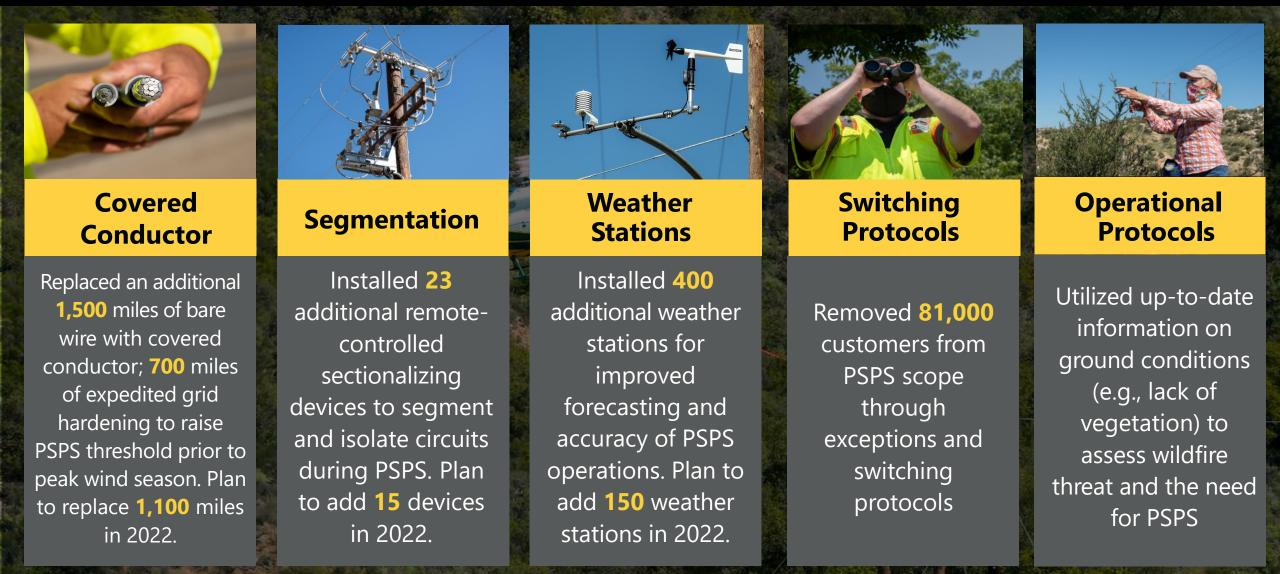
• In 2021, continued PSPS improvements and reduced frequency, scope and duration of PSPS

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#### **REDUCING THE NEED FOR PSPS** 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS AND 2022 PLANS



### **2021 PSPS EVENTS**

	Statistics	Customers Interrupted	Circuit Interruptions	Customer Minutes of Interruption
Service Area	2020 Fire Season	~348K	~584	~388M
Compared to 2020	2021 Fire Season	~85K	~124 ~105M	
	Delta	<b>↓76%</b>	<b>↓79%</b>	<b>↓73%</b>

### 73%

REDUCTION IN CUSTOMER MINUTES OF INTERRUPTION SERVICE AREA WIDE

NO PSPS EVENTS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY IN 2020-2021

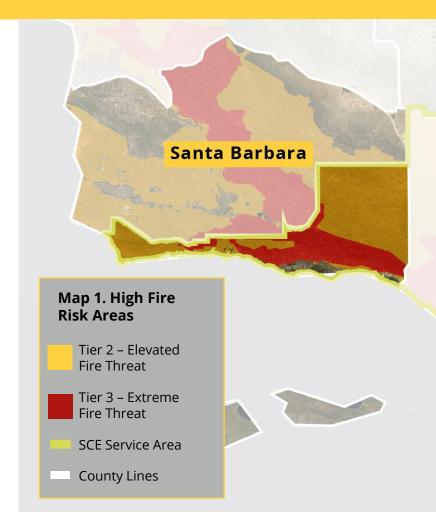


# Wildfire Mitigation Activities SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

#### 2021 Year-End Progress Report

Data as of 12/31/21

	Completed		
	2021	SINCE 2018	
DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS	5,866 inspections	27,718 inspections	
TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS	926 inspections	3,914 inspections	
COVERED CONDUCTOR	7 circuit miles installed	27 circuit miles installed	
FAST-ACTING FUSES	7 fuses installed or replaced	492 fuses installed or replaced	
SECTIONALIZING DEVICES	0 devices installed	0 devices installed	
HAZARD TREE MANAGEMENT	3,788 trees assessed	4,242 trees assessed	
WEATHER STATIONS	11 weather stations installed	68 weather stations installed	
HIGH-DEFINITION WILDFIRE CAMERAS	3 cameras installed		
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTERS	5 sites available		
COMMUNITY CREW VEHICLES	8 vehicles available throughout SCE's service area		



SCE tracks wildfire initiative progress by SCE districts and extrapolates to the county level as a reasonable approximation. There may be additional circuit miles of covered conductor installed due to fire restoration work.

SCE's service area covers about **23%** of Santa Barbara County. About **57,300** customer accounts are served by circuits in high fire risk areas.

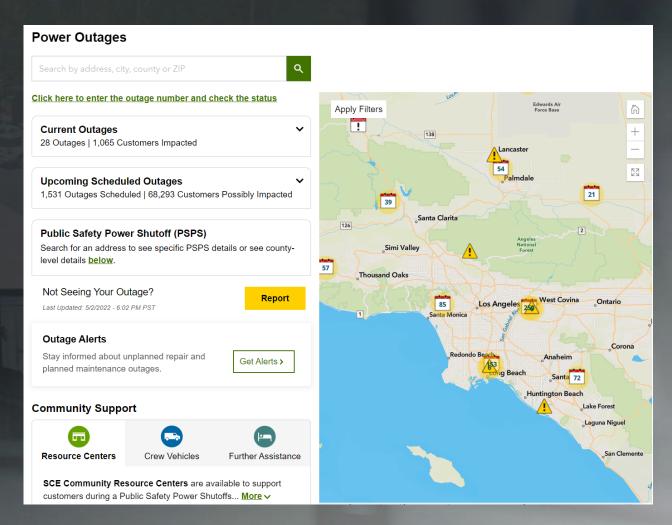
### **PSPS COMMUNICATIONS**

#### Notifications

- SCE provides PSPS notifications through various communication channels
  - SCE Account Holders (email, text, and voice call)
  - Address Level Alerts
- Sign up to stay informed before, during and after a PSPS event

#### **SCE Outage Map**

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



### **SCE CUSTOMER PROGRAMS & RESOURCES**



CUSTOMER RESOURCE CENTERS & COMMUNITY CREW VEHICLES

- Services offered: information, charging of mobile devices, assistive technology/medical devices, PSPS outage alert enrollment support, access to water, light snacks, ice and ice vouchers, restrooms, and small insulated bags to keep medication cool
- Translations services for over 120 languages including American Sign Language (ASL)



#### **CUSTOMER PROGRAMS**

- Partnered with 211 to help customers with Access and Functional Needs (AFN) develop a resiliency plan and enroll in eligible assistance programs
- 211 provides specialized referrals for customers with AFN experiencing PSPS. Services include connecting customers to shelf-stable food, hot meal delivery, transportation and/or temporary shelter
- SCE will improve communication methods, including videos utilizing ASL for marketing and PSPS notifications



#### **CUSTOMER RESILIENCY EQUIPMENT**

- Critical Care Backup Battery program and the In-Event Battery Loan pilot provide eligible customers with a portable backup battery to power assistive technology/medical devices during a PSPS event
- Rebates on portable batteries and generators for customers residing in high fire risk areas on <u>marketplace.sce.com</u>

#### Website: <u>sce.com/wildfire</u> Energized by Edison Stories & Videos: <u>edison.com/wildfire-safety</u>

Email: wildfireoutreach@sce.com Social Media: @SCE on Twitter & Facebook SCE Customer Support: 1-800-655-4555

#### **LEARN MORE**



- Visit our website to learn more about our wildfire safety efforts and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
- Provide feedback through the survey

#### SIGN UP



- PSPS alerts
- SCE's Medical Baseline
   program
- SCE programs and rebates

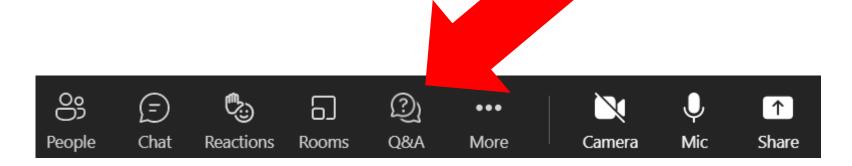
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- Be prepared with a safety preparedness plan, some basic supplies and advance planning
- Power outage tips

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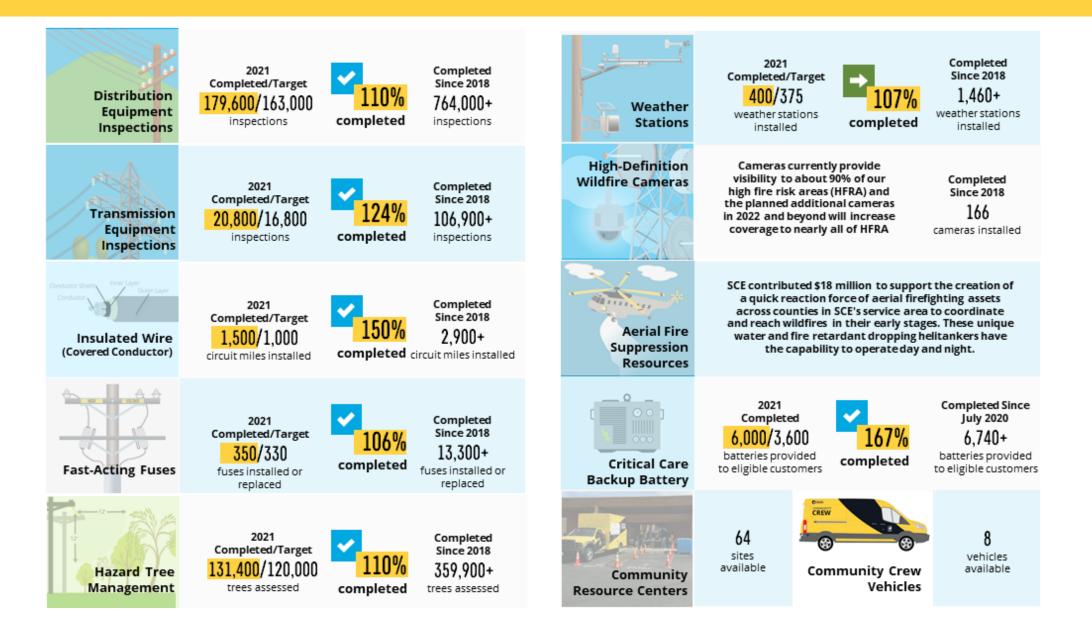




## Wildfire Mitigation Activities **SERVICE AREA**

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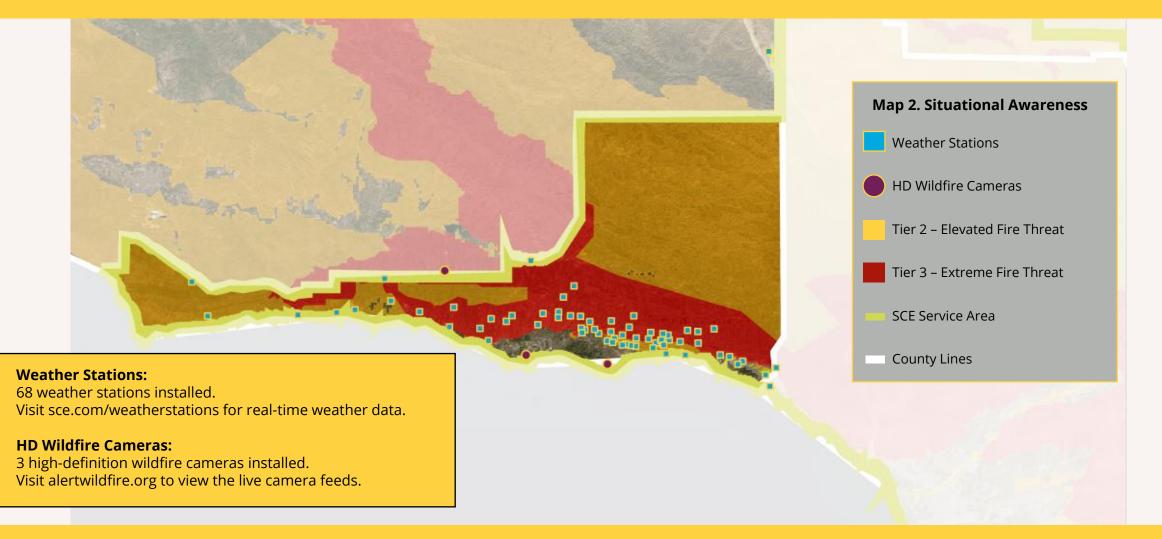




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### **VIDEO: INSTALLING COVERED CONDUCTOR AERIALLY**

