



## **Agenda**



- 1. Grid Design & System Hardening
- 2. Risk Modeling & Assessment
- 3. Vegetation Management
- 4. Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- 5. Asset Management & Data Governance

## **2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Results**



Undergrounding	<b>25.9/25.0</b> Miles installed in 2021	104% Complete	<b>56</b> Miles Installed since 2020	Situational Awareness	17/17 Cameras Installed in 2021	21 total since 2020	46/25 Weather Stations Upgraded in 2021	<b>221</b> total since 2020
Covered Conductor Installation	<b>20.6/20.0</b> Miles installed in 2021	103% Complete	<b>22.5</b> Miles Installed since 2020	Aerial Fire Suppression	<b>79</b> Gallons dro (20	ppped YTD	1.5 Total gallor since	ns dropped
Traditional Hardening	<b>117/116</b> Miles installed in 2021	101% Complete	<b>321.5</b> Miles Installed since 2020	Enhanced Vegetation Management	12,578/ Trees to removed	immed	<b>74%</b> Complete	29,653 Trees removed / trimmed since 2020
Asset Install/Replacement	8,052/7,176 Asset installed/ Replaced in 2021	112% Complete	13,322 Installed/Replaced since 2020	Distribution Inspections	168k/ Inspec	ctions	<b>99%</b> Complete	350k Inspections completed since 2020
Generators	3,404/3,013 Generators provided to eligible customers in 2021	113% Complete	<b>6,173</b> Generators provided since 2020	Transmission Inspections	<b>17,711/</b> Inspections in 2	completed	<b>90%</b> Complete	43,247 Inspections completed since 2020

# Grid Design & System Hardening

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## **Grid & Infrastructure Hardening**



#### **Transmission**



- By the end of 2023, 100%
   of SDG&E's transmission system
   in Tier 3 of the HFTD will be
   hardened
- 84% risk event reduction
- Falling conductor protection will be implemented on transmission

#### **Strategic Undergrounding**



- SDG&E is the first IOU to apply wildfire mitigation undergrounding of overhead lines inclusive of secondaries & services in the HFTD
- **98%** risk event reduction
- 25+ miles completed in 2021
- 65 miles planned in 2022

#### **Covered Conductor**



- > 900 / 3,500 miles (25%) of overhead distribution lines in the HFTD have been hardened with bare wire and begun transition to covered wire
- **65%** risk event reduction
- 20 miles completed in 2021
- 60 miles planned in 2022
- Continued falling conductor protection

## **Asset Replacement Programs**







**3,976 / 3,970**Completed in 2021

100% Complete

98%
HFTD Completion

Capacitor Replacement

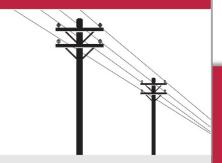


**35 / 32**Completed in 2021

109% Complete

41%
HFTD Completion

Hot Line Clamp Replacement



**2,743 / 2,250**Completed in 2021

122% Complete

**67%**HFTD Completion

Lightning Arrester Replacement



**1,789 / 1,400**Completed in 2021

128% Complete

**4%**HFTD Completion

## **Advanced Protection**

**Early Fault Detection** 

- Utilize sensors to detect faults prior to the asset failing
- 17 sensors installed on demonstration circuit

**Falling Conductor Protection** 

- High speed relays de-energize broken conductors before contact with ground
- 10 circuits active in Tier 3

**Sensitive Relay Settings** 

- Fast relay settings enabled during PSPS or Extreme FPI
- Reduce fault energy during highest risk conditions

Distribution Communications Reliability Initiative

- Improve network availability, reliability & performance
- 25 Base Stations installed; 70 planned through 2024



## **PSPS Mitigations – Projections & Results**



Reduced Number of Customers Impacted

3-Year Projected Total	2022 Projected Total	2021 Total	2020 Total
39,533	11,695	13,359	14,479

	2022 Projections	2021 Results	2020 Results		2022 Projections	2021 Results	2020 Results
	<b>10</b> Locations	<b>11</b> Locations	23 Locations	* **	300	353	32
PSPS Sectionalizing	<b>4,607</b> Customers	<b>9,719</b> Customers	<b>12,870</b> Customers	Standby Power Programs	Customers	Customers	Customers
+++	<b>65</b> Miles	<b>26</b> Miles	<b>15.5</b> Miles		3,000	2,310	
Strategic Undergrounding	<b>2,533</b> Customers	<b>242</b> Customers	<b>276</b> Customers	Generator Grant Programs	Customers	Customers	1,300
	<b>2</b> Locations	<b>0</b> Locations	<b>6</b> Locations		1,250	735	Customers
Microgrids	5 0 578 Generator Assistance	Customers	Customers				



# Microgrids & Temporary Generators



Continued investment in sustainable solutions that provide resiliency to customers impacted by a PSPS

#### **2021 Accomplishments:**

- Significant progress at Cameron Corners. Necessary adjacent undergrounding completed
- Construction completed at CAL FIRE's Ramona Air Attack Base
- Introduced mobile battery energy storage units to replace diesel temporary generators & provide mobile EV charging at Community Resource Centers

#### 2022 Planning:

- Commissioning of Ramona Air Attack Base & Cameron Corners microgrids
- Complete land acquisition for Butterfield Ranch & Shelter Valley locations, with issuance of request for proposals for construction contracts
- Design & engineering of additional microgrid sites identified from WiNGS modeling
- Continue to explore mobile battery energy storage units in different applications & uses to verify robustness and flexibility

## **Backup Generator & Battery Programs**



Program	Generator Grant Program	Generator Assistance Program	Fixed Backup Power
Summary	Portable backup battery provided to qualifying MBL or AFN customers in the HFTD at no charge	Portable fuel generator & backup battery (portable power station) rebates for qualifying HFTD customers, additional rebate for CARE customers	Provides a permanent generator to customers that have a high risk of experiencing a PSPS
2021 Accomplishments	<ul> <li>Delivered 2,310 batteries (116% of 2,000 target); 3,795 total since 2019</li> <li>47 backup batteries delivered to AFN customers</li> <li>Streamlined process for Indian Health Council</li> <li>98% of customers are very satisfied, 94% are very prepared</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Issued 1,850 rebates (target = 1,250). 2,040 total since 2020</li> <li>735 redeemed by customers</li> <li>88% of customers are somewhat to very satisfied with rebate process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>&gt;465 generator install agreements signed;</li> <li>&gt;350 operational by year's end</li> <li>Began installation of Mobile Home Park resilience solution (solar + battery)</li> </ul>
2022 Planning	<ul> <li>Target: 3,000 batteries</li> <li>Continuing to evaluate competitive bids for program support</li> <li>Develop online customer request form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target: 1,250 rebates</li> <li>Update rebate process to allow purchase at additional retailers</li> <li>Include more models with safety features to qualified product list</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target: 470 generators</li> <li>Integrate &amp; test non-fossil fuel solutions</li> <li>Expand to 2 mobile home parks, 2 schools, critical facilities &amp; Community Resource Centers</li> </ul>

# Risk Modeling & Assessment

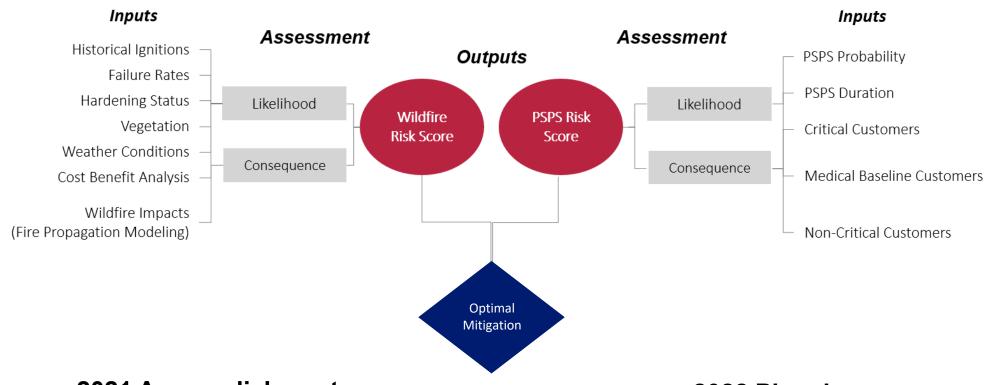
## **Nisha Menon**

Team Lead, Wildfire Regulatory Analytics Team Lead

## Risk Assessment – WiNGS Planning Model



#### Wildfire Next Generation System (WiNGS)



#### **2021 Accomplishments**

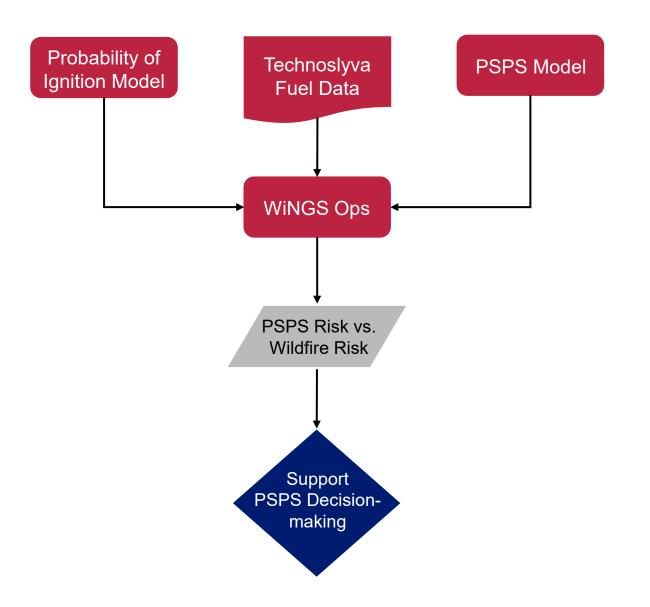
- Initiated automation of WiNGS Planning
- Investigated and refined risk calculation methodologies
   model assumptions
- Developed proof of concept tool for visualization

#### **2022 Planning**

- Increase automation of risk modeling
- Update & incorporate broader range of input in risk assessments & PSPS decision-making tools

## Risk Assessment – WiNGS Ops Model





#### **2021 Accomplishments**

- Updated data & algorithms to improve consequence modeling
- Developed a probabilistic conductor risk model
- Developed preliminary ignition prediction models
- Initiated the Cloud migration of risk models

#### 2022 Planning

- Update & incorporate broader range of input in risk assessments & PSPS decision-making tools
- Increase automation of risk modeling
- Improve & iterate models for predicting ignitions
- Migrate & execute risk models in the Cloud

## Top Risk Spend Efficiencies by Category





## **Grid Hardening**

- 3273 PSPS Sectionalizing Devices
- **529** Expulsion Fuses
- 211 Lightning Arrestors
- 200 Hotline Clamps
- 197 SCADA Capacitors
- 172 Strategic Undergrounding
- 31 Traditional Hardening
- 29 Covered Conductor



## **Operations**

- **30M** Automatic Recloser Operations
- 230k Sensitive / Fast Protection Settings
- 254 Personnel Work Procedures
- 160 Infrastructure Protection Teams
- 115 Aviation Firefighting



## **Asset Replacement**

- **429** Distribution Patrols
- 345 Transmission Infrared Inspections
- 165 Transmission Drone Inspections
- **159** Wood Pole Inspections
- **156** Detailed Distribution Inspections



### Resiliency

- 853 Generator Assistance Program
- 375 Generator Grant Program
- 204 Microgrids
- 160 PSPS & Mitigation
- 83 Standby Power Programs



## Vegetation Management

## **Michael Daleo**

Manager, Wildfire Mitigation & Vegetation Management



## **Vegetation Management**



Continue to effectively & proactively mitigate fire risk through multiple annual Vegetation Management activities

#### **2021 Program Accomplishments**

- >12K targeted trees trimmed or removed to enhanced clearances
- Zero tree-related ignitions on distribution circuits
- Strengthened HFTD inspections with four new internal patroller positions
- Successful implementation of new advanced work management system
- ~11K trees distributed to promote sustainability & environmental enhancement
- 46% of all green waste diverted from landfill to recycling centers

#### 2022 Planning

- Further integrate LiDAR & satellite imagery technology
- Perform additional off-cycle HFTD inspections before peak fire season
- Engage customers through interactive online survey
- Expand situational awareness through integration of VRI & inspection activities
- Plant or distribute 10K trees, supporting company sustainability initiative

## **Preparing for 2022 Wildfire Season**

Mitigating wildfire risk through tree pruning & removal

- ~ 480,000 inventory trees inspected annually
- ~ 245,000 trees in HFTD annually receive a second Level
   2 inspection
- ~ 12,500 targeted tree species for enhanced trimming
- 64,000 inventory palms across service territory; ~ 5,000 removed annually
- 100% of identified overstrike (overhanging branches) in the HFTD abated





## **Vegetation Management Inventory – Tree Database**



- Contractor activities recorded electronically, including asset location & tree attributes
- GIS-based all structures numbered in field & in database
- Info uploaded nightly & visible to all users next day

#### **2021 Accomplishments**

- Rollout of "EPOCH" electronic work management system.
- Updated information for improved customer notification and engagement
- Accurate GPS positioning of each inventory tree

**2022 Planning –** Begin integration of genus/species

## 2021 Fuels Modification

Reducing flammable fuels by mechanically thinning native vegetation & removing non-native/dead vegetation in Tier 2 & 3 of the HFTD

- Target poles that already require brushing for fire prevention (PRC 4292)
- Additional thinning of vegetation (50-ft radius around pole)
- Prioritized using circuit risk modeling
- Low environmental & cultural impacts

#### **Accomplishments**

- 2798 customers engaged
- 203 poles completed
- 27.15 acres thinned
- \$1.51M implementation cost





## **Sustainability Strategy**



Vegetation Management, Community Relations & Environmental Services partnering to support & promote sustainability

- 10K trees annual commitment. 11,673 trees planted in 2021
- Customers, schools, cities, parks, Homeowner Associations, tribal, land agencies, etc

#### **Key Considerations:**



Intelligent water use



Desirable planting location



Right tree, right place



Urban heat island mitigation



Promote biodiversity

## Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

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Manager, Access and Functional Needs Customer Strategy

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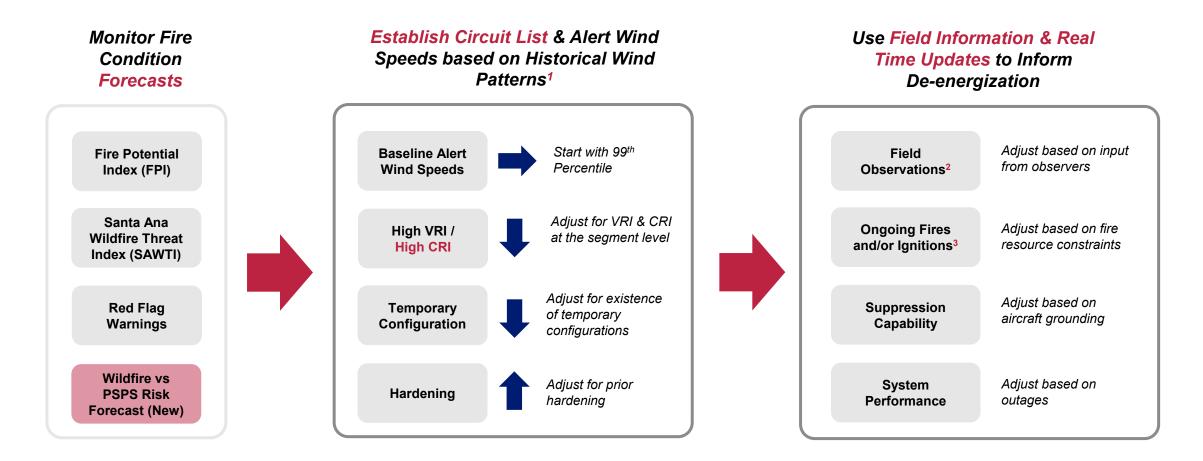
## **Overview**



- No fundamental changes to the PSPS methodology planned in 2022
- Exploring process improvements and mitigating customer impacts through academic partnerships, situational awareness enhancements, strategic hardening & community resiliency projects
- Improved weather forecasting system to include AI-based forecasting
- Statistics / analytics remain updated & enhanced (e.g., conductor risk, wind percentiles, vegetation risk & wildfire risk)
- Updated internal dashboards & geospatial tools to support decision-making
- Continue to enhance customer support, including those with AFN, during a PSPS

## **PSPS Decision-Making Framework**





- 1) If fire potential is not extreme, it can also inform adjustments to alert wind speeds
- 2) Field observations do not change alert speeds
- 3) Ongoing fires do not adjust alert speeds but rather adjust our PSPS decision-making when reaching alert speed

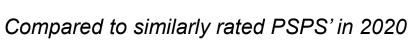
## **Thanksgiving 2021 RFW & PSPS**



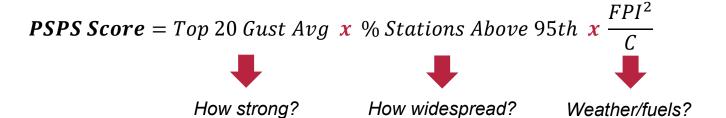
- NWS Red Flag Warning (RFW) dates 11/24 11/26
- Longest PSPS duration: 42 hrs. 11 min.
- Average PSPS duration: 25 hrs. 13 min.
- 54,527 customers notified
- 5,858 customers affected
- ~22,700 customers avoided PSPS due to enhanced situational awareness (FPI, 30s Wx)
- Three Community Resource Centers opened
- Peak wind gusts: 73 mph
  - ✓ Stations at or > 60 mph: 6
  - ✓ Stations at or > 50 mph: 26
  - ✓ Stations at or > 95th percentile: 166
  - ✓ Stations at or > 99th percentile: 67
  - ✓ New all-time records met or exceeded: 15



## **Reduced PSPS Customer Impacts**





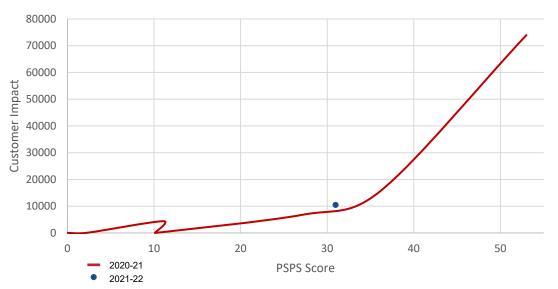


#### 2020-21

	Top 20 Gust Avg	% Above 95 <sup>th</sup>	FPI	PSPS Score	PSPS Impact
Sep. 8-9	43 mph	7.0%	Extreme (15)	2.3	49
Sep. 28-29	30 mph	0%	Extreme (15)	0	0
Oct. 26-27	46 mph	35.7%	Elevated (14)	11.1	4,373
Nov. 26- 28	48 mph	36.2%	Elevated (13)	10.2	0
Dec. 2-5	71 mph	95.9%	Extreme (15)	53.0	73,977
Dec. 6-9	59 mph	78.6%	Extreme (15)	36.1	15,528
Dec. 23-24	57 mph	81.6%	Elevated (13)	27.2	6,797
Jan. 14-16	56 mph	36.2%	Elevated (12)	10.1	0

#### 2021-22

	Top 20 Gust Avg	% Above 95 <sup>th</sup>	FPI	PSPS Score	PSPS Impact
Nov. 24-26	57 mph	79.8%	Elevated (14)	30.1	5,858



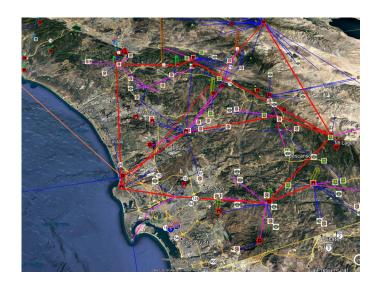
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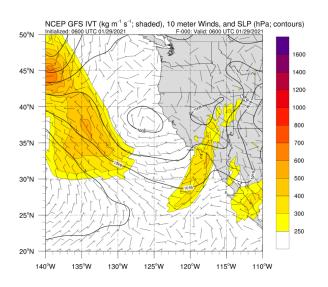




## University of California San Diego

- Expanded to 30 AlertSDG&E
   Cameras including CAL FIRE additions
- New partnership with Al industry expert to identify smoke patterns & push notifications to key stakeholders





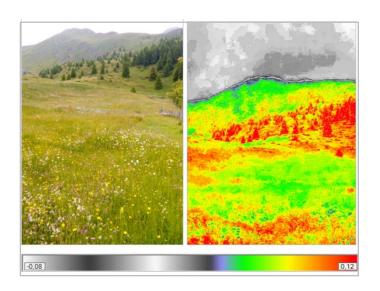
## Scripps Institution of Oceanography

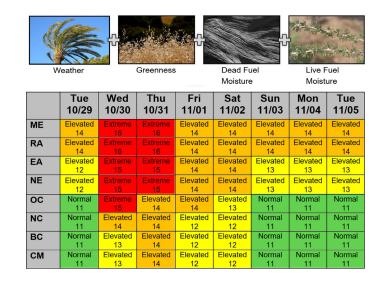
- Continued investment in the High-Performance Wireless Research & Education Network (HPWREN)
- Installation of communication nodes at Community Resource Centers during PSPS
- Stabilizing fire station internet connectivity (ASAPNet) and providing redundancy to communication backbone

- Analysis of seasonal rainfall patterns to better understand the impacts of climate change
- Expanded modeling to include atmospheric rivers & extreme precipitation
- Monitoring San Diego Bay levels to inform real-time coastal flood modeling

## **Academic Partnerships**







# Active Fires San Mountain Active Fires Mountain Active Fires

## San Jose State University

- Advancing fire science through increased fuel moisture monitoring & improved atmospheric modeling
- Adding cameras to monitor chlorophyll in vegetation (NDVI)
- Adding "Fuel Sticks" added to weather stations to measure 10-hour fuel moisture

## SD Supercomputing Center

- Integrating Al-based analytics into utility operations & create a data sharing platform
- Data sharing to advance wildfire research & historical tree outages & weather analytics to inform Vegetation Management

## UW Space Science & Engineering Center

- Expanding remote sensing from satellites to enhance situational awareness
- Satellites **detect hot spots** & automatically link with cameras in the area to provide alerts

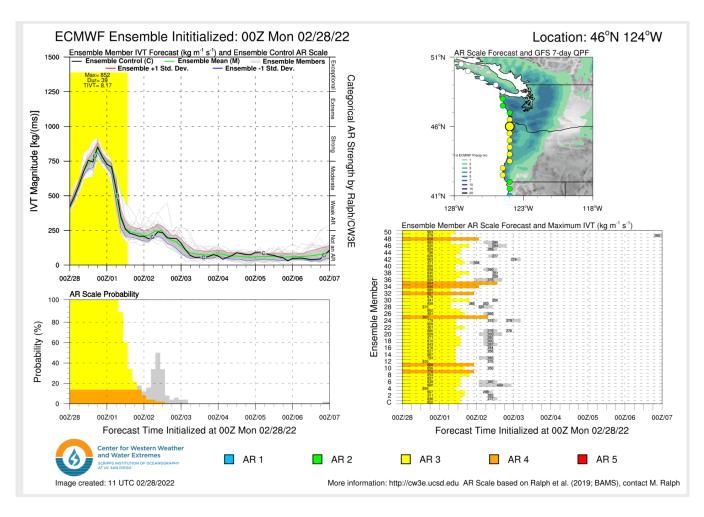
## **Next Generation Weather Computing**



Enhanced computing capabilities to improve granularity, ability to anticipate events, increase preparedness & decrease false alarms







## 2021 AFN PSPS Support



#### **Community Resource Centers**

Enhanced support including privacy screens, signage, dedicated parking & on-site ASL interpretation



#### **Tribal Communities**

Southern Indian Health Council & Indian Health Council partners provide resiliency items, generators & other needs to tribal communities



#### **Centralized Resource Hub**

211 San Diego and 211 Orange County connect customers to resources & direct support from 1k+ orgs (24/7/365, in 200+ languages)



#### **Food Support**

SD Food Bank & Feeding SD partners provide mobile food pantries at rural, tribal, and PSPS sites, with warm food provided as needed



#### **Transportation**

FACT paratransit partnership provides accessible transportation to customers' location of choice



#### **Hotel Stays**

Salvation Army partnership provides no-cost hotel stays



## **2021 Thanksgiving PSPS**

- Close collaboration across key organizations including 211 San Diego, FACT & Salvation Army
- Provided frequent updates to >725 AFN partners for support, coordination & message amplification
- Provided services included:
  - No cost hotel stays
  - Generators delivered on-demand
  - Warm meals at Community Resource Centers & tribal support
  - Additional food support from San Diego Food Bank
  - Accessible transportation
  - Resiliency items (e.g., blankets, car charger inverters, solar lamps)
- Meal donations Zero Waste, supporting sustainability



weather conditions. 😜 😜









## 2022 AFN Expanded Support





Data + Automation
Data-driven, leveraging
digital factory bots &
automation to identify &
target customers



PSPS Support
Expanding new partnership opportunities - wellness checks, AFN resiliency items, enhanced food resources



Accessibility
24/7 on-demand
American Sign
Language
(ASL), accessible
websites & notifications



Community Partners
40 dedicated High Fire Threat
District partners - increased
support. Regional resiliency &
wildfire preparedness trainings
& collaboration



**Generators** 

Expanded AFN eligibility. Emergency delivery & reserved units for tribal communities



#### Marketing + Research

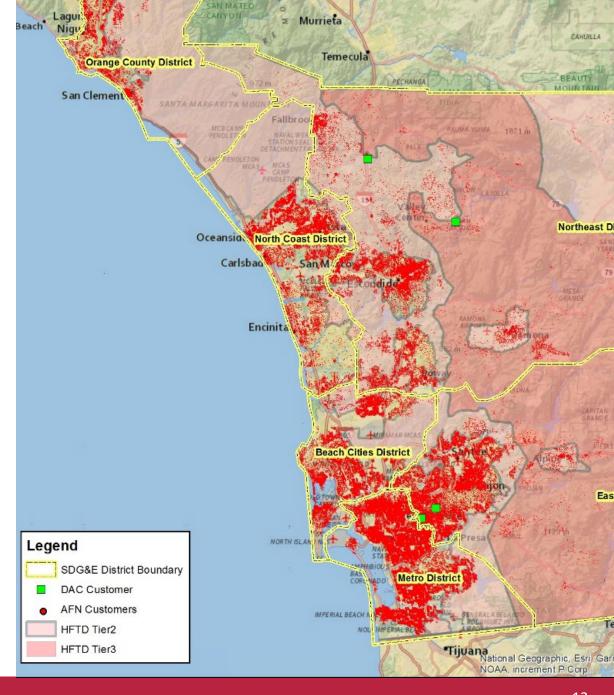
Robust marketing campaign & dedicated AFN research panel. In-language support, & notification sign-ups

## **AFN Customer Heat Map**

Using GIS data to provide targeted solutions, programs, community resource centers & more to AFN customers within the HFTD

#### **Data Trends**

- 32% of SDG&E's residential population identified as AFN
- Identified AFN customers increased by 7.5% in 2021 (~420K in 2021 vs ~387K in 2020)
- Significant increases in key segments:
  - Older adults 62+
  - Blind/low vision
  - Deaf/hard of hearing



# Wildfire Preparedness Outreach & Education

Collaboration with stakeholders in the wildfire safety community to enhance community preparedness & wildfire resilience

#### **2021 Accomplishments:**

- 5 customer Wildfire Safety Webinars
- 6 drive-thru Wildfire Safety Fairs; 96% favorability rate
- First joint SDG&E/tribal partner Wildfire Safety Fair
- Customer favorability of 88% for public education as relevant & meaningful

#### 2022 Planning:

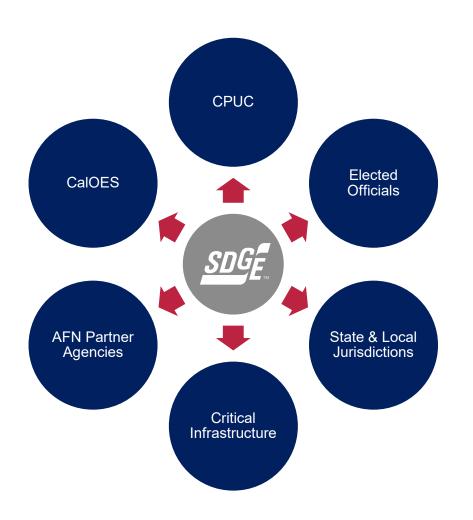
- Wildfire Safety Fairs, webinars & potentially integrate in-person Town Halls
- Expanded customized outreach to tribal communities & AFN customers
- Expand multi-channel engagement strategy
- Listening sessions/working groups local governments, tribes, public safety partners, critical facilities & monthly 'Customer Listen' Surveys





## **EOC Activation & Liaison Program**





#### **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activations**

- Enhanced functionality in virtual EOC environment
- Two physical EOC locations for redundancy
- PSPS Protocols activated 96-72 hrs prior to the period of concern
- EOC activates 12 hrs prior to the period of concern

#### **EOC Liaisons**

- During a PSPS, not all partners activate their EOC
- SDG&E provides 24/7 liaisons to:
  - California Public Utilities Commission
  - Elected officials
  - State & local jurisdiction emergency managers
  - Tribal partners
  - Critical infrastructure
  - AFN partner agencies

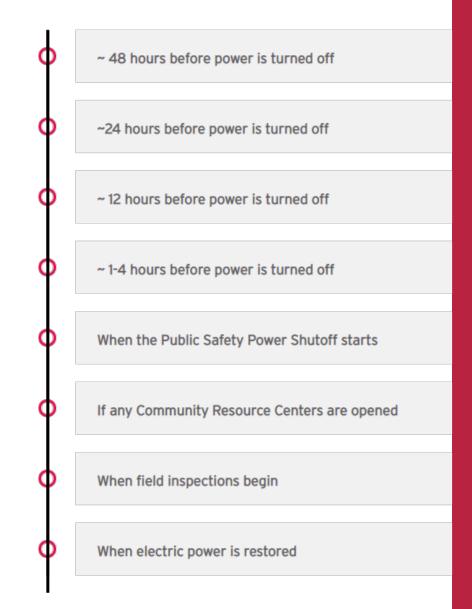
## **PSPS Notifications**

#### **2021 Accomplishments:**

- Increased accessibility of all notifications, including American Sign Language (ASL) video
- Launched Public Safety Partner Portal. 87% surveyed public safety partners satisfied with SDG&E communications
- In-Community marquees & electronic roadside message signs deployed in affected communities

#### 2022 Planning:

- Increased capacity of outbound auto dialer system
- Enhance Public Safety Partner Portal to include mobile app push notification capability
- Refine & expand notification process & technology
- Continued coordination with regional public safety partners & CBOs to amplify messages







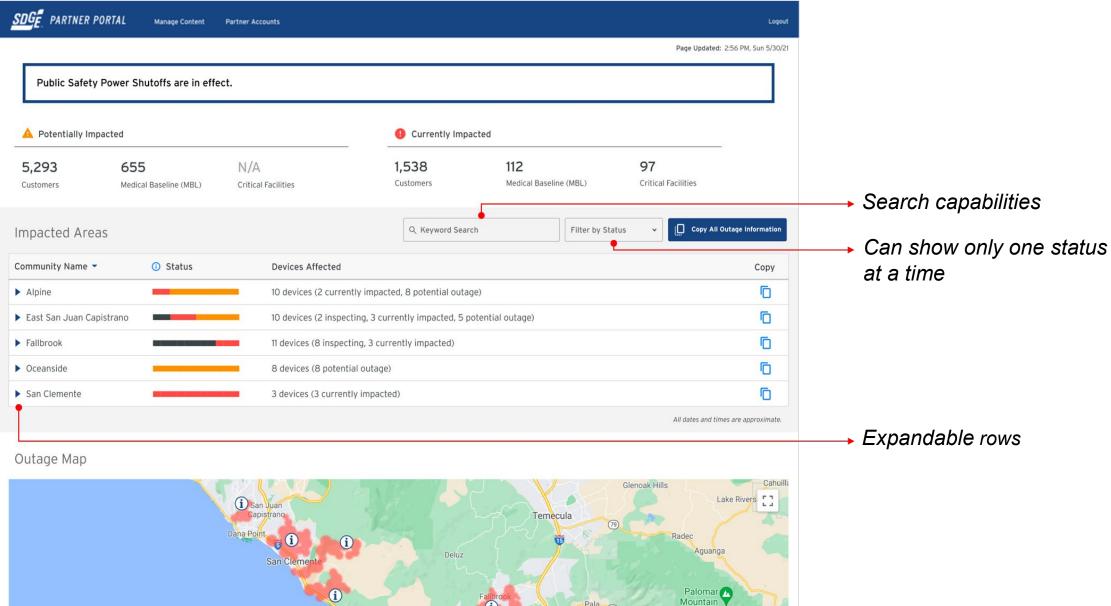






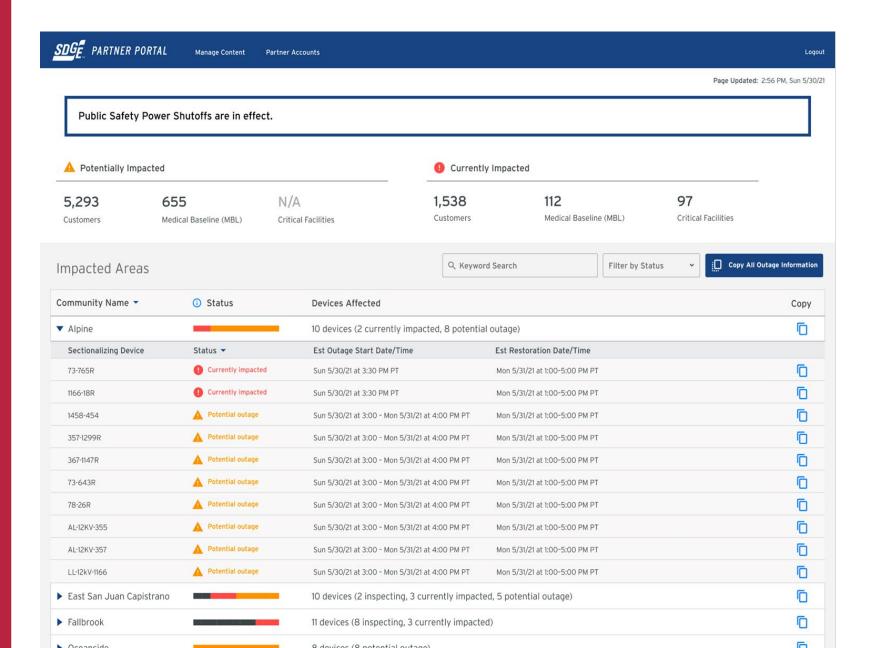
## **PSPS Portal – Partner View**





## **PSPS Portal – Partner View**





Each community now has several rows nested underneath to display incoming sectionalizing device data

# Asset Management & Data Governance

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Manager, Electric Assets & Compliance

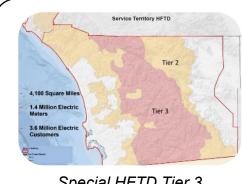
## **Rob Malowney**

Manager, Asset Data Systems & Records

## **Asset Management Inspection Programs**



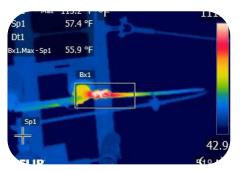
## **Enhanced Inspections**







Drone assessments



Infrared inspections



LiDAR inspections

## Traditional Inspections



Detailed overhead visual inspections



Patrols

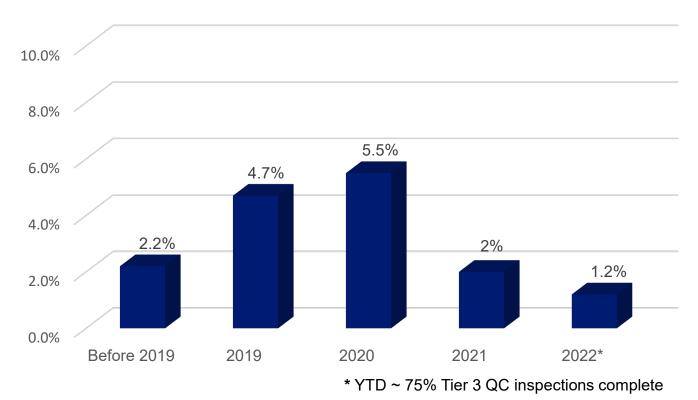


*Intrusive pole inspections* 

## **Drone Assessments**

- Tier 3 HFTD drone assessments began in 2019
- > 95% of repairs identified during Tier 3 drone assessments in 2021
- > **400**% decrease in issues from 2020 to 2022

#### % Tier 3 Distribution Poles w/ Issues





# IIP – Creating Opportunities for Artificial Intelligence Integration



Intelligent Image Processing (IIP) uses machine learning to automatically identify assets & damages in imagery captured from the field

Images & Poles Automatically Assessed



Accuracy of IIP Models

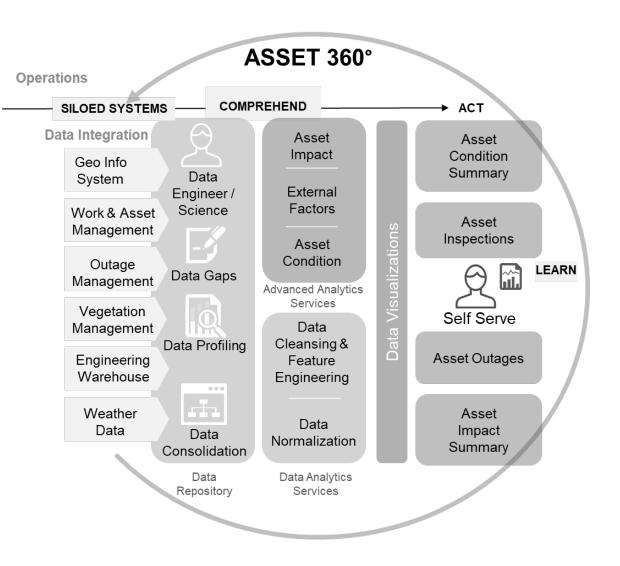


Damage Detection Models Running Daily



## **Asset 360 Data Program**





#### **2021 Accomplishments**

- Built consolidated data models and dashboards for:
  - distribution poles, wires, cables, tees, capacitors and switches (including asset condition predictions)
  - · transmission structures, conductor and hardware
- Created baseline measurements for data quality & accessibility for select distribution assets

#### 2022 Planning

- Build consolidated asset data models, asset condition predictions & dashboards for:
  - distribution secondary, OH connectors, transformers and fuses
  - transmission underground connectors and select substation assets
- Improve data quality through source system remediations for both distribution & transmission
- Integrate with IIP to improve data quality & model accuracy

## **Data Governance Focus & Priorities**

By OEIS Guideline Areas





#### Centralized repository for asset data

- Integrated >20 data sources, automating >350 / 560 metrics
- Consolidated non-spatial & spatial data
- Implemented internal program dashboards
- Enabled data quality visibility by developing scorecards



## Collaborative research on utility ignition and/or wildfire

- Increased situational awareness through partnerships with academia & government agencies
- Data sharing & development of statewide modeling tools
- Academic partnerships include Cal Poly Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) FIRE Institute & San Jose State University's Fire Science Lab
- DOE Partnership for Energy Sector Climate Resilience Initiative



#### Documentation & disclosure of wildfirerelated data & algorithms

- Documented >20 data sources within the central repository
- Defined >260 terms in data governance glossary
- Of 350 automated metrics, documented >50 metric automation processes & 10 data governance framework areas
- Completed seven audits of the 10 data governance framework areas



#### Tracking & analysis of risk event data

- Trending analysis on 20 monitored metrics
- Solidified processes for gathering ignition & near ignition data & refined information workflows
- Leveraged ignition & outage data in Probability of Ignition (POI) models to create foundational knowledge informing WMP initiatives



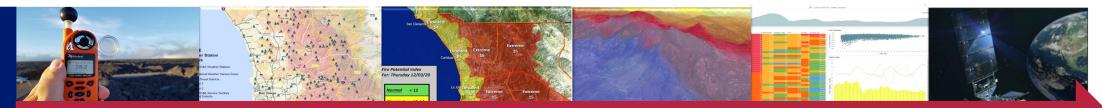
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## More Than a Decade of Wildfire Mitigation Evolution



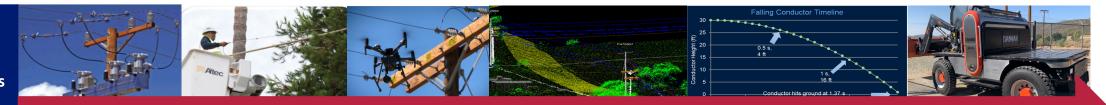
More than 14 years of persistent effort & investments resulting in significant wildfire safety improvements at the lowest cost possible for our customers

Situational Awareness



221 Weather Stations • 110+ Cameras Monitored • Al-Based Forecasting • Reduced PSPS Impacts

**Engineering** & Operations



92% HFTD Transmission Hardened • 900+ mi HFTD Distribution Hardened • Transmission Faults Reduced 84% • Distribution Faults Reduced 45%

Outreach & Education



Enhanced Community Resiliency • Annual Wildfire Safety Fairs • 3600+ Generators Distributed • 11 Community Resource Centers