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NOTICE OF NON-PERFORMANCE

Mr. Brandon Tolentino:

Pursuant to Government Code section 15472, et seq, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducted inspections of work completed by Southern California Edison (SCE) in accordance with its 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). During the inspections, Energy Safety determined the existence of non-performance requiring correction. Energy Safety therefore issues SCE a Notice of Non-Performance (NON).

On February 23, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the city of Santa Barbara, California in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3 and State Responsibility Area (SRA). The inspection report is enclosed herewith. Energy Safety found the following deficiency:

Deficiency 1. Energy Safety observed that SCE failed to implement its 2025 WMP initiative 8.2.3.4.2, which requires compliance with Public Resource Code section 4293, by not removing a dead, declining, or dying tree near coordinates 34.4598, -119.8163. Energy Safety considers this non-performance to be in the Moderate risk category. SCE must complete a corrective action for this non-performance by two months from the date of this notice.¹

Within 30 days from the issuance date of this NON, SCE must provide a response advising Energy Safety of corrective actions taken or planned to remedy the identified deficiency.

This response shall be filed in the Energy Safety e-Filing system under the 2025 NON Docket² and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NON identification number.

Prior to its response, SCE may request an informal conference with Energy Safety for the purpose of disputing any issues raised in this NON no later than 10 business days before the response deadline.³ Requests for

¹ Gov. Code section 15475.2(a)(2)

² <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2025%20NON>

³ Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4

informal conference with Energy Safety must be e-mailed to environmentalscience@energysafety.ca.gov, with a copy sent to me and Elizabeth McAlpine, Elizabeth.McAlpine@energysafety.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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INSPECTION REPORT

Overview

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducts field inspections to verify the work performed by an electrical corporation as reported in an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP), and to assess general conditions of electrical infrastructure that may adversely impact an electrical corporation’s wildfire risk. A Notice of Non-Performance (NON) is issued for any instances of non-performance identified during an inspection of its WMP initiatives.

Energy Safety has designated this finding of deficiency as a “Moderate” risk. SCE must correct the deficiency pursuant to the timeline provided in Table 1.⁴

Table 1. Risk Category and Correction Timelines

Risk Category	Deficiency correction timeline
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate resolution
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 months (in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3)• 6 months (in HFTD Tier 2)• 6 months (if relevant to worker safety; not in HFTD Tiers 2 or 3)
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months

⁴ Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4



Inspection Summary

Energy Safety found a “Moderate” deficiency near support structure ID 207498530 in HFTD Tier 3. SCE failed to remove the danger tree.⁵

The inspection location and WMP initiative summary are included in Table 2.

Table 2: Inspection Location and Initiative Summary

Electrical Corporation:	SCE
Report Number:	NON_ESD_SCE_MAZ_20260223_1048
Inspector:	Max Zazzeron
WMP Year Inspected	2025
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety inspected the location based on SCE’s Q4 2025 QDR.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	8.2.3.4.2 Dead and Dying Tree Removal
Date of inspection:	February 23, 2026
City and/or County of Inspection:	Santa Barbara, California

⁵ SCE “2023-2025 Base WMP”, published November 14, 2024. P. 419
(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57620&shareable=true> accessed March 4, 2026).

Inspection Findings

Deficiency 1

Relevant Requirements:

SCE's WMP initiative 8.2.2.3 Dead and Dying Tree Removal Program's Inspection Process states, "SCE uses its ground crews to patrol its [High Fire Risk Area] HFRA to identify dead and dying trees for removal in its Dead and Dying Tree Removal Program. A tree is classified as dead when the canopy has declined 75% or greater and/or is significantly infected with bark beetles or other invasive insects. After an inspection is performed and the prescription is generated, SCE will remove the tree consistent with industry practice. This is discussed further below in Section 8.2.3.4 Fall-In Mitigation."⁶

SCE's WMP Section 8.2.3.4 includes initiative 8.2.3.4.2 Dead and Dying Tree Removal Program (VM-04) which states, "Dead and dying trees have a higher probability of failing, and if within striking distance of SCE lines and equipment, can cause fault conditions, sparks, and ignition. Under this program, SCE conducts patrols in HFRA to identify and remove dead, dying, or diseased trees affected by drought conditions and/or insect infestation. All trees that are identified within strike distance of SCE overhead facilities that are dead or expected to die within one year are prescribed for removal.... SCE's Dead and Dying Removal Tree Program...meets and/or exceeds the requirements established by GO 95, PRC 4923...."⁷

Findings:

Energy Safety considers this deficiency "Moderate" because SCE has not removed the dying tree located within striking distance of conductors, consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code section 4293 and SCE's WMP. The continued presence of this tree presents an ongoing wildfire risk.

On February 23, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of Santa Barbara, California. During the inspection, Energy Safety identified a dying eucalyptus tree with its canopy foliage declining more than 75 percent near support structure ID 207498530 and near coordinates 34.4598, -119.8163 at the north corner of Camino Cerralvo and Camino Meleno. The eucalyptus tree has a diameter at breast height of 25 inches, is approximately 60 feet tall, and is located 20 feet west of the conductors. The inspector's observations are documented in Exhibit A photographs, which are attached to this report. Photo 1 depicts support structure ID 207498530. Photos 2, 3 and 4 depict the dying eucalyptus tree.

⁶ SCE "2023-2025 Base WMP", published November 14, 2024. P. 397
(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57620&shareable=true> accessed March 4, 2026).

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Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 207498530

Deficiency 1



Photo 1: Photo of structure ID 207498530 located approximately 40 feet southwest of the dying eucalyptus tree.



Photo 2: Photo of the dying eucalyptus tree.



Photo 3: Photo showing the proximity of the dying eucalyptus tree branches (left) to the conductors (right).



Photo 4: Additional photo of the dying eucalyptus tree near the conductors.