



## Workshop Slides and Recording

### Group 1 Workshop on Wildfire Mitigation Plans of SCE, PG&E, SDG&E, and BVES

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety held a public workshop on the 2025 Update Wildfire Mitigation Plans of Southern California Edison (SCE), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), and Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) on April 25, 2024. A recording of the meeting can be found on Energy Safety's YouTube channel.

Workshop Recording: <https://youtu.be/eqjun3Ps8Kw>

The slides presented during the meeting are attached to this document.

# 2025 WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

For Group 1 Submissions

April 25, 2024



# WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

# SAFETY MESSAGE

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Know your emergency exits and evacuation route(s)
- Feel something, say something
- Take regular breaks; get up and stretch
- Keep emergency contact information readily available

# OPENING REMARKS – WMP BACKGROUND

- Electrical corporations (ECs) are required to prepare and submit Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMPs) to Energy Safety.
- WMPs describe how the EC is constructing, maintaining, and operating its electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

# OPENING REMARKS – WMP CYCLE

- Base WMPs are submitted every three years, ECs submit WMP Updates in each interim year.
- ECs submitted 2023-2025 Base WMPs in spring of 2023.
- Energy Safety evaluated, and approved, ECs plans for 2023 and 2024.
- ECs submitted their 2025 WMP Updates in March 2024.
- This workshop focuses on ECs' 2025 WMP Updates.

# OPENING REMARKS – 2025 WMP UPDATES

In its WMP Update Guidelines, Energy Safety defined five categories of changes ECs may include in WMP Updates, referred to as ‘reportable updates’:

1. Updates to Risk Models
2. Changes to Approved Targets, Objectives, and Expenditures
3. Quarterly Inspection Targets for 2025\*
4. New or Discontinued Programs
5. Progress on Areas for Continued Improvement

\* Vegetation management and asset inspections only

# WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- Receive presentations from each Group 1 EC\* on reportable updates from its 2025 WMP Update.
- Provide the public and other stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions about the ECs' WMPs.
- Provide stakeholders information to inform written comments on the 2025 WMP Updates, due May 7, 2024.

\* Group 1 ECs are SCE, PG&E, SDG&E, & Bear Valley. Group 2 ECs (PacificCorp, Liberty, Horizon West, Trans Bay Cable, and LS Power) will submit 2025 WMP Updates in July, with a public workshop in late-July.



# WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

- This workshop is structured to hear from each EC about its 2025 WMP Update and reportable updates therein.
- Each EC will present on its updates, followed by a question-and-answer (Q&A) session when stakeholders and the public may ask questions specific to that ECs presentation.
- There will be two 15-minute breaks and an hour lunch period.
- 2 hours will be held after all presentations for an open Q&A when questions may be asked about any ECs WMP Update or topic.

# AGENDA (1/2)

9:00am – 9:15am	Introduction & Opening Remarks
9:15am – 9:55am	SCE Presentation
9:55am – 10:15am	Q&A on SCE's Presentation
10:15am – 10:30am	15-minute break
10:30am – 11:10am	PG&E Presentation
11:10am – 11:30am	Q&A on PG&E's Presentation
11:30am – 12:10pm	SDG&E Presentation
12:10pm – 12:30pm	Q&A on SDG&E's Presentation

# AGENDA (2/2)

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Bear Valley Presentation

2:00pm – 2:15pm

Q&A on Bear Valley's Presentation

2:15pm – 2:30pm

15-minute break

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Open Q&A

# WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

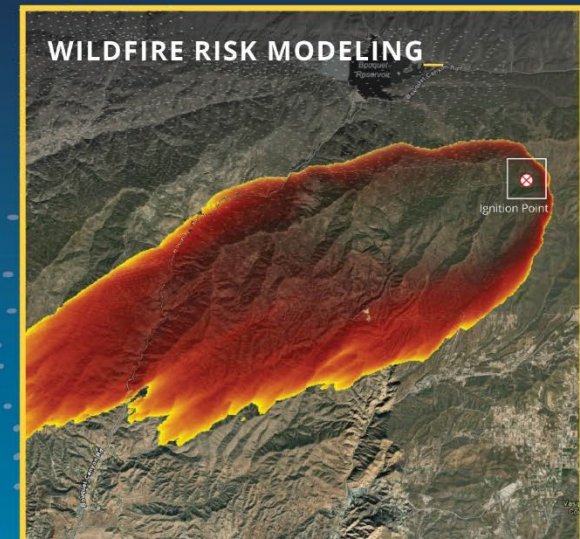
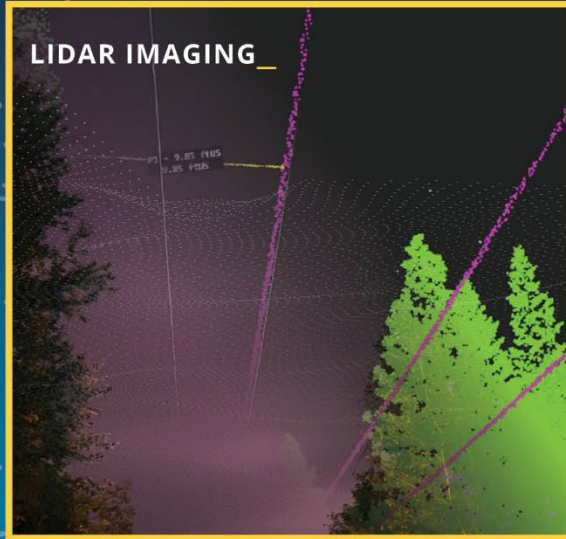
## Asking Questions

- Ask written questions in the Zoom chat at any time.
- Raise your hand during the Q&A sessions to verbally ask a question.
- Ask questions specific to each EC's presentation during the Q&A session following the presentation.
- Ask questions applicable to all ECs during the open Q&A at the end of the day.

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**SCE**

# OFFICE OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY 2025 WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP APRIL 25, 2024



# AGENDA

Topic	Duration	Speaker
Service Area & HFRA Overview	5 min.	<b>Ray Fugere</b> Director, Wildfire Safety
Integrated Wildfire Mitigation Strategy & Hardening Strategy (IWMS)	5 min.	
Risk Model Changes	10 min.	
2025 Target Changes	10 min.	

# SCE SERVICE AREA & HIGH FIRE RISK AREAS



**50,000 SQ. MI.**  
of SCE service area  
across southern,  
central and coastal  
California

**14,000 SQ. MI.**  
of high fire risk  
areas



**51,000 MI.**  
of SCE overhead  
distribution and  
transmission lines

**14,000 MI.**  
in high fire risk areas



**5M**  
customer accounts  
or 15M residents in  
SCE's service area

**1.3M**  
customer accounts  
or 3.9M residents  
served by circuits in  
high fire risk areas



**1.4M**  
power poles and towers

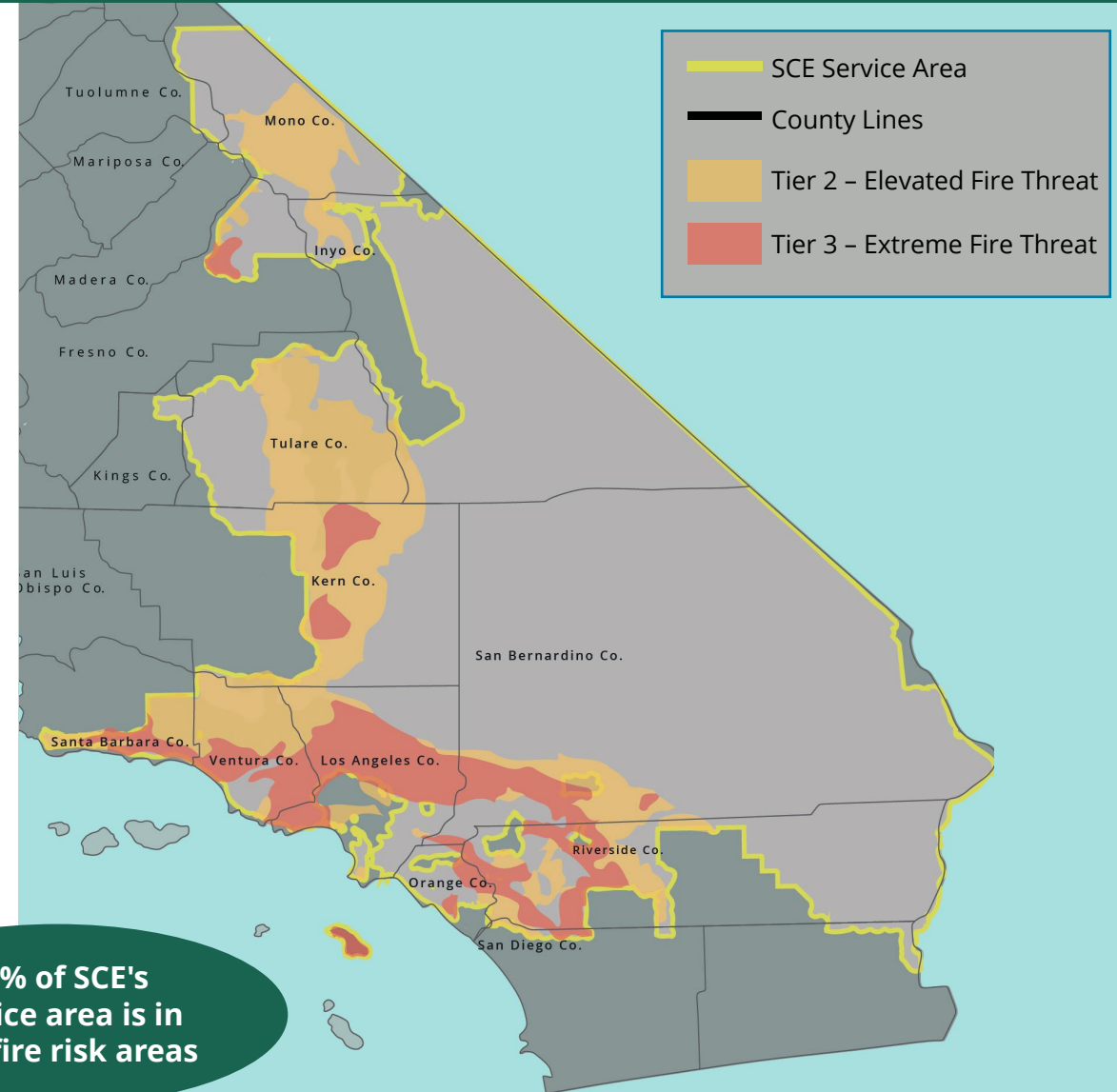
**311,000**  
in high fire risk areas

## Counties with high fire risk area served by SCE

Fresno  
Inyo  
Kern  
Los Angeles  
Mono  
Orange  
Riverside  
San Bernardino  
Santa Barbara  
Tulare  
Ventura

## Counties with no or limited high fire risk areas served by SCE

Imperial  
Kings  
Madera  
Tuolumne



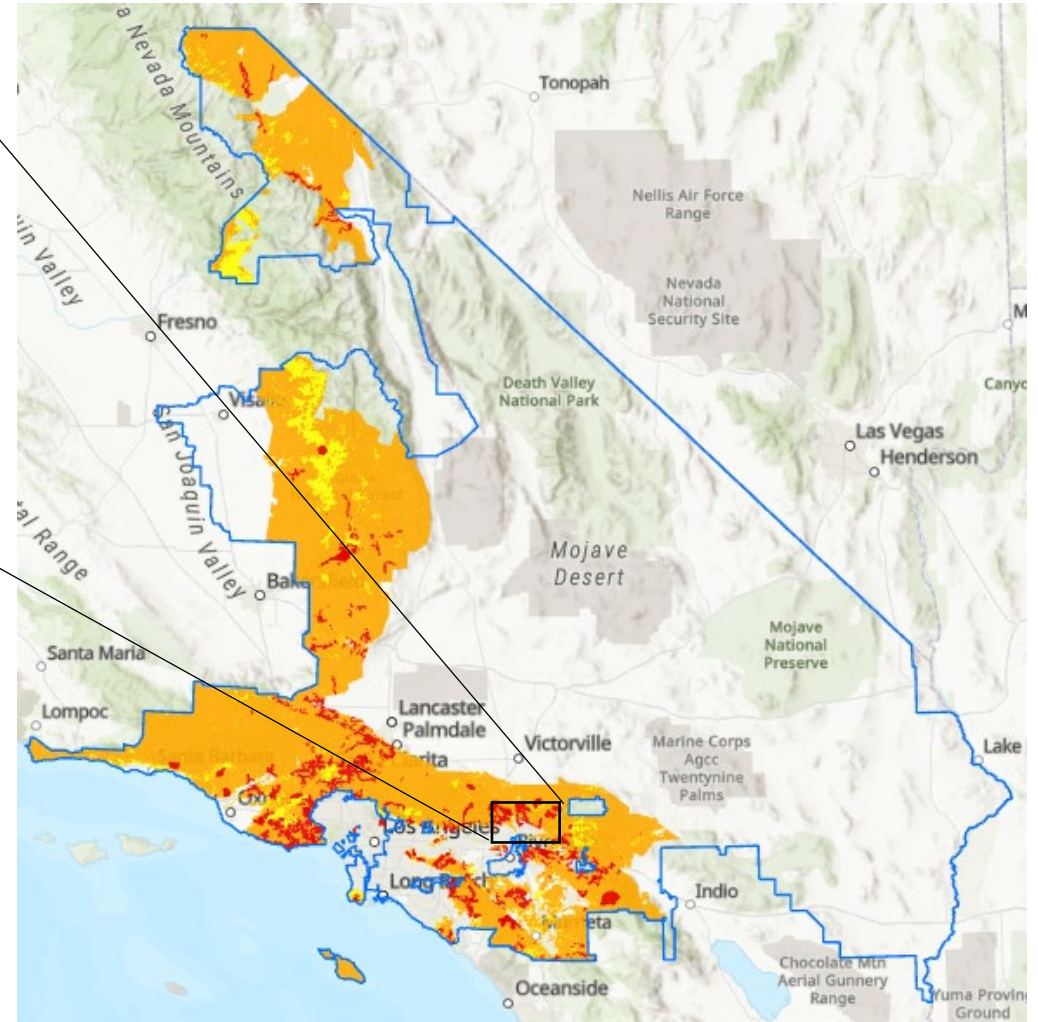
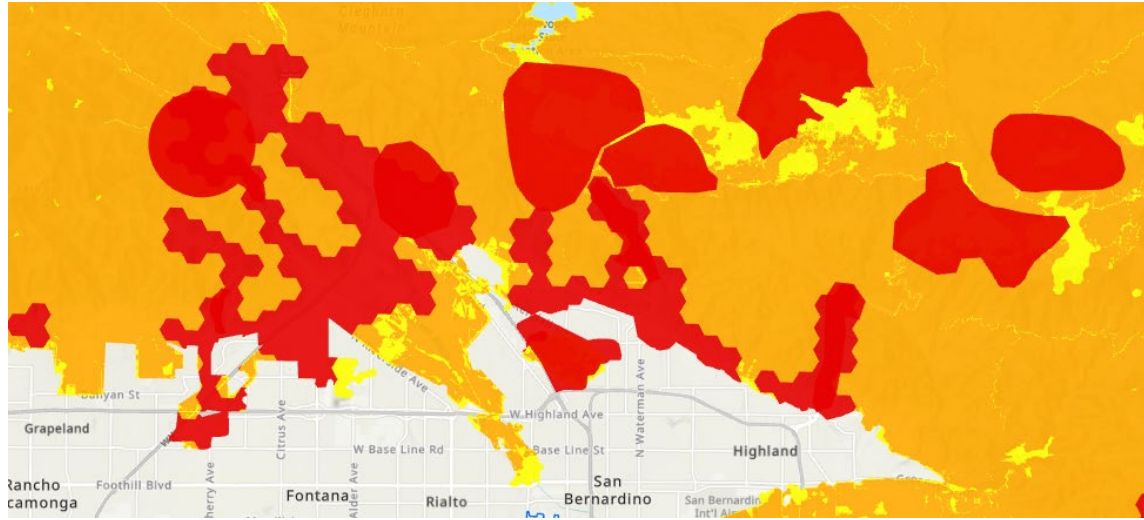





# INTEGRATED WILDFIRE MITIGATION STRATEGY

SCE’s refined integrated wildfire mitigation strategy (IWMS) considers wildfire risk drivers and PSPS risk at circuit segments and mitigations that cost effectively addresses those risk drivers. We continue to prioritize hardening our riskiest areas first.

	Risk Designation	Risk Criteria	Mitigation Selection
<b>Total High Fire Risk Area (HFRA) Overhead Distribution Segments</b>	<b>Severe Risk Areas</b>	Fire risk egress constrained locations, extreme high wind areas, and extreme consequence areas	Pursue undergrounding unless covered conductor already installed or specific terrain not practical for undergrounding and necessitates feasible alternative mitigations
	<b>High Consequence Segments</b>	Locations that meet 300-acre consequence threshold at 8 hours or at risk of Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)	Pursue covered conductor plus other mitigations such as asset inspections, vegetation management, and fast curve settings
	<b>Other HFRA Segments</b>	Locations that are not in a Severe Risk Area and do not meet High Consequence criteria	Naturally replace retired or damaged bare wire with covered conductor per high fire risk area standard; continue mitigations such as asset inspections, vegetation management, and fast-curve settings

# SCE IWMS RISK TRANCHES & HARDENING STATUS



	Data as of Jan. 2024	Hardened <sup>1</sup>	Unhardened
	Severe Risk Areas	~2,350	~900
	High Consequence Areas	~2,700	~1,750
	Other High Fire Risk Areas	~600	~1,200

1. "Hardened" refer to the miles of bare overhead lines replaced with covered conductor or underground cable and the associated infrastructure to complete those installation (i.e., FR pole as part of covered conductor installation). In some cases, alternatives such as REFCL, aerial bundled cable, or spacer cable are utilized. Values rounded to nearest 50-mile increment.

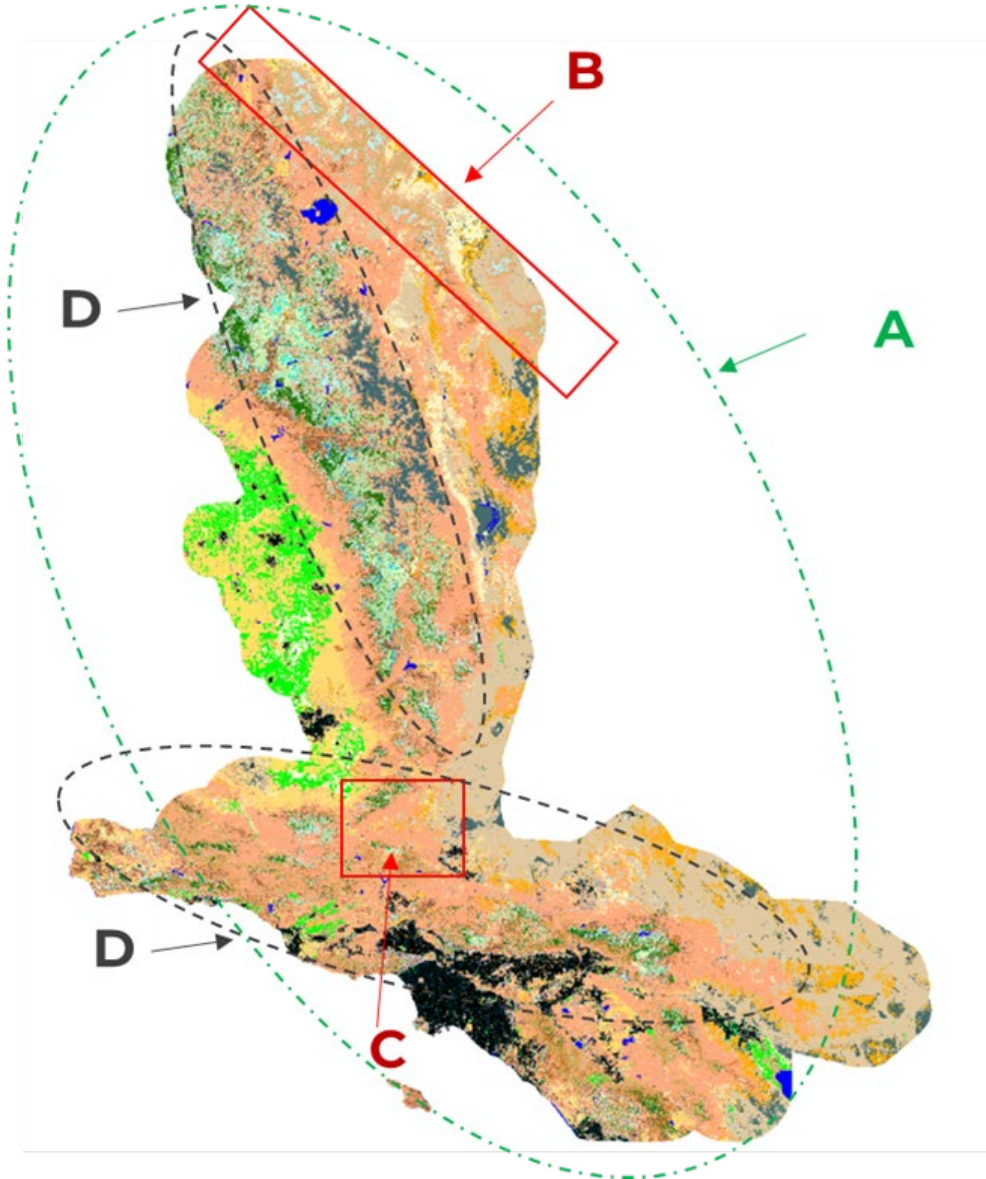
# RISK MODEL CHANGES



# WILDFIRE CONSEQUENCE RISK MODEL UPDATES

## Surface Fuel Updates

- A) Areas within and adjacent to High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA):** Updated based on historical fire analysis
- B) California/Nevada border:** Adjusted fuel models to remove the sharp transition in fuel types along the states' boundary lines
- C) High Desert:** Adjusted fuels in the Antelope Valley area
- D) High Sierras:** Replaced Scott and Burgan (2005) timber fuel model with new model calibrated with information from California Fire Guard data



# WILDFIRE CONSEQUENCE RISK MODEL UPDATES

## Modifications to Ignition Point Spacing



In previous versions of SCE's wildfire consequence model, ignition points were spaced within a 200-meter grid around assets to mitigate or reduce misaligned asset geolocation data

In the updated model, ignition points are spaced within a 100-meter grid along overhead distribution assets.

Supplemental ignition points were added to represent asset locations, in addition to existing simulations for overhead distribution lines. Ignition points that were more than 100 meters away from ignitable fuel were removed.

# WILDFIRE CONSEQUENCE RISK MODEL UPDATES

## Modifications to Asset Geometry

- Asset geometry was revised to better represent asset locations to improve the fidelity and accuracy of simulations in proximity to surface fuels
- The previous version of the wildfire consequence model used geospatial asset data from March 2021 for overhead distribution and transmission lines, FLOCs (functional locations), poles (distribution) and towers (transmission)
- SCE has taken steps to refine the geospatial locations for overhead assets with increasing accuracy through various data collection methods
- The latest version of the wildfire consequence model uses geospatial asset data from June 2022 (lines) and July 2022 (FLOCs)



*Distribution lines from March 2021 (blue) and June 2022 (white)*

# PROBABILITY OF IGNITION (POI) UPDATES

## ASSET SUB MODEL INFORMATION

Asset sub models for POI (overhead conductor, transformer, switch, and capacitor) were refreshed in mid-2023 with updated asset inventories, historical failure, inspection and remediation data, mitigations deployed as of mid-2023, along with updates to other input data (e.g., weather information).

## ASSET DATA REFRESH

Asset data updates include new and replacement components, outage information and new circuit configurations.

Meter loading data incorporated into the transformer sub model.

By looking at the past five years of daily meter data, SCE can calculate the number of days the transformers experienced overloading and the percentage of time overloading.

## REFRESHED CORROSION AND FLOOD ZONES

Corrosion and flood zone data were refreshed as a result of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updating their flood zone and corrosion data.

This dataset is an input for the predictive models in determining probability of failure of assets, which could lead to ignition.

## REFRESHED TREE AND AVIAN DATA

Each year, new trees near conductor are monitored, trimmed and removed. The spatial proximity of each tree to segments is found using ArcGIS, and each tree within 50 feet of a segment is assigned to that segment.

Avian data is collected based on field observations of outages. Avian data is aggregated into a spatial density model, then the location of each segment is extracted from the kernel. This assigns a relative density of avian incidents to each segment.

# 2025 TARGET UPDATES





# 2025 PROGRAM TARGET CHANGES

Initiative Activity	Initiative ID	Change Category	Original Value (Compliance or Strive)	Updated Value
<b>Covered Conductor</b>	SH-1	Lessons Learned, Other	700 circuit miles (compliance) 850 circuit miles (strive)	500 circuit miles (compliance) 600 circuit miles (strive)
<b>Undergrounding Overhead Conductor</b>	SH-2	Lessons Learned, Other	48 circuit miles (compliance)	30 (circuit miles compliance)
<b>REFCL – GFN</b>	SH-17	Lessons Learned, Other	4 substations w/completed construction (compliance)	2 substations w/completed construction (compliance)
<b>Transmission High Fire Risk-Informed (HFRI) Inspections and Remediations (Ground and Aerial)</b>	IN-1.2	Lessons Learned, Other	28,000 structures (compliance)	24,500 structures (compliance)
<b>Expanded Clearances for Generation Legacy Facilities</b>	VM-3	Other	60 sites (compliance) 70 sites (strive)	48 sites (compliance) 56 sites (strive)
<b>Transmission Conductor &amp; Splice Assessment: Spans with LineVue</b>	IN-9a	Not applicable	Target to be developed based on an engineering analysis to be performed in 2023 and 2024	Sunsetting activity. Based on the 0% find rate in 2022 and 2023, and the cost and complexity of performing the inspections, SCE determined that resources can be used more effectively for other inspection programs.
<b>Transmission Conductor &amp; Splice Assessment: Splices with X-Ray</b>	IN-9b	Not applicable	Target to be developed based on an engineering analysis to be performed in 2023 and 2024	50 (compliance) 100 (strive)

# APPENDIX



# AREAS FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT (ACI)

**SCE-23-01:** Cross-Utility Collaboration on Risk Model Development

**SCE-23-02:** Calculating Risk Scores Using Maximum Consequence Values

**SCE-23-03:** PSPS and Wildfire Risk Trade-Off Transparency

**SCE-23-04:** Incorporation of Extreme Weather Scenarios into Planning Models

**SCE-23-05:** Cross-Utility Collaboration on Best Practices for Inclusion of Climate Change Forecasts in Consequence Modeling, Inclusion of Community Vulnerability in Consequence Modeling, and Utility Vegetation Management for Wildfire Safety

**SCE-23-06:** [intentionally left blank]

**SCE-23-07:** Continuation of Grid Hardening Joint Studies

**SCE-23-08:** Vibration Dampers Retrofit

**SCE-23-09:** Hardening Severe Risk Areas

**SCE-23-10:** Transmission Conductor Splice Assessment

**SCE-23-11:** Covered Conductor Inspection and Maintenance

**SCE-23-12:** Asset Maintenance and Repair Maturity Level Growth

**SCE-23-13:** of Work Order Due Dates Based on Risk Assessment Addressing Backlogged Work Orders

**SCE-23-14:** Modification

**SCE-23-15:** Continued Monitoring of Fast Curve Settings Impact

**SCE-23-16:** Implementation of SCE's Consolidated Inspection Strategy, Use of Its Tree Risk Index, and its Satellite-Based Inspection Pilot

**SCE-23-17:** Continuation of Effectiveness of Enhanced Clearances Joint Study

**SCE-23-18:** Weather Station Maintenance and Calibration

**SCE-23-19:** Early Fault Detection Implementation

**SCE-23-20:** Evaluation of and Plan to Address AFN Needs

**SCE-23-21:** Community Outreach 3- and 10-Year Objectives - Verification Methods

**SCE-23-22:** Consideration of PSPS Damage in Consequence Modeling



# SCE Q&A

# 15-MINUTE BREAK

Back at 10:30 am

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**PG&E**

# Pacific Gas and Electric Company

## OFFICE OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY 2025 WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

April 25, 2024



## 1 Building on Layers of Wildfire Protection

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## 2 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update

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### Detailed Updates

- Wildfire Risk Model
- System Hardening & Undergrounding
- Portable Batteries
- Distribution Backlog Tags
- Transmission Conductor Segment Replacement

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# Building on Layers of Wildfire Protection





# Who We Serve

## By The Numbers

**16M**

PEOPLE SERVED

**5.5M** electric accounts

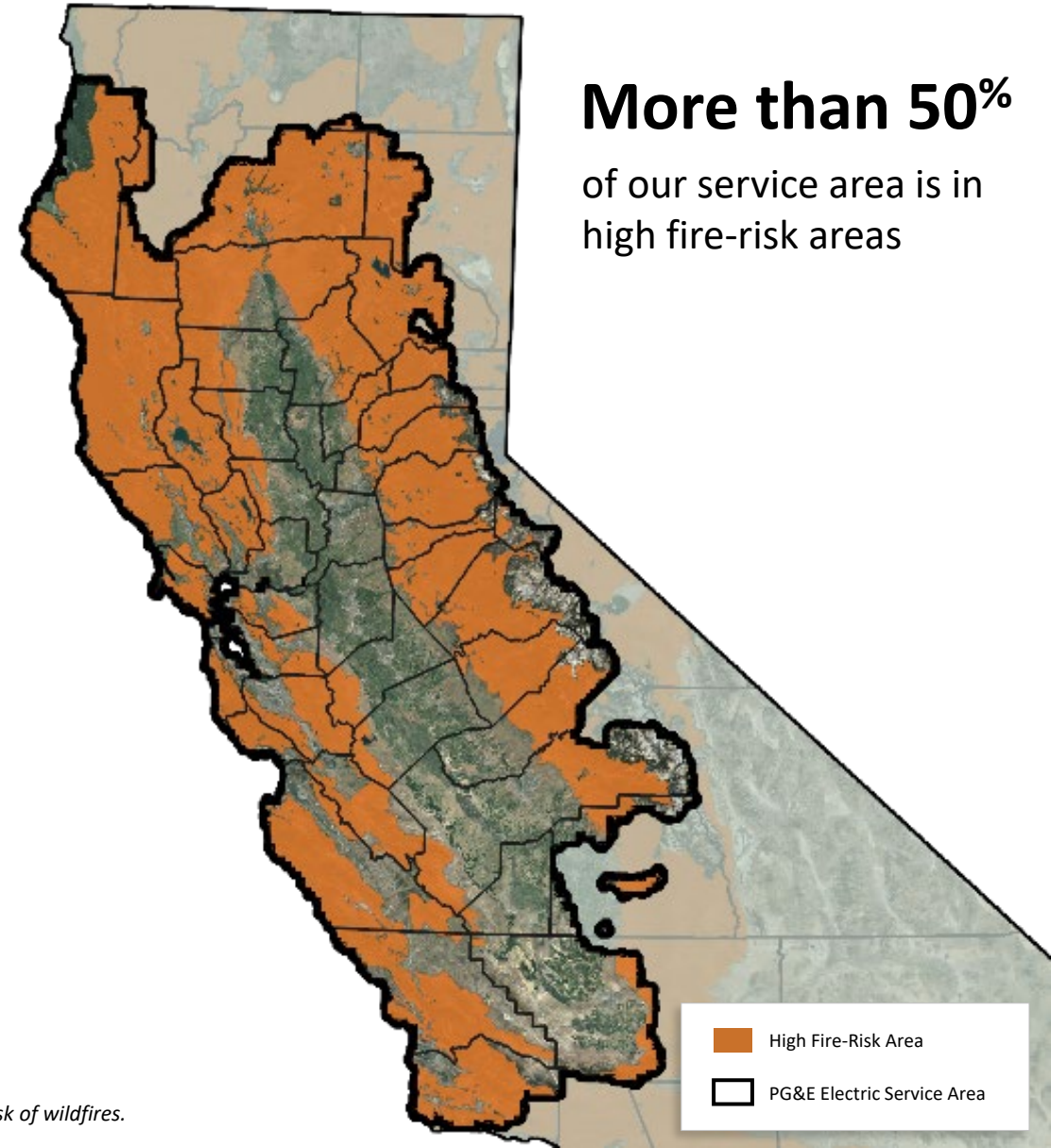
**4.5M** gas accounts

**70,000**

SQUARE MILE  
SERVICE AREA

**106,700** circuit miles of electric  
distribution lines

**42,100** miles of natural gas  
distribution pipeline



**More than 50%**

of our service area is in  
high fire-risk areas

*Data is approximate*

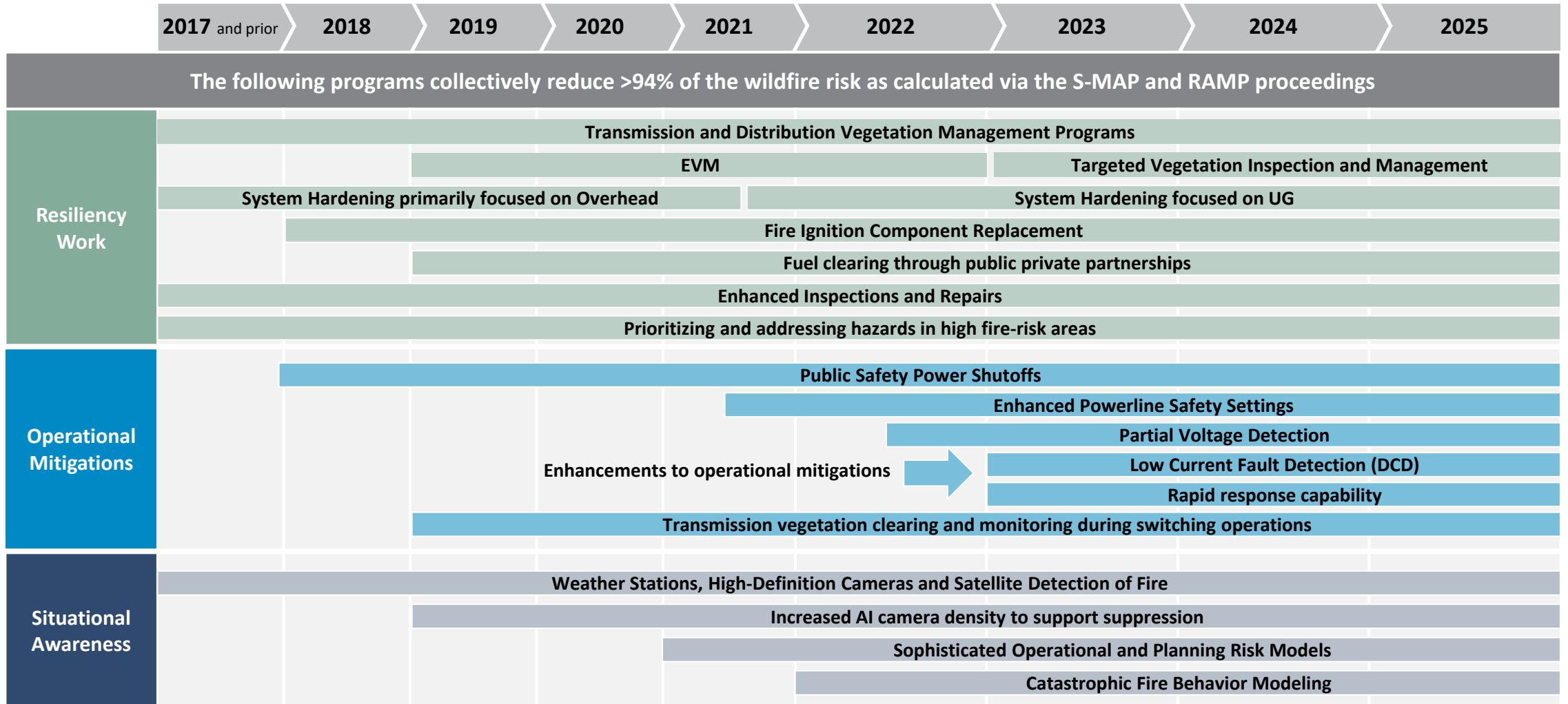
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# Building on Layers of Wildfire Protection

Adapting our layers of protection based on an improved understanding of wildfire risk to better serve our customers and in alignment with input from our regulatory agencies.



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# 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update



## We have made minor updates to our 2025 plan.

### 2 Updates to Risk Models

- ✓ Update Distribution (WDRMv4) and Transmission (WTRMv2) risk models
- ✓ WDRMv4 is updated to incorporate ingress and egress attributes, 24-hour simulations, updated dry wind data sets, and community vulnerabilities
- ✓ WTRMv2 is updated to incorporate new machine learning models for avian and veg risk, model refinements for wind caused outages and polymer degradation, and account for updated Applies Technology Services/Field data

### 6 Changes to Approved Targets

- ✓ Align System Hardening and Undergrounding to the GRC (GH-01, GH-04)
- ✓ Revise downstream commitment that rely on undergrounding mileage (PS-07)
- ✓ Expand portable battery target to include permanent batteries and account for 2023 outperformance (PS-06)
- ✓ Increase distribution ignition backlog tag Areas of Continuous Improvement (ACI) by committing to 154,200 tags across the WMP period (GM-03)
- ✓ Introduce new conductor segment replacement target to address two transmission lines in 2025 (GH-11)

### 21 Quarterly Inspection Targets

- ✓ Provide quarterly targets for 2025 asset and vegetation management inspections, as approved in the Base 2023-2025 WMP
- ✓ Where needed/possible provide update risk impact percentages

### 21 Progress on ACIs

- ✓ OEIS provided 26 ACIs in the 2023 – 2025 WMP Decision of which 21 require a progress response in the 2025 WMP Update

*\*PG&E is not proposing any New or Discontinued Programs that meet criteria.*

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# Detailed Updates



# Wildfire Risk Model





# Wildfire Risk Model Updates

## Distribution (WDRM v4)

- ✓ Added workplan specific sub models
- ✓ Switched equipment sub models from pixel to asset level
- ✓ Added capacitor banks, voltage regulators, switches, fuses, and dynamic protection devices sub models
- ✓ Implemented risk per line mile for system hardening prioritization
- ✓ Improved vegetation model sensitivity to tree health and wind conditions

## Transmission (WTRM v2)

- ✓ Added vegetation hazard model
- ✓ Added avian hazard model
- ✓ Updated atmospheric corrosion model based on field validation
- ✓ Updated wood pole model reinforcements
- ✓ Updated polymer insulator degradation model
- ✓ Expanded data for calibration method for wind-caused outages (bayesian update)

## Wildfire Consequence (WFC)

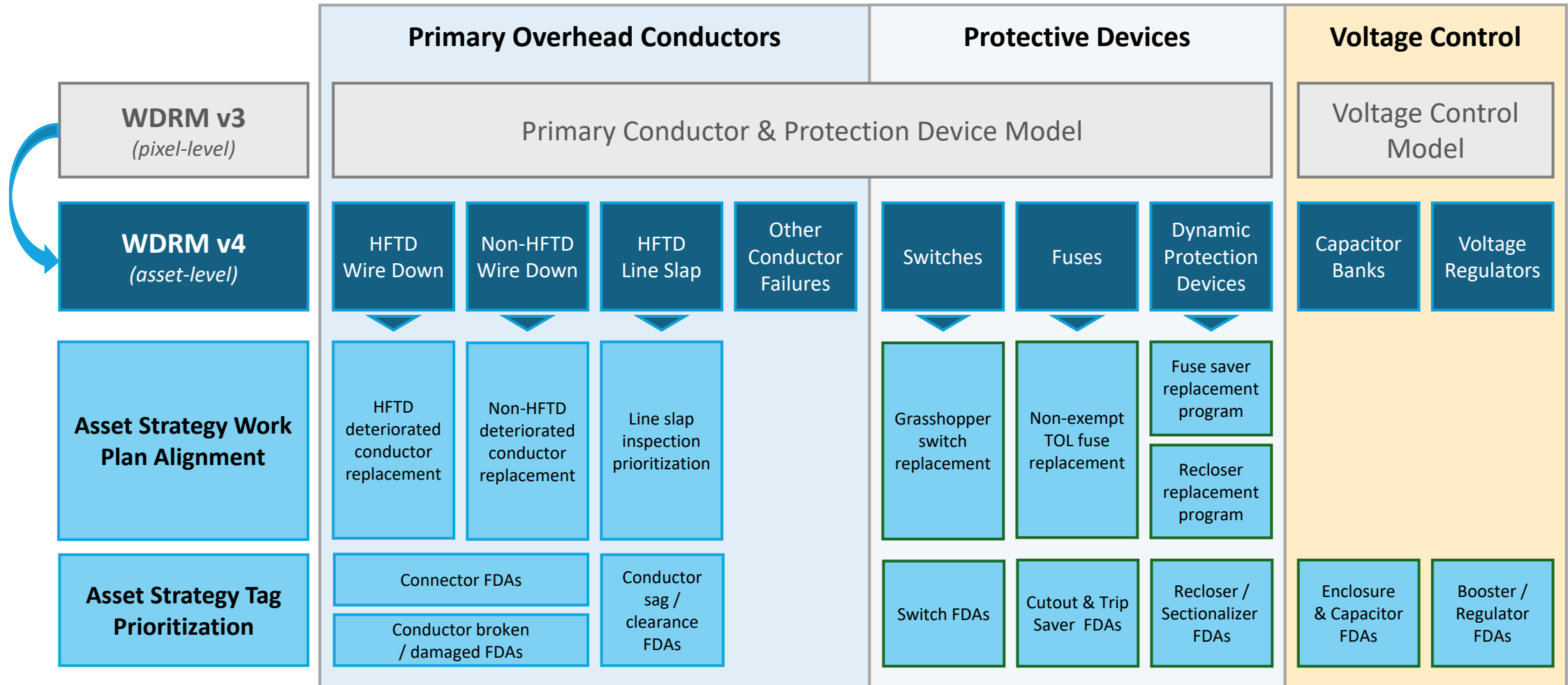
- ✓ RA-01: Incorporate ingress/fire suppression attributes into the Wildfire Consequence (WFC) Model
- ✓ RA-02: Incorporate egress attributes into the WFC Model
- ✓ RA-03: Evaluate an approach to incorporate community vulnerability attributes
- ✓ Improve the WFC model transparency and validity using 24-hour simulations
- ✓ Incorporate dry wind conditions into the WFC model















# WDRM - Equipment Failures Alignment with Asset Strategy Work Planning

Segmentation of models by asset type results in better alignment with asset-specific work planning.



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# WRTM v2 Model Improvements

	Wind	Seismic	Flashover
 <b>Conductor</b>	Atmospheric Corrosion Fatigue		
 <b>Foundation</b>	UG Corrosion		
 <b>Steel Structures</b>	Atmospheric Corrosion	Atmospheric Corrosion	
 <b>Wood Structures</b>	Wood Decay	Wood Decay	
 <b>Insulators</b>	Atmospheric Corrosion		Contamination
 <b>Above Grade Hardware</b>	Fatigue Atmospheric Corrosion		
 <b>Below Grade Hardware</b>	UG Corrosion		
 <b>Splice</b>	Atmospheric Corrosion Fatigue		
 <b>Vegetation</b>			
 <b>Avian</b>			

## Key Improvements to Hazard and Threat Model Components

### Threats:

- Atmospheric Corrosion validation update

### Hazards:

- Expanded Wind data

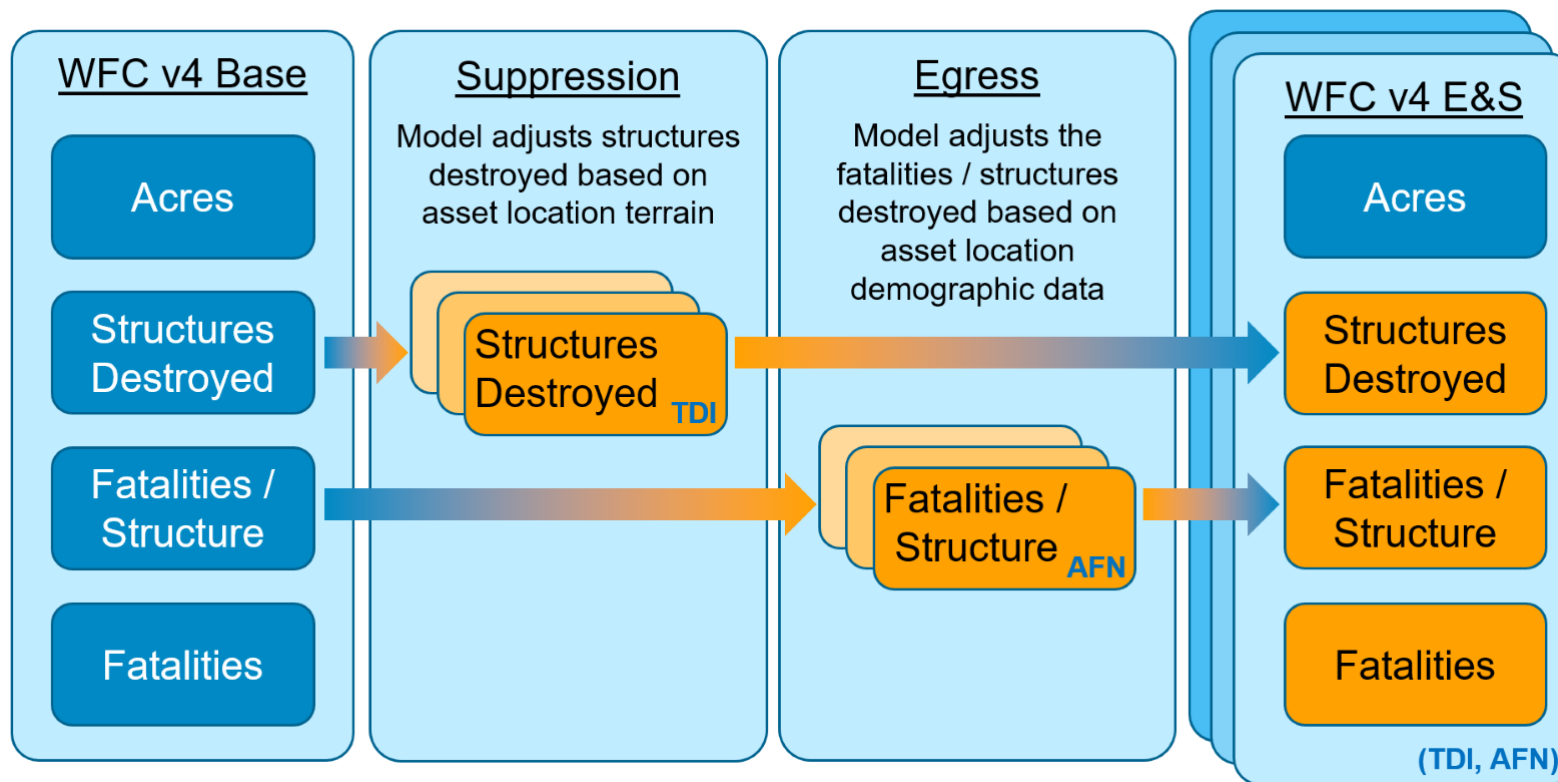
### Models:

- Updated Wood Structures
- Updated Insulators
- New Vegetation
- New Avian

**Model Improvement**

# Distribution and Transmission Wildfire Consequence Update

Suppression adjusts the number of structures lost based on terrain difficulty, while egress adjusts the ratio of fatalities per lost structure based on demographics.



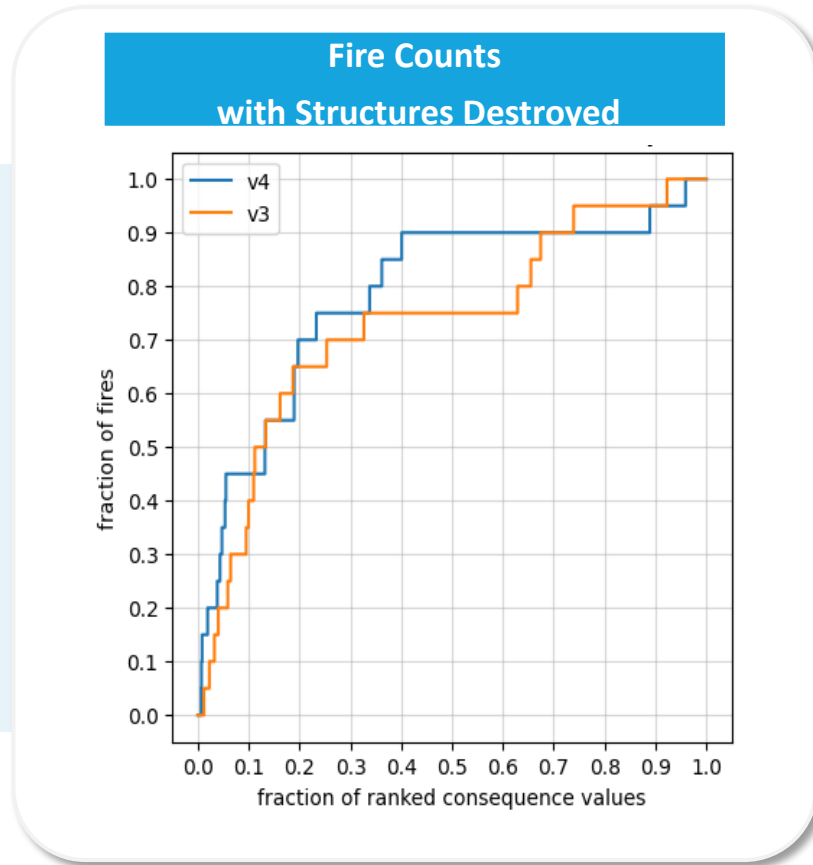
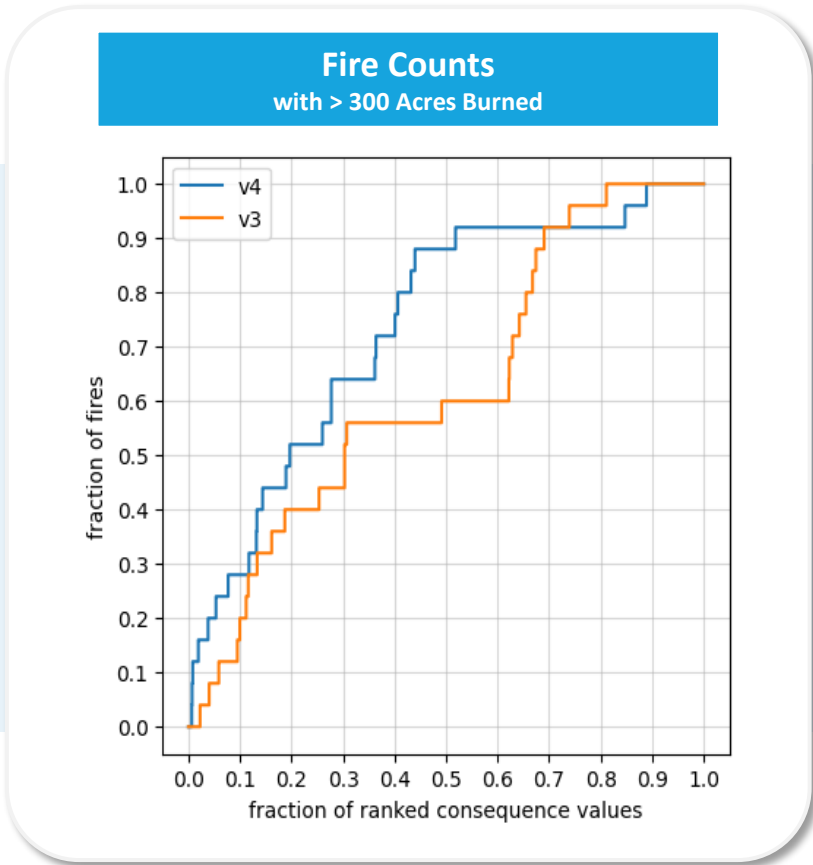
**A two-step approach is used to adjust the WFC for suppression and egress**

- 1 Suppression is informed by Technosylva's simulation of Terrain Difficulty Index (TDI), which provides insight into the terrain difficulties for fighting a wildfire.
- 2 Egress is correlated with access and functional needs population due to mobility issues.

Suppression has a bigger impact on WFC than Egress.

# Wildfire Consequence Performance

Wildfire Consequence Model version four (v4) does a better job of prioritizing locations of high consequence by accounting for more fires than version three (v3).



**Risk Models are statistical predictions of a dynamically variable event.**

Traces represent the percentage of fires addressed by the percentage of prioritization grid locations.

# System Hardening & Undergrounding



## What's Changed



### **System Hardening – Distribution GH-01:**

The change in number of distribution miles hardened between 2023 and 2026, as described in our Base 2023-2025 WMP, from 2,285 miles to an estimated 2,008 miles.



### **Undergrounding GH-04:**

The change in number of underground circuit miles from 550 in 2025 to 330.

This change also impacts the PSPS risk impact mitigation target PS-07 for 2025 with changes to the customer events from 22,000 customer events to 13,000 customer events for 2025.

## Why the Change

- Changes to align the with the mileage targets, risk reduction requirements and authorized amounts in the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) final 2023 General Rate Case (GRC) decision.
- As the reduction of PSPS impacts on customers is directly correlated to completing the undergrounding program, the change to the undergrounding program target in 2025 also impacts the PSPS impact reduction target.



# Aligning System Hardening and Undergrounding Programs with the GRC Decision

Our Wildfire Mitigation Plan System Hardening (includes undergrounding, overhead hardening and line removal) and Undergrounding annual mileage targets were updated to align with the November 2023 General Rate Case approval.

YEAR	SYSTEM HARDENING <sup>(a)</sup>		UNDERGROUNDING <sup>(b)</sup>	
	Base 2023-2025 WMP	2025 WMP Update	Base 2023-2025 WMP	2025 WMP Update
<b>Target Exceeded</b> 2023 <sup>(c)</sup>	420	420	350	350
2024	470	280 <sup>(d)</sup>	450	250 <sup>(d)</sup>
2025	580	520	550	330
2026 <sup>(e)</sup>	815	788	750	440
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,285</b> UG MILES	<b>2,008</b> UG MILES	<b>2,100</b> UG MILES	<b>1,370</b> UG MILES

(a) System Hardening includes estimated overhead covered conductor, undergrounding, and line removal miles.

(b) Undergrounding includes estimated undergrounding and butte county rebuild miles.

(c) Miles provided for 2023 represent the original target miles and do not reflect the actual miles completed for that year.

(d) Miles assume that the target changes requested the 2024 Change Order are approved.

(e) The 2026 miles are provided as a forecast only. Exact target commitment will be included in PG&E's 2026-2028 WMP filing.

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# Wildfire Mitigation Plan Cumulative Updates

Cumulatively this means that PG&E will now be completing significantly less undergrounding than originally proposed and significantly more overhead hardening between 2023 and 2026.

	PG&E GRC/WMP Request	Updated GRC/WMP Total
Undergrounding	2,000	1,230
Overhead Hardening*	~285	778
Subtotal	~2,285	2,008
Butte Rebuild**	175	140
<b>Total Miles</b>	<b>~2,460</b>	<b>2,148</b>

\*Includes installing strong poles, covered powerlines and line removal.

\*\*Butte County fire rebuild projects are not included in the 1,230-mile GRC undergrounding decision but are included in both the base 2023-2025 WMP filing and updated 2025 WMP filing.



# Portable Batteries



## What's Changed



### **New or Replacement of Portable Batteries PS-06:**

Adjusted the 2025 target from 4,000 units to 3,300 to account for outperformance in 2023.

## Why the Change

- To ensure consistency with our 2024 change order plan, we will provide both permanent and portable battery solutions under this program to better serve our customers' needs.
- Aligning with our three-year strategy while remaining committed to cumulatively providing 12,000 batteries across the WMP period.

# Distribution Backlog Tags



## What's Changed



### Distribution Backlog Tags GM-03:

Adjusted the target for distribution backlog tags from 55,000 to 63,747 units across the WMP period.

GM-03 Target	2023	2024	2025	Cumulative
ACI PG&E-23-12	29,000	46,000	79,200	154,200
PG&E's Response (Actuals and Updated Target)	44,453 Actual	46,000 Target	63,747 Target	154,200

## Why the Change

- Aligning with our desire to work down the backlog as soon as possible and incorporate Energy Safety's feedback (ACI PG&E-23-12).
- We adjusted our 2025 target to cumulatively address 154,200 backlog ignition tags across the 2023-2025 WMP Period.

# Transmission Conductor Segment Replacement



## What's Changed



### **New 2025 target (System Hardening):**

Transmission Conductor Segment Replacement (GH-11) to perform conductor segment replacement on two transmission lines.

## Why the Change

- This program and new target, aims to improve the resiliency of our system by replacing spans of conductor where there is no foreseen need for major structure replacement.
- Acceleration of the program also addresses ACI PG&E-22-14, which sought improvements related to “Decreased Transmission Hardening Targets” and demonstrates progress in this area in 2025.

# Appendix





# Asset and Vegetation Inspections Quarterly Target Updates

There are no changes to the annual targets for 2025. Quarterly targets for the Asset and Vegetation Inspection programs are updated to align with execution plans.

Total	Inspection Type	Changes
<b>21</b> Quarterly Inspection Targets	8 Asset Inspection Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide updated quarterly targets for 21 inspections.</li><li>• Where needed/possible provide updated risk impact percentages.</li></ul>
	13 VM Inspection Targets	





# 26 ACIs from WMP Decision: 5 Reported in 2026-2028 WMP

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PG&E-23-05. Updating Grid Hardening Decision Making  
PG&E-23-06. Continuation of Grid Hardening Joint Studies  
PG&E-23-07. Deployment of New Technologies

## Asset Inspections (2)

PG&E-23-08. Covered Conductor Inspection and Maintenance  
PG&E-23-09. Decrease in Detailed Distribution Inspections

## Equipment Maintenance and Repair (3)

PG&E-23-10. Current Limiting Fuse Replacement  
PG&E-23-11. Transformer Predictive Maintenance  
PG&E-23-12. Distribution Backlog Open Tag Reduction Targets

## Grid Operations and Procedures (2)

PG&E-23-13. Workforce Planning and Resource Allocation to Respond to EPSS Events  
PG&E-23-14. Effectiveness Analysis for EPSS Including Implementation of DCD

## Vegetation Management and Inspections (8)

PG&E-23-15. Implementation of Focused Tree Inspections and Addressing the Risk from Hazard Trees  
PG&E-23-16. Updating the Wood Management Procedure  
PG&E-23-17. Consolidation of Vegetation Inspection Programs  
PG&E-23-18. Improving Vegetation Management Inspector Qualifications  
PG&E-23-19. Continued Progression of Vegetation Management Maturity  
PG&E-23-20. Reinspection of Trees in the Tree Removal Inventory  
PG&E-23-21. Identification of High-Risk Species for Focused Tree Inspections  
PG&E-23-22. Continuation of Effectiveness of Enhanced Clearances Joint Study

## Situational Awareness and Forecasting (1)

PG&E-23-23. Weather Station Maintenance and Calibration


## Community Outreach and Engagement (1)

PG&E-23-24. Evaluation of and Plan to Address of AFN Customers

## Cross-Category (2)

PG&E-23-25. Fire Potential Index (FPI) and Ignition Probability Weather (IPW) Enhancements  
PG&E-23-26. Evaluation and Reporting of Safety Impacts Relating to EPSS

ACIs in blue fonts are instructed to report in 2026-2028 WMP



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# 2025 WMP Update Workshop

Jonathan Woldemariam & Joaquin Sebastian Peral



# Agenda

- Risk Assessment
- Wildfire Mitigation Strategy
- Reportable Changes to Targets & Expenditures
- Summary



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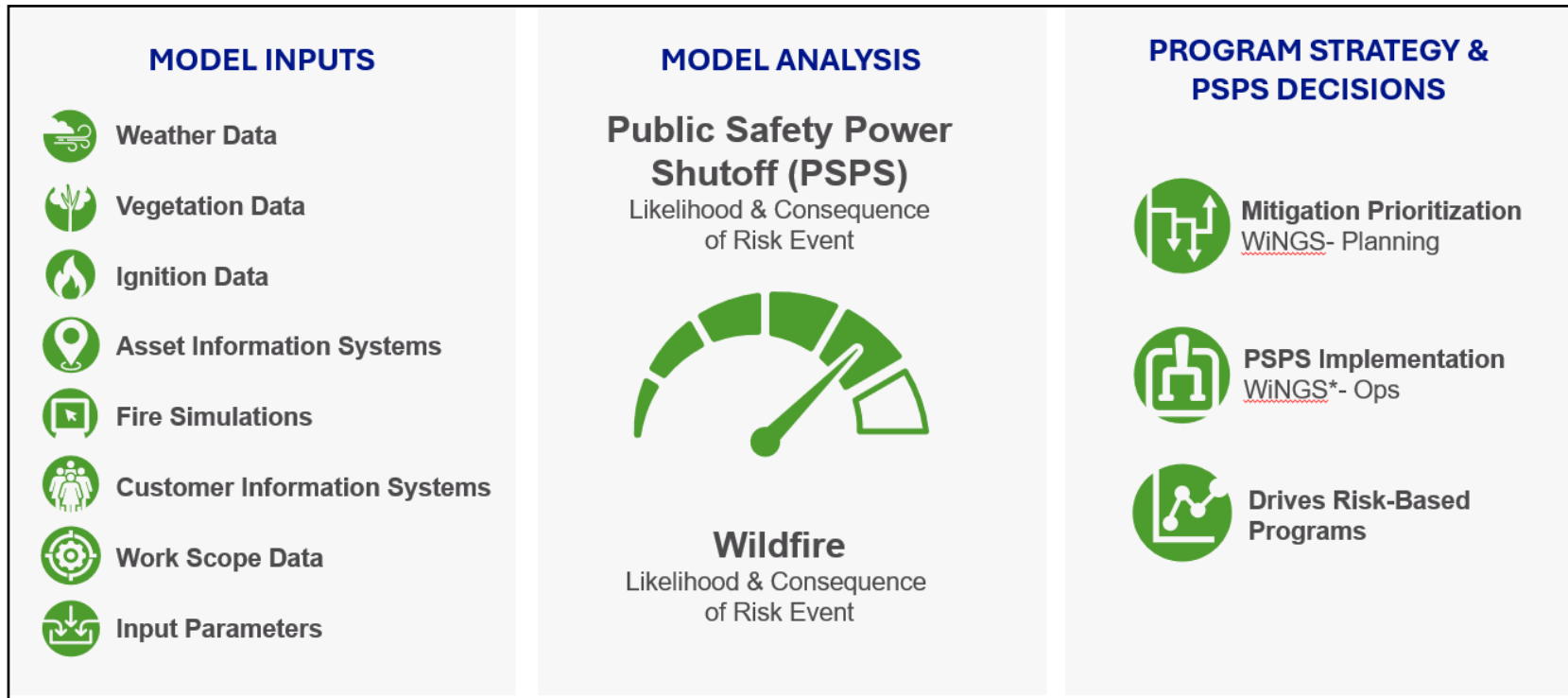
# Risk Assessment

Joaquin Sebastian Peral, Wildfire Risk Analytics Manager



# Risk Assessment

SDG&E continues to **innovate and improve** wildfire mitigation initiatives to **promote community safety** through enhancing risk-informed strategies, advancing technology integration, and continuing stakeholder engagement. In 2023, significant strides were made to **enhance risk modeling** capabilities. These improvements **continue to inform and refine** the Company's mitigation investment strategies and initiative selections, and **optimize** the ability to pinpoint mitigations to areas with the highest wildfire and PSPS risk.



# Updates to Risk Models

WiNGS-Planning and WiNGS-Ops model updates are categorized into the following key areas:



**Model Enhancements** to enhance their overall performance, validation, and utility.



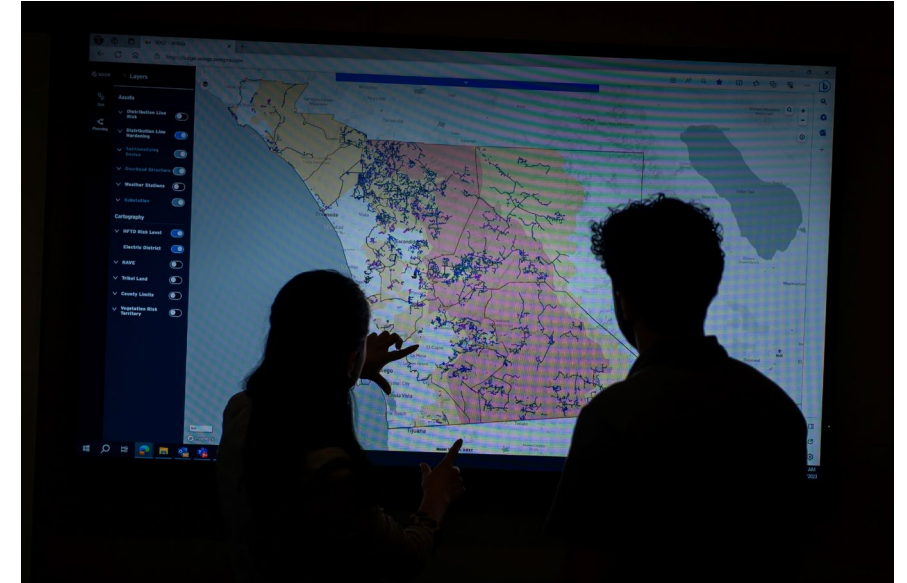
**Data Governance and Data Architecture** to enhance traceability, efficiency, and organizational structure



**Model Validation and User Acceptance** to promote transparency and meet internal and external stakeholder expectations



**Visualization Platform** to promote effective communication and understanding of Wildfire and PSPS risk information.





# 1.1 Significant Updates

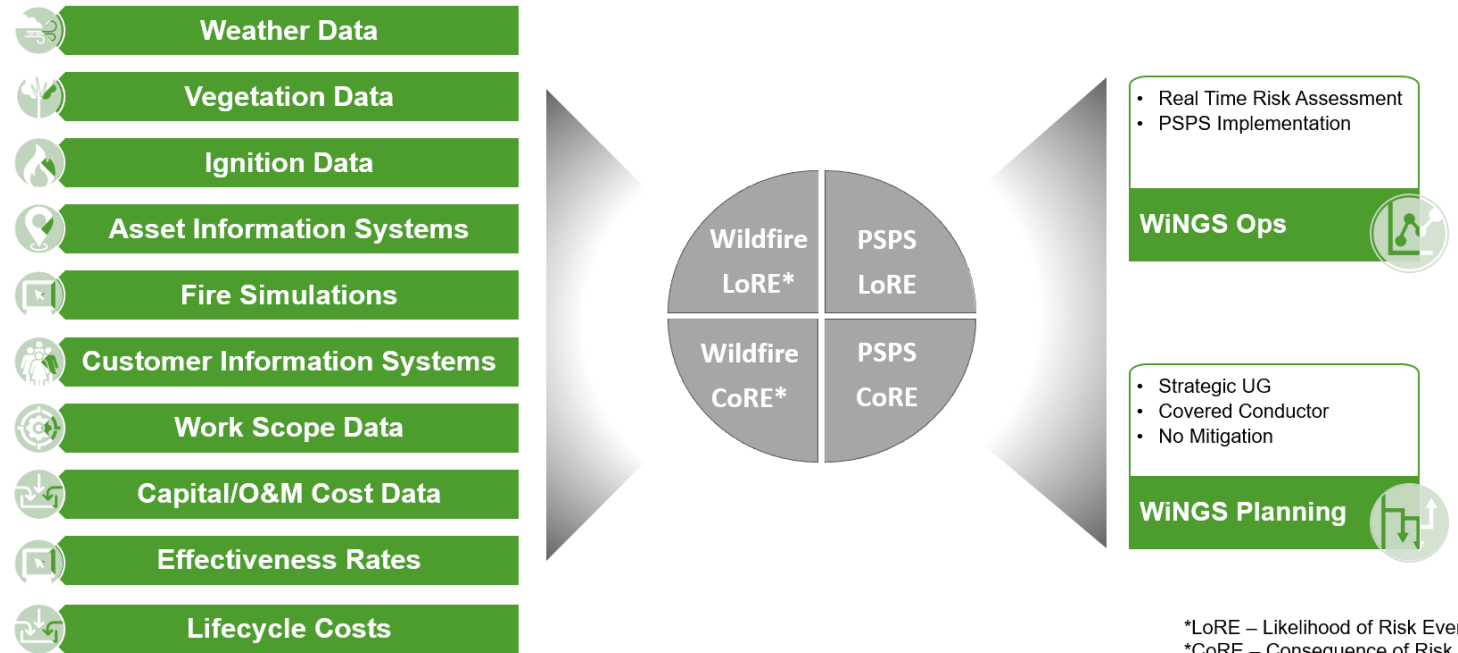
## WiNGS Planning

- Upgrade PSPS Likelihood of Risk Event (LoRE) Risk Assessment
- Update Weather Station Wind Gust Attribute
- Enable Dynamic Upstream Tracing to Calculate Maximum Upstream PSPS Probability

*\*(Resulting in no prioritization changes)*

## WiNGS Operations

- No Significant Updates



\*LoRE – Likelihood of Risk Event  
\*CoRE – Consequence of Risk Event

# 1.1.2 Qualitative Updates



Model Enhancements



Data Governance and Data Architecture



Model Validation and User Acceptance



Visualization Platform

WiNGS  
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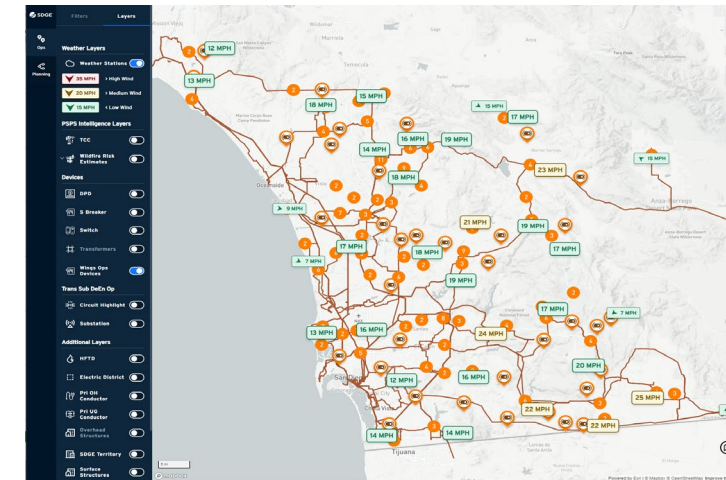
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## WiNGS Planning



## WiNGS Operations



# Risk Assessment and Methodology - ACIs

## 01

### Cross-Utility Collaboration on Risk Model Development

#### Response:

- Participating in Joint IOU risk modeling working group
- Benchmarking against other IOUs in risk analytic practices
- Identifying potential areas of improvement
- Strengthened relationships and alignment with other IOUs and industry partners

## 02

### Calculating Risk Scores using Maximum Consequence Values

#### Response:

- Current methodology uses the maximum acres burned and structures destroyed
- Exploring the use of probability distributions for consequence values
- Align with methodology outlined in CPUC Decision 22-12-027 shifting from MAVF to Cost Benefit Approach
- Transition plan develop for WiNGS-Planning for 2026-2028 WMP

## 03

### PSPS and Wildfire Risk Trade-Off Transparency

#### Response:

- PSPS risk estimates at circuit level are generated but not integrated into the selection of appropriate mitigations
- PSPS risk estimates are leveraged during the scoping process to determine where PSPS benefits can be achieved while prioritizing wildfire mitigations

## 04

### Incorporation of Extreme Weather Scenarios into Planning Models\*

#### Response:

- Will report on progress developing statistical estimates of extreme weather scenarios in 2026-2028 WMP

# Risk Assessment and Methodology - ACIs

## 05

### Cross-Utility Collaboration on Best Practices for Inclusion of Climate Change Forecasts in Consequence Modeling, Inclusion of Community Vulnerability in Consequence Modeling, and Utility Vegetation Management for Wildfire Safety

#### Response:

- The joint IOUs participated in Energy Safety-organized activities related to these items and welcomes continued discussion on this topic

## 06

### Demonstration of Proper Decision Making for Selection of Undergrounding Projects

#### Response:

- SDG&E intends to move from an operational approach (PSPS, situational awareness, sensitive relay profiles, and others) to a sustainable approach (reducing wildfire risk and PSPS impacts).
- Output of the WiNGS-Planning is evaluated through a WiNGS-Planning decision tree and a mitigation prioritization process to determine optimal mitigation approach, including undergrounding.
- A future version of the WiNGS Planning model is expected to include PSPS de-energizations as part of the RSE score and mitigation selection framework.

## 07

### Third-Party Recommendations for Model Improvements

#### Response:

- Test development of the vegetation priority risk model
- Explore other mitigations in WiNGS-Planning
- Perform Sensitivity Analysis
- Incorporate Independent review recommendations into WiNGS-Planning and WiNGS-Ops



# Wildfire Mitigation Strategy

Jonathan Woldemariam, Director



# Our commitment to Wildfire Safety



With the safety and resiliency of the communities we serve as our top priority, SDG&E continues to invest in advancements, technologies and partnerships that:

- Strengthen and protect our infrastructure;
- Improve situational awareness and data analysis;
- Enhance weather prediction and risk modeling;
- Better inform investment strategies and decision-making;
- Prepare communities for increasing wildfire threats brought on by climate change; and

# Move Towards Sustained Approach

SDG&E continues to move from a more operational (e.g., PSPS) wildfire safety approach to a more sustained approach (e.g., undergrounding)



In our **future** state, SDG&E will utilize a more sustained approach:

- Aims for a **permanent** and non-operationally dependent solution
- Seeking to minimize the **full-cycle cost of the hardening solution**
- Mitigate community impacts through a **data-driven methodology** that optimizes investment decisions.

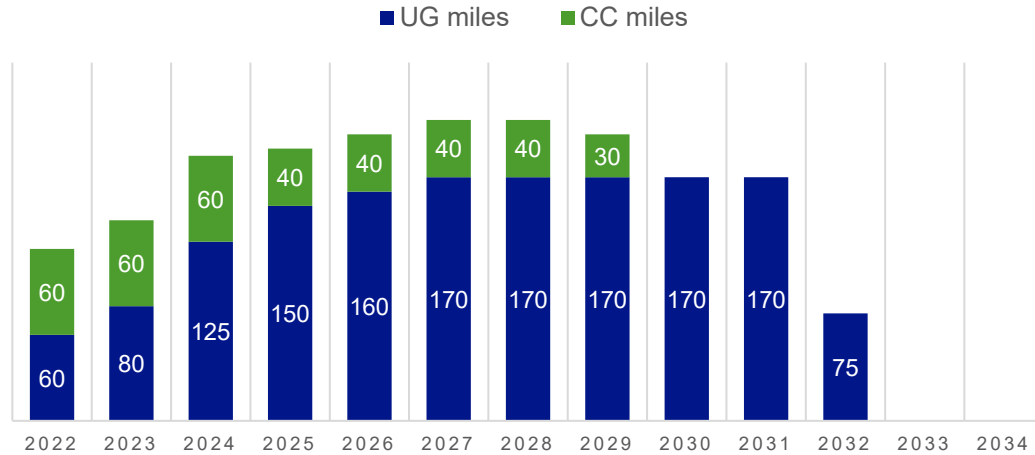
Our **current** state is an operational approach:

- Heavily reliant on **PSPS and situational awareness mitigations** such as setting sensitive relay profiles (SRP) or sensitive ground faults (SGF)
- Some of which require **human intervention** which potentially can introduce **human error**
- Does **not completely eliminate** risk on the system



# Our Approach

## WILDFIRE MITIGATION SCOPE

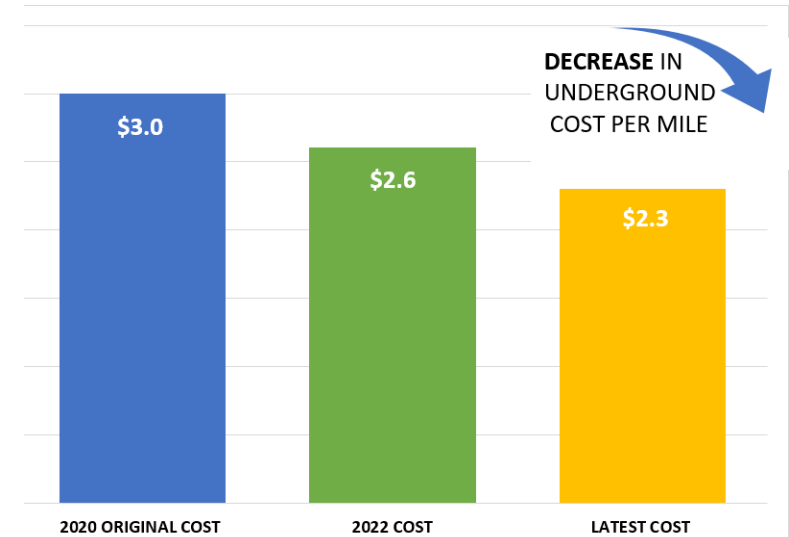


**TOTAL**

**370 miles of Covered Conductor**

**1500 miles UG**

HFTD Hardening	YTD 2023	2032
<b>Undergrounding</b>	2,847 miles (45%)	4,235 miles (65%)
<b>Covered Conductor</b>	119 miles (<2%)	392 miles (6%)
<b>Traditional Hardening</b>	891 miles (14%)	570 miles (9%)
<b>Unhardened</b>	2,400 miles (38%)	1,275 miles (20%)



Anticipate UG costs to go down by gaining efficiencies without compromising safety:

- Reduced trench depths
- Reduced conduit size when applicable
- Implementing new construction technology
- Strategically bidding and bundling projects
- Avoiding and coordinating resurfacing conflicts
- Streamlining and updating the processes, procedures, and policies



**100% Risk-Informed**

Industry-leading risk models informing grid hardening investments



**80+% Wildfire Risk Reduction**



**93% PSPS Risk Reduction**





# Reportable Changes to Targets & Expenditures

Jonathan Woldemariam, Director



# Reportable Changes to Targets and Expenditures Summary

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TARGET CHANGES

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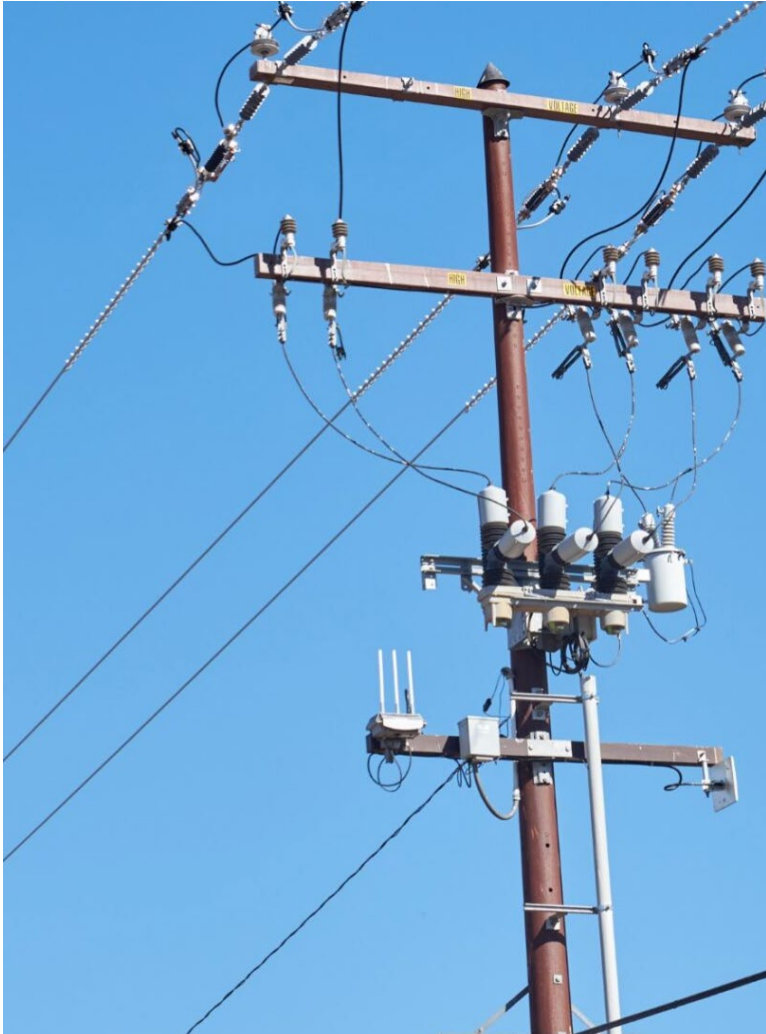
EXPENDITURE CHANGES

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NEW PROGRAMS



# Grid Design and System Hardening



- Transmission Overhead Hardening
- Transmission Overhead Hardening – Distribution Underbuild
- Strategic Undergrounding
- Covered Conductor
- Strategic Pole Replacement
- Microgrids
- Advanced Protection
- Early Fault Detection
- Distribution Communications Reliability Improvements
- SCADA Capacitor Replacement
- Expulsion Fuse Replacement
- Hotline Clamps
- Lightning Arrester Removal/Replacement
- Avian Protection
- Wireless Fault Indicators
- PSPS Sectionalizing Enhancements
- Fixed Power Backup



# Grid Hardening Programs with most notable updates



Initiative	Target Change	CAPEX Change (thousands)	OPEX Change (thousands)	Reason
Covered Conductor	40 to 60 miles	+ \$19,386	+ \$2,498	Shift in work from 2024 to 2025 due to design delays
Strategic Undergrounding	150 to 125 miles	No reportable update	- \$1,212	Revision to work scope and forecasting.
Strategic Pole Replacement	200 to 291 poles	No reportable update	- \$506	Program expansion to include pole loading
Microgrids	0 to 2 microgrids	+ \$14,127	No reportable update	Shift in work from 2024 to 2025 due to land rights, supply chain, increase labor costs
Transmission Hardening	10.2 to 4.64 miles	-	-	Shift in work from 2025 to 2024
Transmission Hardening – Distribution Underbuild	3.4 to 1.8 miles	+ \$9,947	No reportable update	Shift in work from 2025 to 2024; higher costs due to projects beginning in 2025

# Asset Inspections



Distribution Overhead Detailed

Transmission Overhead Detailed

Distribution Infrared

Transmission Infrared

Distribution Wood Pole Intrusive

Transmission Wood Pole Intrusive

Drone Assessments

Distribution Overhead Patrols

Transmission Overhead Patrols

Transmission 69kV Tier 3 Visual

Substation Patrols

QA/QC of Transmission Inspections

QA/QC of Distribution Detailed Inspections

QA/QC of Drone Assessments

QA/QC of Wood Pole Intrusive Inspections

QA/QC of Substation Inspections



## Asset Inspection Programs with most notable updates



Initiative	Target Change	CAPEX Change (thousands)	OPEX Change (thousands)	Reason
Drone Assessments	No change	+ \$34,267	+ \$18,834	Higher costs associated with higher-than-expected volume of findings from completed Tier 2 inspections
Transmission Detailed Inspections	1,979 to 2,479 inspections	+ \$1,537	- \$70	Including existing inspections performed in the WUI within WMP scope
Transmission Infrared Inspections	6,179 to 7,331 inspections	-	-	Including existing inspections performed in the WUI within WMP scope
Transmission Patrol Inspections	6,337 to 7,533 inspections	-	-	Including existing inspections performed in the WUI within WMP scope
Distribution Infrared Inspections	9,532 to 300 inspections	-	- \$165	Transition to risk-based program
QA/QC of Distribution Detailed	66 inspections to 50% of findings	-	-	Align with Energy Safety feedback on 2023-2025 WMP Update.

## New Programs



Initiative	Target	CAPEX (thousands)	OPEX (thousands)	Reason
Weather Station Maintenance and Calibration	216 stations	\$140	-	Evolving from Weather Station installations and upgrades to maintenance of existing stations
Air Quality Station Maintenance	16 sensors	-	\$74	Evolving from Air Quality sensor installations to maintenance of existing sensors

# Areas of Continued Improvement

## 11

### Changes to Scope of Falling Conductor Protection (FCP) Program

Response:

- Scoping for FCP will not change based on the result of the joint IOU combined efficacy study.
- Approximately 60 circuit segments were descoped from FCP and have been targeted for strategic undergrounding

## 12

### Covered Conductor Inspection and Maintenance

Response:

- In 2024, new condition codes will be added to the SAP CMP
- The training curriculum will be updated to include a description of potential issues inspectors should be looking for during Distribution Overhead Patrol Inspections.
- A limited number of Distribution Infrared inspections will be performed to determine if thermography is useful in identifying potential damage conditions to the covered conductor.

## 13

### QA/QC for Inspections

Response:

- Drone inspections are performed on structures in the HFTD and the WUI and are not used to conduct QA/QC for detailed inspections.
- QA/QC audits typically occur within 3 months of the inspection. Pass/fail results were not tracked between 2021 and 2023.
- In the future, supervisors will assess 50% of identified issues, 5% of inspections will be audited via field visits, and desktop review performed within 1 month of the inspection. In addition, pass/fail audit results will be tracked, and trends will be monitored.

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### Weather Station Maintenance and Calibration

Response:

- SDG&E maintains 216 of its 222 weather stations and Forest Technology Systems (FTS) maintains 6 weather stations.
- In 2024, Weather Station Maintenance and Calibration initiative will report on existing annual maintenance activities through QDR process.



# 2025 WMP Update - Key Takeaways

- **Enhance risk modeling** capabilities to inform and refine SDG&E's mitigation investment strategy
- Continuous evaluation and **implementation of new technologies**, further **advancing data science** methodologies to improve predictive analytics and explore further automation of fire detection capabilities
- Aim to **expand collaboration** with other IOUs, academia, agencies, and members of the public to continue to support communities and protect customers from the risks of wildfire and PSPS impacts.

**Help significantly reduce the risk of utility-related wildfire and the impacts of PSPS within our service area.**





**Appendix**



# Section 5 – Areas for Continued Improvement (ACIs)

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SDG&E-23-10. Early Fault Detection Implementation  
SDG&E-23-11. Changes to Scope of Falling Conductor Protection Program

## Asset Inspections (2)

SDG&E-23-12. Covered Conductor Inspection and Maintenance  
SDG&E-23-13. QA/QC for Inspections

## Equipment Maintenance and Repair (1)

SDG&E-23-14. Equipment Maintenance and Repair Maturity Level

## Grid Operations and Procedures (1)

SDG&E-23-15. Evaluation of Sensitive Relay Profile in Highest Risk Areas

## Vegetation Management and Inspections (2)

SDG&E-23-16. Updates on Identifying Additional, Proactive HFTD Inspections  
SDG&E-23-17. Continuation of Effectiveness of Enhanced Clearances Joint Study

## Situational Awareness and Forecasting (2)

SDG&E-23-18. Update Targets Table with Planned Improvements' Measurable Targets  
SDG&E-23-19. Weather Station Maintenance and Calibration

## Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (0)

No ACI's noted.

## Community Outreach and Engagement (0)

No ACI's noted.

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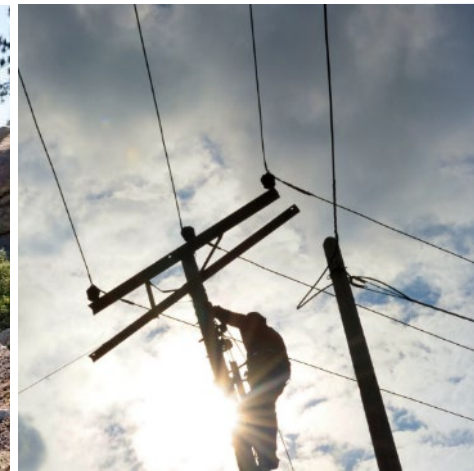
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# BEAR VALLEY



**Bear Valley**  
Electric Service, Inc.  
A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

# **BVES**

# **2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan**

# **Group 1 Workshop**

Paul Marconi, President & Jon Pecchia, Utility Manager

April 25, 2024

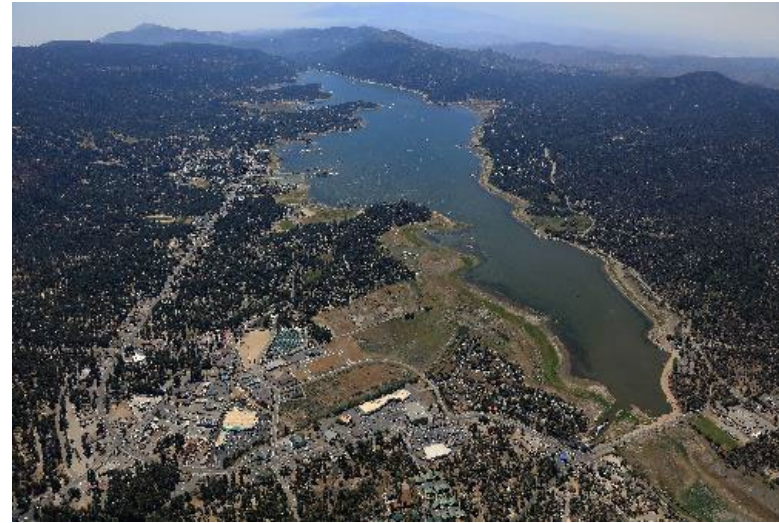


# Outline



**Bear Valley**  
Electric Service, Inc.  
A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

- BVES Service Area Overview
- WMP Accomplishments
- Risk & Risk Analysis Update
- General Report Update
- New Programs
- Area for Improvement: Inspection QA/QC Programs



# Service Area Overview

**Location:** 32 square miles of rural and mountainous terrain at approximately 7,000 ft. in San Bernardino Mountains (80 miles East of Los Angeles). Entire Service Area is > 3,000 ft. elevation requiring more resilient construction standards.

**Key jurisdictions:** County of San Bernardino, City of Big Bear Lake, U.S. Forest Service, CALTRANS

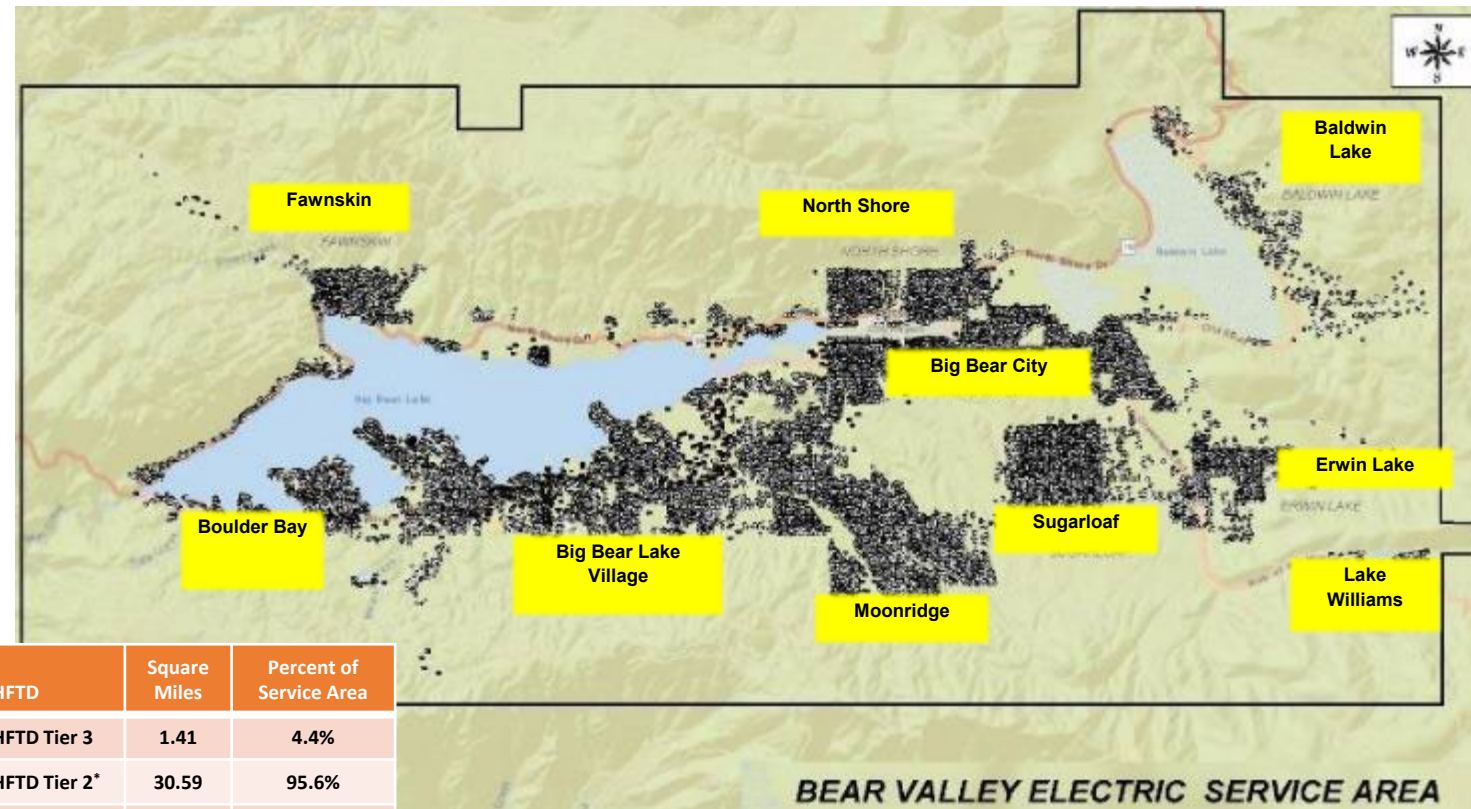
**Customer Meters:** 24,826 total [Residential: 23,238; Commercial: 1,501; CARE: 1,638; AFN: 694]

## Electrical System:

- **Transmission:** BVES does not own or operate any transmission systems (66 kV or greater).
- **Sub-transmission (34.5 kV)**
  - 12.6 circuit miles bare overhead conductor (42.3%)
  - 16.3 circuit miles covered overhead conductor (54.7%)
  - 0.9 circuit miles underground (3.0%)
- **Distribution (4 kV)**
  - 145.5 circuit miles bare overhead conductor (61.9%)
  - 36.4 circuit miles covered overhead conductor (15.5%)
  - 53.2 circuit miles underground (22.6%)
- **Substations:** 13
- **Supply Lines:** 39 MW total
- **Bear Valley Power Plant:** 8.4 MW
- **Service Area Renewable Generation:** 6.16 MW
- **NEM + DGS customers:** 626
- **EV customers:** 15
- **Load is winter & evening peaking**
  - Historical peak: 46 MW (2021)
  - Load delivered: 138,272 MWh (2023)
  - 41.3% qualified to Renewable Portfolio Standards

**As of April 17, 2024, BVES's safety record:**

- **Accident/injury free for 79 days.**
- **No employee fatalities in over 20 years.**
- **No employee contact with High Voltage in over 10 years.**
- **No ignitions in over 20 years.**
- **No wildfires ever.**



HFTD	Square Miles	Percent of Service Area
HFTD Tier 3	1.41	4.4%
HFTD Tier 2*	30.59	95.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	

\*1.78 sq. mi. (5.6%) is Big Bear Lake (no assets).

# Highlights of WMP Initiative Accomplishments



## Covered Wire Program

34.5 kV: 42.3% Bare, 54.7% Covered, & 3.0% Underground (Installed 16.3 circuit miles of covered wire).  
4 kV: 61.9% Bare, 15.5% Covered, & 22.6% Underground (Installed 36.4 circuit miles of covered wire).

## Radford Line Replacement Project

Obtained USFS permit for project to replace a bare wire sub-transmission line and 95 wood poles with high-performance covered conductor and fire resistant (ductile iron) poles located in High Fire Threat District Tier 3 (“extreme fire risk”). Start construction May 2024 and complete by end of 2024.

## Expulsion Fuse Program

All 3,114 expulsion fuses were replaced with current limiting or electronic fuses. There are no expulsion fuses in BVES system.

## Pole Loading Assessment Program

Poles tested: 4,063; Poles replaced: 1,490; Poles remediated: 366.

## Tree Attachment Removal Program

Tree Attachments removed: 809; Tree Attachments remaining: 398.

## Evacuation Hardening Program

Installed wire mesh on 2,506 wood poles; replaced 335 wood poles with 102 fire resistant composite poles and 233 lightweight steel poles. 2,841 poles (approximately 31.9% of BVES’s poles) have been hardened for evacuation purposes.

## Substation Automation Program

6 of 13 substations fully automated. By the end of 2024, 11 of 14 substations will be fully automated.

## Switch & Field Device Automation Program

13 switch of 40 fully automated. By the end of 2024, 23 of 40 switches will be fully automated.

## Capacitor Bank Replacement and Automation Program

6 of 24 capacitor banks fully automated. By the end of 2024, 12 of 24 capacitor banks will be fully automated.

## Fuse TripSaver Automation Program

10 of 190 Fuse TripSavers fully automated. By the end of 2024, 60 of 190 Fuse TripSavers will be fully automated.

## Weather Stations

Installed 20 weather stations throughout the service area.

## Fault Localization Isolation and System Restoration (FLISR)

Installed 10 IntelliRupter Switches on sub-transmission system loop to establish a FLISR self-healing system.

## Risk Modeling

Developed full field effect wildfire probability and consequence maps for 2021 & 2050 (REAX Engineering) and implemented Technosylva’s Wildfire Analyst Enterprise (WFA-E) and FireSight Model. Implemented BVES specific Fire Potential Index (Technosylva model).

## Advanced Inspection

Established routine of conducting annual LiDAR, UAV Photography & Videography, UAV Thermography, and 3rd Party Independent Patrols of the entire system. These are in addition to GO-165 Detailed & Patrol Inspections and conducting 850 intrusive wood pole inspections per year.

## Enhanced Vegetation Management

Implemented increased radial clearances on all power lines and “blue-sky” requirement on sub-transmission lines. Removed 795 hazard trees.

Vegetation density in right of ways has been significantly reduced (as measured by LiDAR):

2020: 25.4%

2022: 20.2%

2023: 15.4%

Since 2019, BVES’s vegetation management program has removed 795 hazard trees and trimmed 35,101 trees.

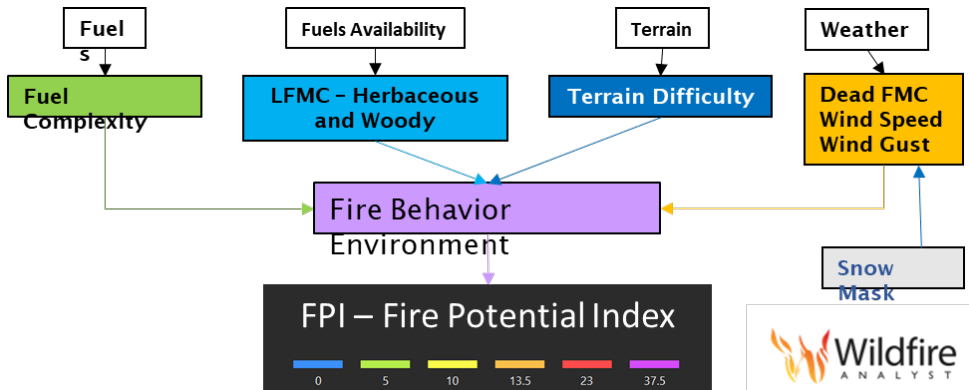
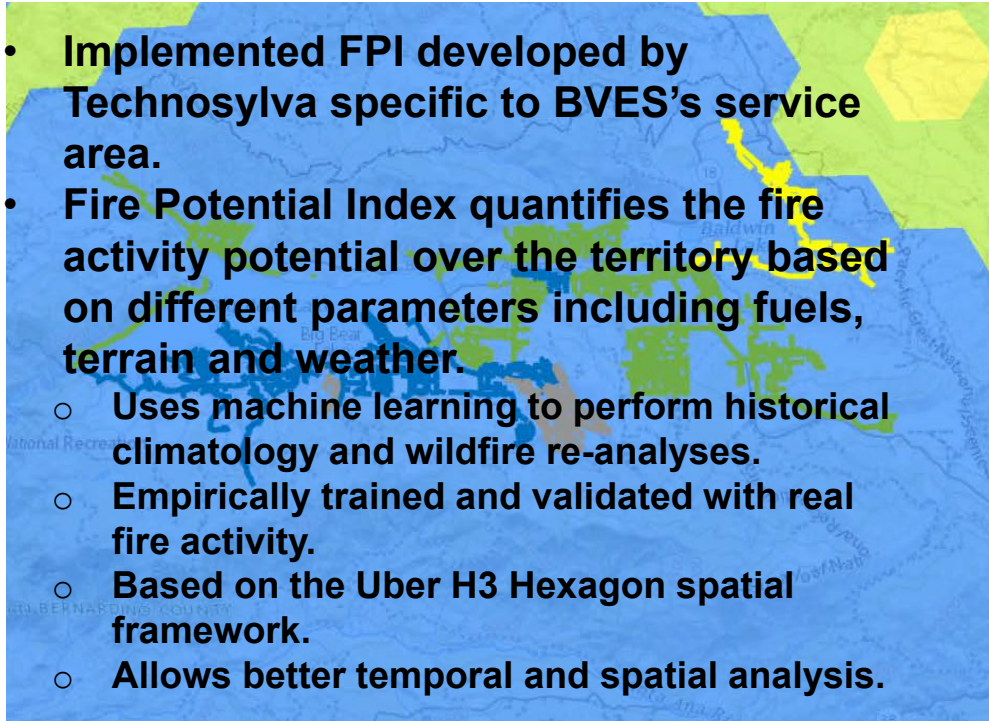
Date	System Risk (Per Fire Safety Model)
12/31/2019	115,969
12/31/2020	110,745
12/31/2021	90,386
12/31/2022	81,829
12/31/2023	74,354
12/31/2024	37,626*
12/31/2025	26,243*
12/31/2033	8,520*

\*Projected risk score base on planned initiatives.



# Fire Potential Index

- Implemented FPI developed by Technosylva specific to BVES's service area.
- Fire Potential Index quantifies the fire activity potential over the territory based on different parameters including fuels, terrain and weather.
  - Uses machine learning to perform historical climatology and wildfire re-analyses.
  - Empirically trained and validated with real fire activity.
  - Based on the Uber H3 Hexagon spatial framework.
  - Allows better temporal and spatial analysis.



**Operational actions, PSPS preparatory actions, and PSPS activation** are dependent on FPI value and actual field conditions.

FPI Category	Very Low and Low	Moderate	High	Very High/Extreme
Auto-Reclosers and Protective Switches with Reclosing Capability	Automatic <sup>1</sup>	Manual	Manual (Non-Automatic)	Manual (Non-Automatic)
Fuse TripSavers	Automatic <sup>1</sup>	Automatic <sup>1</sup>	Manual (Non-Automatic)	Manual (Non-Automatic)
Designate which circuits are under:(1)Consideration(2)In Scope	No	No	Yes	Yes
Deploy Wildfire Risk Team(s) to circuits "In Scope".	No	No	Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes
Cease using any spark producing tools and equipment for circuits under consideration or in scope.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Cease vegetation management work for circuits under consideration or in scope.	No	No	Yes <sup>5</sup>	Yes
Cease "high risk" energized line work for circuits under consideration or in scope. <sup>6</sup>	No	No	Yes	Yes
Forward to Field Operations updated list of medical baseline customers and impacts access and functional needs population.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Review Local Government, Agencies, First Responders, Critical Infrastructure, and Stakeholder notification lists and procedures.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

FPI Category	Very Low and Low	Moderate	High	Very High/Extreme
Review customer notification procedures.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Activate EOC.	No	No	Yes <sup>7</sup>	Yes
Initiate Local Government, Agencies, First Responders, Critical Infrastructure, and Stakeholder notification in accordance with BVES PSPS Procedures.	No	No	Yes <sup>8</sup>	Yes <sup>8</sup>
Initiate customer notification in accordance with BVES PSPS Procedures.	No	No	Yes <sup>8</sup>	Yes <sup>8</sup>
Prepare Bear Valley Power Plant for sustained operations.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Conduct switching operations to minimize impact of potential PSPS activity	No	No	Yes	Yes
Activate first responder, local government and agency, customer and community, and stakeholder PSPS communications plan.	No	No	Yes <sup>9</sup>	Yes <sup>9</sup>
Activate Community Resource Centers.	No	No	Yes <sup>10</sup>	Yes
Invoke Public Safety Power Shutoff.	No	No	Yes <sup>11</sup>	Yes <sup>11</sup>

FPI categories	FPI value	FPI percentile
Very Low	< 5	<60
Low	5-10	60-80
Moderate	10-13.5	80-85
High	13.5-23	85-95
Very High	23-37.5	95-99
Extreme	> 37.5	>99

PSPS de-energization of circuits is a measure of last resort invoked based on actual extreme fire threat conditions in the field.

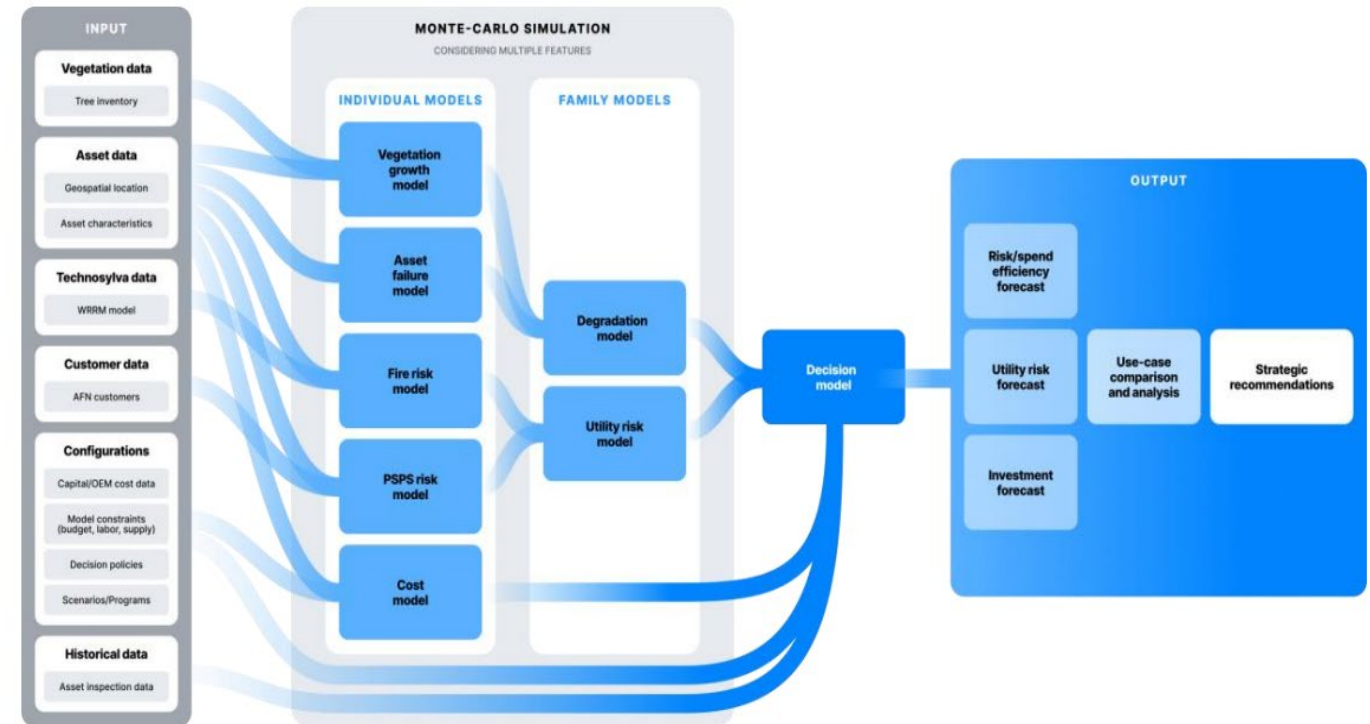
# Dynamic Risk Models – Utility Risk



Utility Risk (developed by Direxyon) is the weighted product of Wildfire Risk and PSPS Risk.

## Wildfire Risk

- Wildfire Probability
  - **POI**: Probability of Ignition (from Technosylva)
  - **POF**: Probability of Asset Failure (from Technosylva)
  - **Condition modifiers**: SME defined
- Wildfire Consequence
  - **Wildfire Exposure Potential**
    - Population Affected
    - Buildings Affected
    - Acres Burned
  - **Wildfire Vulnerability**
    - Customer Data (customer counts)



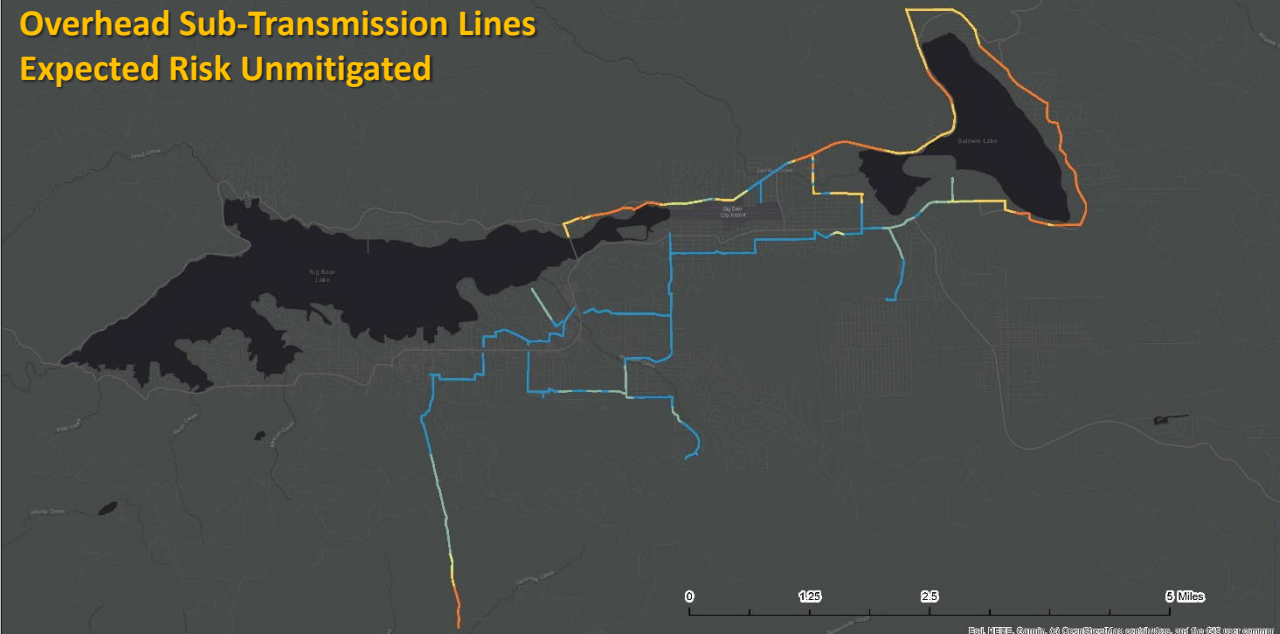
## PSPS risk

- PSPS Probability (FPI)
- PSPS Consequence (PSPS Exposure -Technosylva and Customer weighted data)
- PSPS Vulnerability (Customer weighted data)

# Asset Hardening Risk Model - FireSight

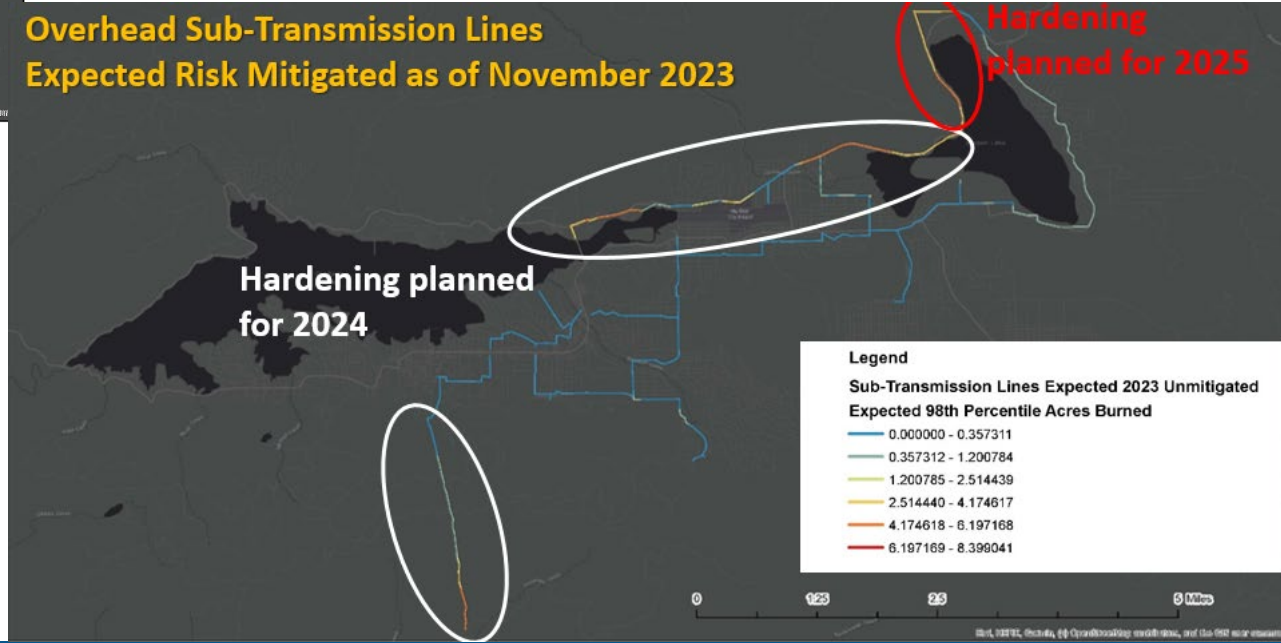


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Technosylva's FireSight model integrates equipment failure and ignition probability data for assets with individual fire spread predictions to determine which assets are most likely to fail and cause an ignition.

- FireSight model (formally the Wildfire Risk Reduction Model (WRRM)) was implemented in February 2023
- Model assumed no WMP grid hardening initiatives (map above)
- As of November 2023, map includes WMP grid hardening initiatives (map to right)
- Similar maps were created for the Distribution System (4 kV)
- Maps prioritize grid hardening efforts



# General Report Update



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## Radford Line Replacement

- USFS Permit obtained: Jan 3, 2024
- Construction begins: May/June 2024

## Covered Conductor and Pole Replacement

- Exceeded Plan in 2023
- For 2025 to complete the Initiative
  - **Circuit miles**: reduced to 5.1
  - **Pole replacements**: reduced to 100



## Adjustments to Upgrades for Substations

- Maltby: rescheduled for 2025
- Lake: rescheduled for 2026
- Village: rescheduled for 2027



# New Program - Satellite Imaging to Monitor Vegetation Encroachment

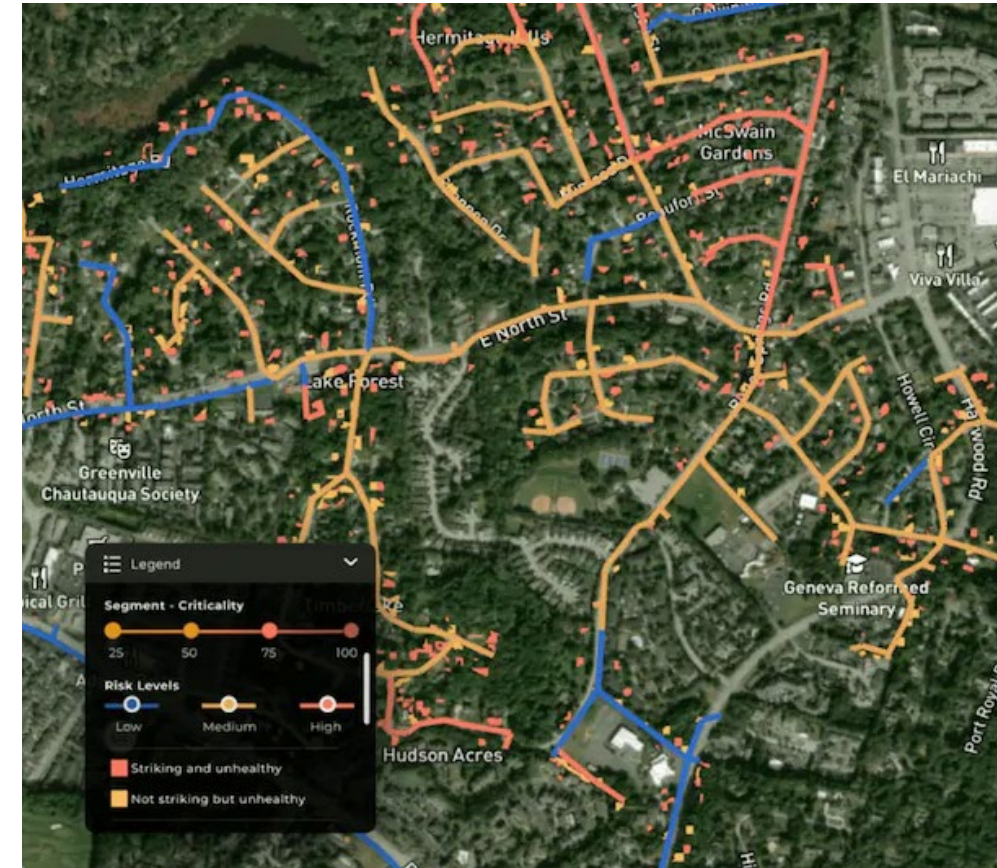


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**BVES is utilizing satellite data to assist with vegetation management in partnership with AiDash.**

The first survey identified 3.5 circuit miles of overhead lines to visit for potential issues, which had been next on BVES's cycle schedule.

- **Contractor:** AiDash
- **Benefits:**
  - Provides a quick gross assessment of areas for vegetation management
  - Compliments LiDAR, UAV Photography/Videography, UAV Thermography, 3rd Party Independent Patrols, and BVES GO-165 Detailed & Patrol Inspections





# New Program - Inspection Camera Pilot

**BVES is conducting a pilot program to install cameras that continuously monitor the pole line in partnership with Green Grid Inc.**

Utilizing artificial intelligence, the system autonomously monitors vegetation growth, assets, physical conditions, and ignitions.

**Contractor:** Green Grid Inc. (GGI)

## **Benefits:**

- Advises the need for pole maintenance and management
- Provides remote maintenance inspections
- Informs operations crews on potentially hazardous events
- Reduced risk to the humans and environment.
- Provides information for extreme weather event recovery
- Expedites PSPS power restoration operations
- Reduced operational costs



# Area for Improvement: Inspection QA/QC Programs



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- Asset Inspection QA/QC Programs
  - BVES has finalized written QA/QC procedures for the following inspections: Detailed, patrol, UAV thermography, UAV photography/video, LiDAR, intrusive pole, and substation.
  - Standardized inspection forms for each type of inspection.
  - Photographs are taken during inspections with timestamping and stored.
- Vegetation Management Quality Control Programs.
  - Added additional qualifications for Quality Control Personnel
  - Added the requirement that a certified arborist must conduct 100% QC checks of tree trimming activities in the BVES territory.



# Questions

# 15-MINUTE BREAK

Back at 2:30 pm

# OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Reminder to raise hand or use Q&A chat function in Zoom.

# RISK METHODOLOGY & ASSESSMENT

# GRID DESIGN, OPERATIONS, & MAINTENANCE

# VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS)

# OTHER/LAST CALL FOR QUESTIONS

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Opening Comments for Group 1 ECs are due May 7, 2024
- Docket 2023-2025-WMPs is your primary source of information regarding WMP evaluations:  
<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2023-2025-WMPs>
- Data Request (DR) responses are available at each electrical corporation's website and summaries of DRs received by the utilities are available at:  
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