

**Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ("BVES")**

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**DATA REQUEST**

**Request Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024

**Response Due:** Friday, June 7, 2024

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**Data Request Number:** OEIS-P-WMP\_2024-BVES-003

**Subject(s):**

- Q01. Regarding 2025 Asset and Vegetation Management Inspection Targets
- Q02. Regarding BVES's Response to BVES-23-11
- Q03. Regarding BVES's Expenditure Changes

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Provide all information in your possession, custody, or control, or the possession, custody, and/or control of your affiliates or agents, that is responsive to these data requests by the due date identified above.
2. Responses and documents may be produced and served electronically, but they must be fully machine-readable and searchable.
3. If you have any questions about the meaning or scope of the data requests herein, direct such questions to the Energy Safety staff identified as the “Originator” of this request at your earliest opportunity.
  - a. Lack of clarity on meaning or scope of requests without prior request for clarification from the “Originator” will not be a permissible reason for incomplete responses and will be regarded as non-compliance with the request.
4. Identify the personnel (e.g., employees, consultants, agents, etc.) who provided information responsive to each of the data requests below. As used in this context herein, “identify” means to provide the full name, email, business address, and title of each employee, consultant, or agent who provided such information.
5. If you do not know the exact answer to any of the requests below, please so indicate and provide your best estimate.
6. Provide data in its original format (e.g., PDF, Excel, GIS shapefile, etc.), unless otherwise specified in the request.
7. Submit your response to the 2023-2025 WMP Data Requests docket (#2023-2025-WMP-DRs) by close of business on the response due date. Submit confidential information through the confidential e-filing process. Do not submit confidential responses through email.
8. Email the non-confidential portion of the response to Blythe Denton (Blythe.Denton@energysafety.ca.gov), copying:
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## REQUEST

### Q01. Regarding 2025 Asset and Vegetation Management Inspection Targets:

- a. In BVES's 2025 WMP Update BVES states that it "made updates to its GIS data... and determined that the overhead system contains 205 circuit miles not 211 circuit miles... [and] has adjusted "End of Year Target 2025" for the circuit mile-based Inspection programs (GD\_26 – GD\_30 & VM\_2 – VM\_5)." <sup>1</sup> Energy Safety understands that there are a total of 205 circuit miles. While the number of overhead circuit miles was corrected, the inspection programs are still targeting to inspect 100% of BVES's overhead system in 2025.
  - i. Is Energy Safety's understanding of BVES's inspection targets, correct? That is, inspections targeting 205 circuit miles are targeting 100% of BVES's overhead system?  
(1) If not, clarify and explain the implications of the adjusted targets.

#### RESPONSE:

Yes. The inspections are targeting 100% of the BVES overhead system, which is 205 circuit miles.

### Q02. Regarding BVES's Response to BVES-23-11

- a. Within BVES's status update on area for continued improvement BVES-23-11: Covered Conductor Inspections and Maintenance, BVES states that it will "update its patrol and detailed inspection checklists to in [sic] these items."<sup>2</sup>
  - i. Provide a timeline for when BVES plans on updating its detailed inspection checklists as discussed in this response.

#### RESPONSE:

Detailed inspection findings are entered and maintained in the iRestore software asset inspection program. The timeline for updating the detailed inspection checklists is as follows:

- Initiate action to update iRestore software for covered conductors by June 21, 2024.
- Detailed inspection checklist hardcopy (instruction) to be updated by June 28, 2024.
- Field Inspector training to be completed by June 28, 2024.
- Any Detailed inspection findings in the covered conductor area to be entered as a note in iRestore by June 28, 2024.
- iRestore software updated for covered conductor inspection by September 30, 2024.

### Q03. Regarding BVES's Expenditure Changes

- a. BVES's 2025 WMP Update includes expenditure changes for three initiatives that are not included as part of changes to the approved 2023-2025 Base WMP targets, objectives, and expenditures: GD\_10, GD\_11, and GD\_22.<sup>3</sup>
  - i. For each one of these, provide an explanation for the requested changes to projected expenditures, including any associated changes to targets if applicable.

**RESPONSE:**

**GD\_10 Bear Valley Solar Project**

BVES has filed the necessary application to the CPUC for the Bear Valley Solar Project and initiated CEQA. The project was not originally scheduled for completion until after 2025. Now that the application and permitting process has progressed, it is possible the project will be completed in 2025; therefore, the spending is now listed under the 2025 Adjusted Capital. The Bear Valley Solar Project is listed in Table 8-2 Grid Design, Operations and Maintenance Objectives (10-year Plan) of the approved 2023-2025 Base WMP.

**GD-11 Energy Storage Project**

BVES has filed the necessary application to the CPUC for the Energy Storage Project and initiated CEQA. The project was not originally scheduled for completion until after 2025. Now that the application and permitting process has progressed, it is possible the project will be completed in 2025; therefore, the spending is now listed under the 2025 Adjusted Capital. The Energy Storage Project is listed in Table 8-2 Grid Design, Operations and Maintenance Objectives (10-year Plan) of the approved 2023-2025 Base WMP.

**GD\_22 Partial Safety and Technical Upgrades to Maltby Substation**

Partial Safety and Technical Upgrades to Maltby Substation were originally scheduled for completion in 2024. The substation upgrades have been rescheduled to 2025 due to long lead times for delivery of substation equipment; therefore, the spending is now listed under the 2025 Adjusted Capital. This project is listed in Table 8-1 Grid Design, Operations and Maintenance Objectives (3-year Plan) of the approved 2023-2025 Base WMP.

**END OF REQUEST**

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<sup>1</sup> BVES's 2025 WMP Update (May 29, 2024), p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> BVES's 2025 WMP Update (May 29, 2024), p. 18.

<sup>3</sup> BVES's 2025 WMP Update (May 29, 2024), p. 8.