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Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (“BVES” or “Bear Valley”) hereby transmits for filing the following:

**Subject:** Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.'s Quarterly Notification Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7)

**Background:** Public Utilities Code (“PUC”) section 8389(e) establishes the requirements for annual safety certifications, including quarterly notification of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety and an information-only submittal of the same notification to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding an electrical corporation's progress in implementing its approved wildfire mitigation plan and the recommendations from its most recent safety culture assessments (pursuant to both PUC section 8386.2 and section 8389[d][4]), a statement of the recommendations of the board of directors safety committee from meetings that occurred during the quarter, and a summary regarding the progress in implementing the safety committee recommendations from the electrical corporation’s previous quarterly notification and information-only submittal.

## **Discussion**

### **1. Quarterly Information-Only Submittal to the CPUC.**

Bear Valley is simultaneously submitting this quarterly notification to the California Public Utilities Commission as an information-only submittal via email to Executive Director Rachel Peterson at [Rachel.peterson@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Rachel.peterson@cpuc.ca.gov), Safety Policy Division at [safetypolicycentralfiles@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:safetypolicycentralfiles@cpuc.ca.gov), and serving the following service lists: Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.) 21-10-001 (Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop Safety Culture Assessments for Electric and Natural Gas Utilities), R.18-10-007 (Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Electric Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans Pursuant to Senate Bill 901), or their successors, and the service lists for Bear Valley’s most recent general rate case (GRC) application proceeding A.22-08-010. Additionally, this filing will be posted to the BVES website at <https://www.bvesinc.com/safety/wildfire-mitigation-plan>.

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### 2. Quarterly Progress Report on WMP Implementation.

Bear Valley tracks 77 initiatives established in its 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (“WMP”). Bear Valley’s WMP initiatives are designed to mitigate the risk of wildfire due to a fault on the electric system and reduce the risk of Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS) to customers. These mitigations are categorized across six categories within the WMP, which are: Grid Design, Operations and Maintenance, Vegetation Management and Inspections, Situational Awareness and Forecasting, Emergency Preparedness, Community Outreach and Engagement, Overview of the Service Territory, and Risk Methodology and Assessment.

In Attachment A, Bear Valley provides an initiative summary of progress for individual mitigation measures during Q1 2025. Bear Valley’s quarterly initiative summary presentation includes information submitted to the OEIS under the Quarterly Data Report (“QDR”) filings for Q1 2025 prepared in accordance with Energy Safety Data Guidelines (Version 4.01) as of March 21, 2025.

#### 2.1. Overview of Significant Achievements.

BVES made significant progress in achieving its WMP initiative targets for 2025. As of the end of Q1 2025, some of the more significant achievements were:

- **Covered Conductor Replacement Project (GD\_1).** 2025 target is 5.1 circuit miles. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target. BVES will begin replacing bare conductors with covered conductors in Q2.
- **Covered Conductor Replacement Project – Pole Replacements (GD\_4).** 2025 target is 100 poles replaced. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target. BVES will begin replacing poles to support covered conductor installation in Q2.
- **Evacuation Route Hardening Project (GD\_6).** 2025 target is to install fire-resistant wire mesh on 500 wood poles. BVES installed the fire-resistant wire mesh on 500 wood poles along the evacuation routes achieving the 2025 target ahead of schedule.
- **Tree Attachment Removal Project (GD\_19).** 2025 target is to remove 100 tree attachments. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target. BVES also removed 1 tree attachment during Q1, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 0. BVES will start significant tree attachment removal field work in Q2.
- **Substation Automation (GD\_12).** 2025 target is to automate 3 substations. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target. BVES plans to automate the first of three planned substations in Q2.
- **Switch and Field Device Automation (GD\_13).** 2025 target is to automate 10 switches. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target. Also, BVES automated 3 field switches during Q1, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 0.
- **Capacitor Bank Upgrade Project (GD\_14).** 2025 target is to replace and automate 6 capacitor banks. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target. BVES expects to receive the capacitor banks from the vendor in May 2025. BVES plans to begin replacing and automating the capacitor banks starting in Q3.
- **Fuse TripSaver Automation (GD\_15).** 2025 target is to automate 50 Fuse TripSavers. During Q1 BVES conducted planning work to support achieving its 2025 target.

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Additionally, BVES automated 35 Fuse TripSavers during Q1, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 0.

- **Substation Inspections (GD\_32 and VM\_6).** 2025 target is to conduct 144 substation inspections. During Q1, BVES conducted 39 substation inspections, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 36.
- **Vegetation Clearance (VM\_9).** 2025 target is to clear vegetation along 72 circuit miles of power lines. During Q1, BVES cleared 25 circuit miles, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 18.
- **Fall-in mitigation (VM\_10).** 2025 target is to remove or remediate 88 trees. During Q1, BVES removed 25 trees, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 22.
- **Public Outreach and Education Awareness Program (COE\_1).** 2025 target is to conduct 360 public outreach and education events. During Q1, BVES conducted 310 public outreach and education events, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 90.
- Asset inspection status:
  - **Detailed Inspection per GO-165 (GD\_25).** 2025 target is 53 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted 12 circuit miles, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 9.
  - **Patrol Inspection per GO-165 (GD\_26).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted 57 circuit miles, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 51.
  - **UAV Thermography (GD\_27).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q2.
  - **UAV HD Photography/Videography (GD\_28).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q2.
  - **LiDAR Inspection (GD\_29).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q2.
  - **3rd Party Ground Patrol (GD\_30).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. The inspection will be conducted in Q3.
  - **Intrusive Pole Inspection (GD\_31).** 2025 target is 850 poles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q3.
- Vegetation management inspection status:
  - **Detailed Inspection per GO-165 (VM\_1).** 2025 target is 53 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted 12 circuit miles, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 9.
  - **Patrol Inspection per GO-165 (VM\_2).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted 57 circuit miles, which is ahead of its Q1 target of 51.
  - **UAV HD Photography/Videography (VM\_3).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q2.
  - **LiDAR Inspection (VM\_4).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q2.
  - **3rd Party Ground Patrol (VM\_5).** 2025 target is 205 circuit miles. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. The inspection will be conducted in Q3.

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- **Satellite Imaging (VM\_19).** 2025 target is to conduct one satellite survey of service area. During Q1, BVES conducted planning for this inspection. Data acquisition is expected to be conducted in Q2.

### 2.2. Overview of Delays or Problems That Arose.

In Bear Valley's 2024 Q4 Quarterly Notification Letter (NL), two initiatives, Fuse TripSaver Automation Project and Capacitor Bank Upgrade Project, were reported as being behind their 2024 targets as follows:

<b><u>Initiative</u></b>	<b><u>2024 Target</u></b>	<b><u>2024 Actual</u></b>
Fuse TripSaver Automation (GD_15)	50	27
Capacitor Bank Upgrade (GD-14)	6	4

The connectivity challenges that BVES experienced in connecting the Fuse TripSavers and Capacitor Banks to its SCADA network were resolved and BVES completed connecting the remaining 23 of 50 Fuse TripSavers and remaining 2 of 6 Capacitor Banks to the SCADA network; thereby, completing all of Bear Valley's 2024 targets. BVES also implemented improvements to the way it executes these projects based on the lessons learned from the challenges it experienced in 2024 to its 2025 grid automation project plans.

In Bear Valley's 2025 WMP Update, BVES revised the target dates for BVES initiatives Bear Valley Solar Project (GD\_10) and Energy Storage Project (GD\_11) to 100% complete in 2025. These initiatives are designed to reduce the impact of PSPS due to a loss of Southern California Edison (SCE) power supply lines when SCE initiates a PSPS on these lines. The regulatory approval process for these projects is taking significantly longer than anticipated. BVES filed an application (A.24-05-020) for both projects with the CPUC on May 17, 2024. The application was initially assigned to ALJ Robert Haga. On October 16, 2024 it was reassigned to ALJ Trevor Pratt, who then conducted a pre-hearing conference on November 12, 2024. The CPUC issued a Scoping Memorandum, which establishes the issues to be resolved and the schedule, on February 24, 2025. Per the CPUC's schedule, a Decision is not expected until the end of 2024 or beginning of 2025. It is not prudent for BVES to order material for the projects until regulatory approval is received; therefore, we do not believe these projects will be completed before the end of 2025. In fact, it is Bear Valley's assessment, based on the regulatory approval process and supply chain lead times, that the projects will not be fully operational until 2027. If BVES can shorten the schedule to complete the projects sooner, BVES will certainly do so since this is the best solution for Bear Valley's customers to mitigating PSPS impact due to loss of SCE power supply lines.

### 3. Quarterly Progress Report on Implementing Safety Culture Assessment Recommendations.

On March 22, 2024, Energy Safety issued the 2023 Safety Culture Assessment (SCA) report for BVES. On March 25, 2024, Bear Valley issued a letter to Energy Safety formally accepting the SCA report's recommendations. The 2023 SCA report had three recommendations, which Bear Valley has completed implementing. The recommendations were as follows:

**Refine Contractor Strategic Improvement Plan:** Energy Safety finds that BVES should continue to act on the 2022 SCA recommendation on reviewing and refining its current strategic

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improvement plan to address gaps in overall safety culture for contractors in collaboration with its contractors. BVES should continue its progress towards this goal and should propose ways to improve contractor relationships with BVES supervisors and contractor empowerment to address problems in a timely fashion. BVES should continue making improvements to its efforts to onboard, train, and otherwise engage contractors in its strategic plan. BVES should consider the role of BVES supervisors in listening to, supporting, and empowering contractors. The BVES improvement plan should include measures like listening sessions to better understand and respond to contractor perceptions, increased presence of leadership at job sites to witness challenges encountered by contractors, and increased training to improve the ability of frontline supervisors to communicate effectively with contractors and ultimately improve the safety culture among contractors. Energy Safety notes that the goals of this recommendation are to continue progress on improving supervisory support and guidance for BVES contractors and increase contractor empowerment to respond to problems in a timely fashion.

In response to this recommendation, BVES has implemented a strategy to further improve contractor safety culture as follows:

- Bear Valley reviewed the SCA reports for 2021, 2022, and 2023 regarding contractor performance at BVES and at California electric investor owned utilities (IOUs) and found the results at BVES (1) unchanged over the last three years and (2) were consistently lower than the other IOUs that performed similar SCAs over the last three years.
- BVES is building upon the measures it has already put in place to improve contractor safety culture and will add in the following additional actions:
  - Meet with contractor leadership and go over the 2023 SCA as well as past SCAs. (Completed in June 2024.)
  - Conduct listening sessions to better understand and respond to contractor perceptions. (Completed in November 2024.)
  - Increase presence of leadership at job sites to witness challenges encountered by contractors. (Implemented in July 2024 and ongoing.)
  - Increase training to improve the ability of frontline supervisors to communicate effectively with contractors and ultimately improve the safety culture among contractors. (Completed in July 2024.)
  - Conduct training to make sure contractors understand how their work is an integral part of the BVES Wildfire Mitigation Plan and impacts public safety. (Completed in November 2024.)
  - Reach out to other investor owned utilities (IOUs) to develop best practices for improving contractor safety culture. (Completed in January 2025.)
  - Add "Contractor Engagement Strategy" as a BVES Safety Culture Objective in Bear Valley's 3-year Safety Culture Plan (fully achieve objective by 2026). (Completed in September 2024.)

### **Address Safety Culture Opportunities for the Design and Construction Business Unit:**

Energy Safety states BVES should develop and implement a strategic improvement plan to address the workforce survey result indicating that Engineering and Planning employees have a less positive experience of safety culture in the wildfire mitigation work context than other employees. The survey also indicated that this unit may need support in focusing and avoiding distractions. In 2022 a similar recommendation addressed the Design and Construction business unit's relatively low scores on the workforce survey, indicating a less positive experience of

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safety culture than other employees: BVES should also continue looking at how safety culture perceptions might differ in that business unit and how that unit might require additional support. Energy Safety notes that the goals of this recommendation are to improve the safety culture in the Engineering & Planning business unit, bringing it into alignment with the safety culture in other BVES business units.

In response to this recommendation, BVES implemented a strategy to address the 2023 SCA workforce survey result indicating that Engineering & Planning employees have a less positive experience of safety culture in the wildfire mitigation work context than other employees. The strategy builds upon actions taken to improve the Design and Construction business unit's relatively low scores on the 2022 SCA workforce survey and includes the following actions:

- Conduct listening sessions to better understand and respond to Engineering & Planning perceptions. (Completed in July 2024.)
- Conduct one-on-one meetings between the BVES President and Engineering & Planning employees to further gauge their safety culture views and refine plan to improve their safety culture. These sessions are designed to be open two- way conversations and to solicit employee inputs and perceptions on safety culture at BVES. (Completed in September 2024. One-on-one employee meetings is now an ongoing process year round.)
- Increase training to reinforce the elements that promote improved safety culture and safety related communications. For example, BVES President will continue to make it clear to all employees, including the Engineering & Planning group, that:
  - No job should start until everyone on the team understands the task at hand and safety precautions and is satisfied that the safety precautions being taken are appropriate and more than sufficient;
  - No job should be performed in a manner below the Company's high standards that might in any way compromise worker or public safety;
  - Any employee is fully empowered to stop work and has the duty to do so, if they believe public or worker safety is at risk or being compromised;
  - While the Company has set challenging WMP initiative targets, the drive to achieve these targets should never serve as a cause to compromise the Company's high standards and put worker or public safety at risk;
  - Discuss the importance of focusing on one task at a time and avoiding distractions. Explain while multi-tasking is present in our daily work, employees should still only focus on one task at a time and avoid distractions. If conflicts arise, employees should stop work and alert their Supervisor for further guidance; and
  - Conduct training to make sure Engineering & Planning employees understand how their work is an integral part of the BVES Wildfire Mitigation Plan and impacts public safety. (Completed in November 2024.)

**Strengthen Safety-Enabling Systems:** Energy Safety indicates BVES should continue to act on the 2022 SCA recommendation to strengthen its safety-enabling systems by improving protocols for responding to safety events (near misses and hazards), including their reporting and management. In connection with this, BVES should further develop its "Empowered Employees" 3-year objective, described in its 2023 safety culture objectives, to improve employee understanding of the importance of reporting unsafe conditions and monitoring the number and quality of near miss and hazard reporting. In addition, BVES should conduct at least

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one training session on near-miss reporting protocols. BVES should identify and address any barriers to reporting within its safety-enabling systems (procedures, software, communication, etc.). Energy Safety notes that the goals of this recommendation are to improve employee understanding of the importance of and process for submitting safety event (near-miss and hazard) reports and to promote continuous learning.

In response to this recommendation, BVES has implemented the following plan of action to Strengthen Safety-Enabling Systems:

- Develop and implement improved protocols for responding to safety events (near misses and hazards), including their reporting and management. (Completed in June 2024. “Near Misses” are now referred to as “Safety Improvement Opportunities” at BVES to encourage employees to self-report.)
- Further develop BVES’s “Empowered Employees” 3-year objective, described in BVES’s 2023 safety culture objectives, to improve employee understanding of the importance of reporting unsafe conditions and monitoring the number and quality of near miss and hazard reporting. (Completed in November 2024.)
- Conduct at least one training session on near-miss reporting protocols. BVES should identify and address any barriers to reporting within its safety-enabling systems (procedures, software, communication, etc.). (Completed in August 2024.)
- Incorporate “safety improvement opportunities” (near-miss and hazard) reporting into Bear Valley’s behavior based safety program implementation. (Completed in January 2025.)
- Set up training class to introduce Behavioral Based Training for the operations crews. (Completed in February 2025.)

In January and February 2025, Bear Valley employees and contractors completed the 2024 SCA surveys and Bear Valley provided requested safety culture assessment materials requested by Energy Safety and its SCA contractor.

### 4. Board of Directors Safety and Operations Committee Recommendations.

During Q1 2025, the Safety and Operations Committee (“Safety Committee”) met once on February 27, 2025.

#### 4.1. Recommendations from the Most Recent Quarter.

On February 7, 2025, the Safety Committee recommended that the BVES Board approve additional CAPEX budget for resourcing of WMP initiatives for 2025 and 2026 via unanimous written consent procedures. The Board approved the CAPEX budget recommendation and it was fully implemented by BVES management.

At the February 27, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, the Safety Committee recommended that the Board approve CAPEX budget to support development expenses for a solar and battery project to mitigate the impact of Public Safety Power Shut-offs initiated by SCE to the power supply lines that supply Bear Valley’s service area. The Board approved this recommendation and it was fully implemented by BVES management.

#### 4.2. Progress on Previous Recommendations.

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There are no outstanding or unresolved prior Safety Committee recommendations.

### 4.3. Summary of Significant Topics Covered at Safety And Operations Committee Meetings.

At the February 27, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, the Safety Committee heard presentations and conducted discussions on the following topics of significance on current safety items at BVES including:

- Wildfire Mitigation Plan compliance;
- 2023-2025 WMP initiative targets, progress on achieving the targets, resourcing WMP initiatives, and challenges in executing WMP initiative targets;
- Status of implementing 2023 SCA recommendations;
- Safety certification and progress in achieving the requirements to obtain a safety certification;
- Safety metrics and performance;
- Funding and resourcing of WMP initiatives;
- Proposed initiatives and targets to be included in the 2026-2028 WMP;
- Results and recommendations from a study for BVES regarding enhanced power line safety settings (EPSS); and
- Revisions to the thresholds at which BVES would initiate PSPS on circuits to prevent ignitions during periods when wildfire conditions exist.

Sincerely,

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### Attachment A

Initiative Summary of Progress for Individual Mitigation Measures during Q1 2025





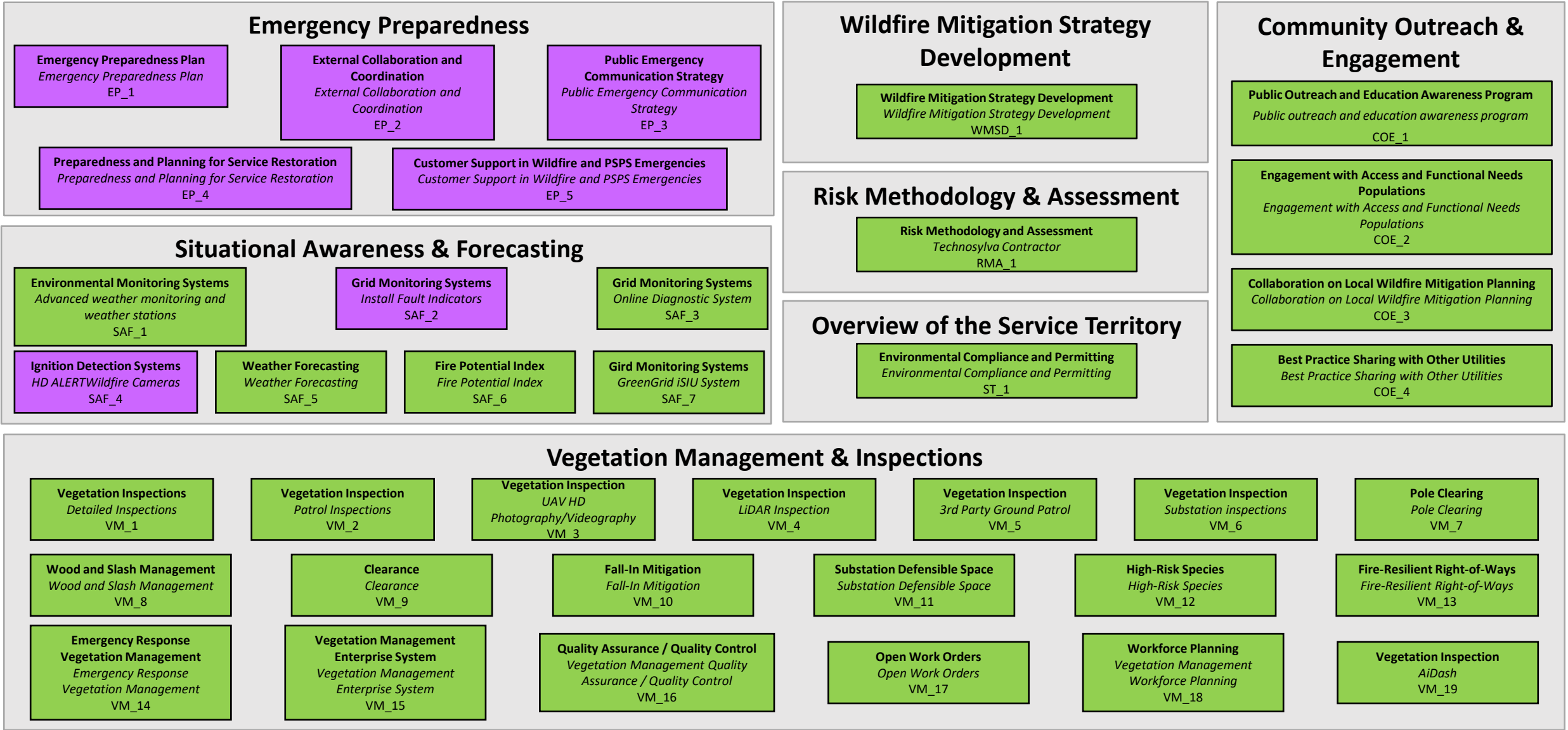
# **Wildfire Mitigation Plan Quarterly Notification Letter Initiatives Update**

**Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.**

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# WMP Activity Summary

Not Started Completed/Ongoing Ahead of Plan On Track Off Track Not Currently Scheduled\*

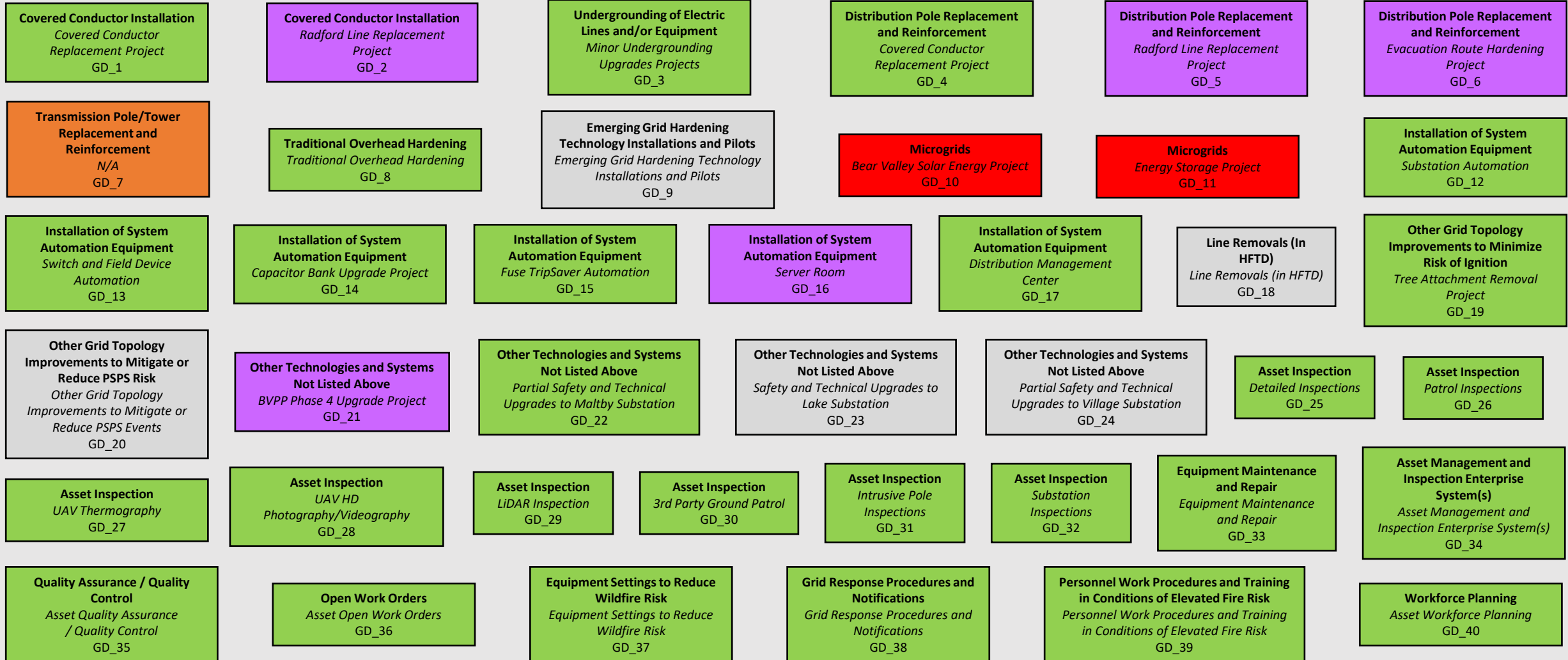


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# WMP Activity Summary

Not Started
  Completed/Ongoing
  Ahead of Plan
  On Track
  Off Track
  Not Currently Scheduled\*

## Grid Design, Operations & Maintenance



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# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Plan  
EP\_1

**Established /  
Ongoing**

External Collaboration and Coordination  
EP\_2

**Established /  
Ongoing**

Public Emergency Communication Strategy  
EP\_3

**Established /  
Ongoing**

Preparedness and Planning for Service Restoration  
EP\_4

**Established /  
Ongoing**

Customer Support in Wildfire and PSPS Emergencies  
EP\_5

**Established /  
Ongoing**

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response Program and PSPS Plan:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES did not record an emergencies in Q1 of 2025. This means that the use of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Program was not required. BVES continues to review the effectiveness of its PSPS Plans and its Emergency Response through internal review and desktop exercises.

## Community Outreach & Engagement

Public Outreach and Education Awareness Program  
COE\_1

**On Track**

### **Public Outreach and Education Awareness Program:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES planned to conduct a minimum of 360 outreach activities in 2024.

**Key Actions:** BVES conducted 310 outreach activities as of the end of Q1 exceeding its quarterly target.

Collaboration on Local Wildfire Mitigation Planning  
COE\_3

**On Track**

### **Collaboration on Local Wildfire Mitigation Planning:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to engage with Local Support (Fire Department & Forest Service) on a regular basis to discuss project statuses as well as general needs and gaps for the upcoming fire season.

**Key Actions:** BVES established plans to engage in coordination efforts based on PSPS activations, which will include suppression agencies.

Engagement with Access and Functional Needs Populations  
COE\_2

**On Track**

### **Engagement with Access and Function Needs (AFN)**

#### **Populations:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES has an established program in place to identify AFN customers and provide assistance during PSPS.

**Key Actions:** BVES continues to evaluate the functionality of its AFN program as it relates to PSPS and wildfire events. As of Q1 BVES verified the AFN list, and associated needs 6 times. This initiative is on track for 2025.

Best Practice Sharing with Other Utilities  
COE\_4

**On Track**

### **Best Practice Sharing with Other Utilities:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to evaluate the available working groups and conferences and make determinations on which groups/conferences add the most value to their wildfire program.

**Key Actions:** BVES attended 18 conferences, working groups and meetings as of the end of Q1. This initiative is on track for 2025.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Situational Awareness & Forecasting

Environmental  
Monitoring Systems  
SAF\_1  
**Advanced Weather  
Monitoring and  
Weather Stations  
On Track**

### **Advanced Weather Monitoring and Weather Stations:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BV completed the installation of all planned Weather Stations in 2022. This program has transitioned to maintaining normal operation of said equipment. As of late 2023 BV has established a maintenance program for the weather stations.

**Key Actions:** BVES has scheduled maintenance to be completed on all of the weather stations in 2025.

Grid Monitoring Systems  
SAF\_2  
**Fault Indicator  
Instillation  
Completed**

### **Fault Indicator Instillation:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** There are no FI installations planned for 2025.

**Key Actions:** This initiative was completed.

Grid Monitoring Systems  
SAF\_3  
**Online Diagnostic  
System  
On Track**

### **Online Diagnostic System:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to install online diagnostic capabilities on 1 circuit in 2025, and that will occur in Q3.

**Key Actions:** BVES is on track to complete this initiative in 2025.

Ignition Detection  
Systems  
SAF\_4  
**HD ALERTWildfire  
Cameras  
Completed**

### **HD ALERTWildfire Cameras:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BV completed the installation of all planned HD ALERTWildfire Cameras in 2022. BVES provides O&M support as requested by USCD (HD ALERTWildfire Camera owner).

**Key Actions:** All cameras are in operation providing complete and overlapping coverage of the BVES service territory.

Weather Forecasting  
SAF\_5  
**On Track**

### **Weather Forecasting:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BV employs a weather consultant and uses Technoslyva's WFA-E application as its modeling software for wildfire spread potential based off current weather conditions.

**Key Actions:** This is an ongoing effort that continued throughout Q1.

Fire Potential Index  
SAF\_6  
**On Track**

### **Fire Potential Index:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** As of late 2023 BVES has transitioned to using the FPI developed by Technosylva as part of its daily operations.

**Key Actions:** Daily BVES operations monitors the FPI data to make critical operations decisions as it relates to wildfire risk

Grid Monitoring Systems  
SAF\_7  
**GreenGrid iSIU System  
On Track**

### **GreenGrid iSIU System:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES has installed GreenGrid iSIU System nodes on two circuits in BVES service territory. In 2025 BVES will evaluate the need for additional circuits to receive GreenGrid iSIU nodes.

**Key Actions:** BVES continued to evaluate the need for installation of additional nodes on circuits within BVES service territory.



# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Risk Methodology & Assessment

Risk Methodology and Assessment  
RMA\_1  
Technosylva Contractor Program  
On Going

**Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource:**  
**2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES plans to continue its work with Technosylva to maintain its real time risk mapping capabilities with accurate electrical system inputs.  
**Key Actions:** Regular meetings to discuss program status with Technosylva have been conducted on a monthly basis.

## Overview of the Service Territory

Environmental Compliance and  
Permitting  
ST\_1  
On Going

**Environmental Compliance and Permitting:**  
**2025 Goal:** Environmental Compliance and Permitting is an as-needed program for BVES. When new projects are launched BVES relies on its environmental consultant to confirm all permitting requirements for the projects. The consultant also verifies that all current BVES facilities have their appropriate permits.  
**Key Actions:** Ongoing review of permitting for BVES facilities and projects are being conducted as needed.

## Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Development

Wildfire Mitigation Strategy  
Development  
WMSD\_1  
On Going

**Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Development:**  
**2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES plans to issue its 2026-2028 Base WMP for approval. Following approval, the WMP will be posted to its website for public viewing.  
**Key Actions:** BVES submitted its WMP to Energy Safety on April 18, 2025.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Vegetation Management & Inspection

Vegetation Inspections  
VM\_1  
**Detailed Inspection  
On Track**

### Detailed Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 53.0 circuit miles of detailed inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 12 circuit miles of detailed inspection in Q1 of 2025. BVES is on track to complete the goal.

Vegetation Inspection  
VM\_2  
**Patrol Inspection  
On Track**

### Patrol Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 205.0 circuit miles of patrol inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 57 circuit miles of patrol inspection in Q1 of 2025. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025

Vegetation Inspection  
VM\_3  
**UAV HD Photography /  
Videography  
On Track**

### UAV HD Photography / Videography:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of UAV HD Photography/Videography inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES plans to complete 205.0 circuit miles of UAV HD Photography/Videography inspection in Q3.

Vegetation Inspection  
VM\_4  
**LiDAR Inspection  
On Track**

### LiDAR Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of LiDAR inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES plans to complete 205.0 circuit miles of LiDAR inspection in Q3.

Vegetation Inspection  
VM\_5  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Party Ground Patrol  
OnTrack**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Ground Patrol:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of 3<sup>rd</sup> party ground patrol inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES plans to complete 205.0 circuit miles of 3<sup>rd</sup> party ground patrol inspection in Q3.

Vegetation Inspection  
VM\_6  
**Substation Inspections  
On Track**

### Substation Inspections:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 144 substation inspections in 2024.

**Key Actions:** BVES conducted 39 substation inspections in Q1. BVES is on track to meet the goal of 144 substation inspections in 2025.

Pole Clearing  
VM\_7  
**On Track**

### Pole Clearing:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES has an established pole clearing program. Throughout the year BVES reviews the procedure and updates it as needed.

**Key Actions:** BVES continues to evaluate where pole clearing is necessary and conducts pole clearing as required.

Wood and Slash  
Management  
VM\_8  
**On Track**

### Wood and Slash Management:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES's vegetation contractor is responsible for waste removal requirements by contract.

**Key Actions:** BVES verified that the contractor adhered to the waste removal requirements outlined in the contract.

Clearance  
VM\_9  
**On Track**

### Vegetation Clearance:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 72 circuit miles of clearing in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 25 circuit miles of clearing as of Q1. This initiative is on track to meet the goal of 72 circuit miles in 2025.

Fall-In Mitigation  
VM\_10  
**On Track**

### Fall-In Mitigation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to remove 88 trees in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 25 tree removals in Q1 of 2025. BVES is on track to meet the goal of 88 removals in 2025.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Vegetation Management & Inspection

Substation Defensible  
Space  
VM\_11  
**On Track**

### **Substation Defensible Space:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES's plans to conduct 13 substation vegetation abatements in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES plans to complete 13 substation abatements in Q2 of 2025.

High-Risk Species  
VM\_12  
**On Track**

### **High-Risk Species:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES conducts as-needed remediation of high-risk species in its service territory. There are no specific program targets for 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES will act as inspection findings and VM crews identify high-risk species throughout 2025.

Fire-Resilient Right-of-  
Ways  
VM\_13  
**On Track**

### **Fire-Resilient Right-of-Ways:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES's contracted vegetation resource (forester) conducts regular inspections to verify compliance with requirements and to seek opportunities to make right of ways more resilient.

**Key Actions:** BVES will act on vegetation resource's recommendations in this area.

Emergency Response  
Vegetation Management  
VM\_14  
**On Track**

### **Emergency Response Vegetation Management:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES's vegetation contractor's crews are contractually available on a short notice as needed basis for disaster or emergency event vegetation management.

**Key Actions:** BVES will mobilize and dispatch VM crews as needed in 2025.

Vegetation Management  
Enterprise System  
VM\_15  
**On Track**

### **Vegetation Management Enterprise System:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The Vegetation Management Enterprise System is an ongoing activity for BVES.

**Key Actions:** BVES continues to update its Vegetation Management Enterprise System.

Quality Assurance /  
Quality Control  
VM\_16  
**Vegetation  
Management Quality  
Assurance / Quality  
Control  
On Track**

### **Vegetation Management Quality Assurance / Quality Control:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 5 vegetation management audits in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 2 audits in Q1 of 2025. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Open Work Orders  
VM\_17  
**Vegetation  
Management Open  
Work Orders  
On Track**

### **Vegetation Management Open Work Orders:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2024 BVES has a goal to have no work orders exceeding the GO 95 Rule 18 corrective action timeframe.

**Key Actions:** BVES does not have any work orders that exceeded the GO 95 timeframe in Q1 of 2025.

Workforce Planning  
VM\_18  
**Vegetation  
Management  
Workforce Planning  
On Track**

### **Vegetation Management Workforce Planning:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES has a goal to verify that the wildfire related positions are appropriately staffed. This review is conducted quarterly.

**Key Actions:** BVES reviewed and verified that the appropriate staffing levels exist for wildfire related positions.

Vegetation Inspections  
VM\_19  
**AiDash  
On Track**

### **AiDash:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES implemented AiDash satellite inspection program and plans to have one survey of its service area in 2025.

**Key Actions:** AiDash satellite survey is planned to be conducted in Q2 of 2025.



# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Grid Design, Operations & Maintenance

Covered Conductor Installation GD_1 <b>Covered Conductor Replacement Program On Track</b>	<b>Covered Conductor Replacement Program:</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> BVES plans replace 5.1 circuit miles of bare conductors with covered conductors in 2025. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES replaced 0 circuit miles of bare conductors in Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.	Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement GD_5 <b>Radford Line Replacement Project Completed</b>	<b>Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement (Radford Line Replacement Project):</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> BVES plans to complete the Radford Line Pole Replacement project in 2024, which includes replacing 70 poles. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES received clearance from the USFS for the project. BVES began construction in May 2024 and replaced 83 poles in 2024. This initiative is completed for 2024.
Covered Conductor Installation GD_2 <b>Radford Line Replacement Project Completed</b>	<b>Radford Line Replacement Project:</b> <b>Volume vs 2024 Goal:</b> BVES plans to complete the Radford Line Replacement Project in 2024, which includes installing 2.7 circuit miles of covered conductor. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES completed 2.8 circuit miles of covered conductor and completed the Radford Line Replacement Project in 2024. This initiative was completed.	Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement GD_6 <b>Evacuation Route Hardening Project Completed</b>	<b>Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement:</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> BVES plans to complete install wire mesh on 500 poles in 2025. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES installed wire mess wrap on 500 poles as of the end of Q1 meeting its 2025 target. This initiative is completed for 2025.
Undergrounding of Electric Lines and/or Equipment GD_3 <b>Minor Undergrounding Upgrades Projects On Track</b>	<b>Minor Undergrounding Upgrades Projects:</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> BVES conducts minor undergrounding projects on an as needed basis. There were no proposed or initiated undergrounding projects in Q1. <b>Key Actions:</b> No undergrounding projects were proposed or initiated in Q1.	Transmission Pole/Tower Replacement and Reinforcement GD_7 <b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Transmission Pole/Tower Replacement and Reinforcement:</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> BVES does not own or operate any transmission assets. <b>Key Actions:</b> N/A.
Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement GD_4 <b>Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement On Track</b>	<b>Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement:</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> BVES plans to complete 100 pole replacements in 2025. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES completed 0 poles replacements in Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.	Traditional Overhead Hardening GD_8 <b>On Track</b>	<b>Traditional Overhead Hardening:</b> <b>Volume vs 2025 Goal:</b> This is an as-needed program for BVES. There is budget allocation for the year based on history but no specifically tracked metrics. Overhead hardening work is performed as needed in response to inspection findings and emergent conditions. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES conducted as-needed maintenance throughout Q1.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Grid Design, Operations & Maintenance

Emerging Grid Hardening  
Technology Installations  
and Pilots  
GD\_9

**Not Started**

### Emerging Grid Hardening Technology Installations and Pilots:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** Currently no projects in the initiative. BVES will discuss opportunities with partner utilities on the effectiveness of such technologies.

**Key Actions:** No project activity is planned for 2025 in this area.

Installation of System  
Automation Equipment  
GD\_14

**Capacitor Bank Upgrade  
Project  
On Track**

### Capacitor Bank Upgrade Project:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to install and automate 6 Capacitor Banks by the end of 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES has installed 0 capacitor banks as of Q1. This initiative is on track to meet the targets for 2025

Microgrids  
GD\_10  
**Bear Valley Solar  
Energy Project  
Off Track**

### Bear Valley Solar Energy Project:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** Complete construction in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES submitted application to CPUC in May 2024. According to CPUC schedule earlier application will be approved is Q4 2025 or Q1 2026. BVES will not complete construction in 2025.

Installation of System  
Automation Equipment  
GD\_15

**Fuse TripSaver  
Automation  
On Track**

### Fuse TripSaver Automation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to connect and automate 50 Fuse TripSavers to SCADA in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES connected 35 Fuse TripSavers to SCADA as of Q1 exceeding the target. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Microgrids  
GD\_11  
**Energy Storage Project  
Off Track**

### Bear Valley Energy Storage Project:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** Complete construction in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES submitted application to CPUC in May 2024. According to CPUC schedule earlier application will be approved is Q4 2025 or Q1 2026. BVES will not complete construction in 2025.

Installation of System  
Automation Equipment  
GD\_16

**Server Room  
Completed**

### Server Room:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to upgrade the Server Room at its main office in 2024.

**Key Actions:** Project is completed.

Installation of System  
Automation Equipment  
GD\_12  
**Substation Automation  
On Track**

### Substation Automation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to connect and automate 3 substations to SCADA in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES automated 0 substations in Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Installation of System  
Automation Equipment  
GD\_17

**Distribution  
Management Center  
On Track**

### Distribution Management Center:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The Distribution Management Center Project is schedule for completion in 2025. BVES plans to finish the remaining 50% by the end of 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES is currently on track to finish the remaining 50% project completion target for 2025.

Installation of System  
Automation Equipment  
GD\_13  
**Switch and Field Device  
Automation  
On Track**

### Switch and Field Device Automation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to connect and automate 10 field switches to SCADA in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES connected 3 field switches to SCADA in Q1. BVES is on track to meet the targets in 2025.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Grid Design, Operations & Maintenance

Line Removals (In HFTD)  
GD\_18

**No Planned  
Projects**

### Line Removals (In HFTD):

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES does not have any planned line removals in HFTD in 2025.

**Key Actions:** N/A.

Other Grid Topology  
Improvements to Minimize  
Risk of Ignition

GD\_19

**Tree Attachment  
Removal Program  
On Track**

### Tree Attachment Removal Program:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 100 tree attachment removals in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 1 tree attachment removal as of Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Other Grid Topology  
Improvements to Mitigate  
or Reduce PSPS Risk

GD\_20

**Captured Through  
Other Programs**

### Other Grid Topology Improvements to Mitigate or Reduce PSPS Risk:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The objectives of this initiative are achieved through BVES's installation of system automation equipment initiatives.

**Key Actions:** N/A.

Other Technologies and  
Systems Not Listed Above

GD\_21

**BVPP Phase 4 Upgrade  
Project  
Completed**

### BVPP Phase 4 Upgrade Project:

**Volume vs 2024 Goal:** The BVPP Phase 4 Upgrade Project is schedule for completion in 2024.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed the project in 2024.

Other Technologies and  
Systems Not Listed Above

GD\_22

**Safety and Technical  
Upgrades to Maltby  
Substation  
On Track**

### Safety and Technical Upgrades to Maltby Substation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The Safety and Technical Upgrades to Maltby Substation is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES is conducting project planning in Q1 and has placed all of the required equipment on order. Construction will be completed in 2025.

Other Technologies and  
Systems Not Listed Above

GD\_23

**Safety and Technical  
Upgrades to Lake  
Substation  
Not Started**

### Safety and Technical Upgrades to Lake Substation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The Safety and Technical Upgrades to Lake Substation is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

**Key Actions:** No construction action will be taken on this program in 2025. BVES is performing project planning in 2025 and ordered equipment in Q1 2025.

Other Technologies and  
Systems Not Listed Above

GD\_24

**Safety and Technical  
Upgrades to Village  
Substation  
Not Started**

### Safety and Technical Upgrades to Village Substation:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The Safety and Technical Upgrades to Village Substation is scheduled to be completed in 2027.

**Key Actions:** No construction action will be taken on this program in 2025. BVES will perform project planning in 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_25

**Detailed Inspection  
On Track**

### Detailed Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 53.0 circuit miles of detailed inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 12 circuit miles of detailed inspection in Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Grid Design, Operations & Maintenance

Asset Inspection  
GD\_26  
**Patrol Inspection  
On Track**

### Patrol Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 205.0 circuit miles of patrol inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 57 circuit miles of patrol inspection in Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_27  
**UAV Thermography  
On Track**

### UAV Thermography:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of UAV HD Thermography inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 0 circuit miles of UAV Thermography inspection in Q1. This initiative is planned to be completed in Q3 of 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_28  
**UAV HD Photography /  
Videography  
On Track**

### UAV HD Photography/Videography:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of UAV HD Photography/Videography inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 0 circuit miles of UAV HD Photography/Videography inspections in Q1. This initiative is planned to be completed in Q3 of 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_29  
**LiDAR Inspection  
On Track**

### LiDAR Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of LiDAR inspection in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 0 circuit miles of LiDAR inspection in Q1. This initiative is planned to be completed in Q3 of 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_30  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Party Ground Patrol  
On Track**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Ground Patrol:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 205.0 circuit miles of 3<sup>rd</sup> party ground patrol inspection in 2024.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 0 circuit miles of 3<sup>rd</sup> party ground patrol inspection in Q1. This initiative is planned to be completed in Q3 of 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_31  
**Intrusive Pole  
Inspection  
On Track**

### Intrusive Pole Inspection:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 850 intrusive pole inspections in 2024.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 0 circuit miles of 3<sup>rd</sup> party ground patrol inspection in Q1. This initiative is planned to be completed in Q3 of 2025.

Asset Inspection  
GD\_32  
**Substation Inspections  
On Track**

### Substation Inspections:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to conduct 144 substation inspections in 2024.

**Key Actions:** BVES conducted 39 substation in Q1. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Equipment Maintenance  
and Repair  
GD\_33  
**On Track**

### Equipment Maintenance and Repair:

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** Equipment maintenance is conducted as needed.

**Key Actions:** BVES conducted maintenance as needed.

Asset Management and  
Inspection Enterprise  
System(s)  
GD\_34  
**On Track**

### Asset Management and Inspection Enterprise System(s):

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** The Asset Management and Inspection Enterprise System is an ongoing activity for BVES.

**Key Actions:** BVES continues to update its Asset Management and Inspection Enterprise System.

# WMP Activities Status vs. WMP Activity Goals

## Grid Design, Operations & Maintenance

Quality Assurance /  
Quality Control  
GD\_35  
**Asset Quality  
Assurance / Quality  
Control**  
**On Track**

### **Asset Quality Assurance / Quality Control:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** BVES plans to complete 20 asset QCs on WMP work in 2025.

**Key Actions:** BVES completed 5 asset QCs on WMP work in Q1 of 2025. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Open Work Orders  
GD\_36  
**Asset Open Work  
Orders**  
**On Track**

### **Asset Open Work Orders:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES has a goal to have no work orders exceeding the GO 95 timeframe.

**Key Actions:** BVES did not have any work orders that exceeded the GO 95 timeframe in Q1.

Equipment Settings to  
Reduce Wildfire Risk  
GD\_37  
**On Track**

### **Equipment Settings to Reduce Wildfire Risk:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES plans to review its equipment settings on a regular basis and evaluate the need for modified settings.

**Key Actions:** BVES plans to

Personnel Work  
Procedures and Training in  
Conditions of Elevated Fire  
Risk  
GD\_39  
**On Track**

### **Personnel Work Procedures and Training in Conditions of Elevated Fire Risk:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES plans to review and, if necessary, update its procedures. This will be an annual process. BVES will also verify the training of all responsible staff members.

**Key Actions:** BVES is in the process of reviewing these procedures. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Workforce Planning  
GD\_40  
**Asset Workforce  
Planning**  
**On Track**

### **Asset Workforce Planning:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES has a goal to verify that wildfire related positions are appropriately staffed. This review is conducted quarterly.

**Key Actions:** BVES is in the process of reviewing these procedures. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.

Grid Response  
Procedures and  
Notifications  
GD\_38  
**On Track**

### **Grid Response Procedures and Notifications:**

**Volume vs 2025 Goal:** For 2025 BVES plans to review and, if necessary, update its procedures. This will be an annual process.

**Key Actions:** BVES is in the process of reviewing these procedures. This initiative is on track to be completed in 2025.