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DATA REQUEST SET Cal Advocates - SCE - 2023 WMP - 07

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Question 05:

Referring to figure 8-2 vegetation management consolidated inspection overview, in your 2023 WMP, please answer the following:

- a) Explain the benefit(s) of the check step “does tree exist within the strike zone and is expected to pose a risk to electrical facilities based on its structural conditions.”
- b) Explain the benefit(s) of the check step “does tree exhibit the necessary characteristics of threat based on dead and dying conditions.”
- c) Has SCE analyzed the cost impact of the check step “does tree exist within the strike zone and is expected to pose a risk to electrical facilities based on its structural conditions,” if applied on non-high fire threat trees? If so, please describe the estimated cost impact.
- d) Has SCE analyzed the cost impact of the check step “does tree exhibit the necessary characteristics of threat based on dead and dying conditions,” if applied on non-high fire threat trees? If so, please describe the estimated cost impact.
- e) Explain why the check step “does tree exist within the strike zone and is expected to pose a risk to electrical facilities based on its structural conditions” is not included under the non-high fire threat trees.
- f) Explain why the check step “does tree exhibit the necessary characteristics of threat based on dead and dying conditions” is not included under the non-high fire threat trees.

Response to Question 05:

- a. The benefit of this step is to develop an understanding of whether a tree fits the stated criteria and needs to be evaluated for potential mitigation, so that any associated risk can be remediated.
- b. The benefit of this step is to develop an understanding of whether a tree fits the stated criteria and needs to be evaluated for potential mitigation, so that any associated risk can be remediated. It further limits the evaluation to dead and dying tree characteristics, which do not require an assessment using the Tree Risk Calculator.
- c. No. The cost impact has not been analyzed.
- d. No. The cost impact has not been analyzed.
- e. SCE’s Hazard Tree Management Program (HTMP) was designed to mitigate wildfire risk and therefore is currently only performed within SCE’s high fire risk area (HFRA).

f. SCE's Dead & Dying Tree Removal program is currently not performed in our non-high fire risk areas. For this program, inspections are performed in applicable areas within Tier 2 and Tier 3 of SCE's HFRA. Applicable areas are determined based on California's Tree Mortality Task Force, which updates maps annually to show High Hazard Zones and Hazard Severity Zones.