

Southern California Edison
2026-WMPs – 2026-WMPs

DATA REQUEST SET S P D - S C E - W M P 2 0 2 6 - 0 0 3

To: SPD

Prepared by: Jonathan Contreras

Job Title: Senior Manager, Strategy and Technology

Received Date: 7/21/2025

Response Date: 7/24/2025

Question 06.a:

In Table 9-2 of the 2026-2028 Base WMP, SCE presents the Hazard Tree Management Program (VM-1), Dead and Dying Tree Removal (VM-4), Inspections for Vegetation Clearance from Distribution Lines (VM-7) and Inspections for Vegetation Clearance from Transmission Lines (VM-8) with stable numbers of targeted circuit miles for 2026-2028.² However, in Table II-12 of the SCE GRC we can see that the costs of traditional ground inspections is increasing up to 2025 but then decreasing sharply from 2026 to 2028.³

³ A.23-05-010, SCE-02 Vol 10, Table II-12 at 35.

(d) Increased Use of Remote Sensing

Table II-12
Forecast O&M Expenses for Ground Inspections
and Remote Sensing (2023-2028)²⁷
(Constant 2022 \$000)

	Forecast						Normalized
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2025
Traditional Ground Inspections	\$54,947	\$63,229	\$72,720	\$36,430	\$25,543	\$14,656	\$37,337
Remote Sensing (LiDAR and Satellite)	\$5,994	\$7,315	\$55,713	\$55,713	\$55,713	\$55,713	\$55,713
Total	\$60,940	\$70,545	\$128,433	\$92,143	\$81,256	\$70,369	\$93,050

- a. Explain why SCE has requested less money for traditional ground inspections in the Test Year 2025 GRC but has stable targets for traditional ground inspections in the 2026-2028 Base WMP.

Response to Question 06.a:

In the 2025 GRC filing, the Test Year is 2025. In Table II-12, the normalized Test Year amount for traditional ground inspections is the average of the forecasts for 2025-2028 represented by \$37.3M.

In the 2026-2028 WMP, SCE's targets for Inspections for Vegetation Clearance do not specify what kind of inspections are performed, just the total circuit mileage to be inspected. In other words, VM-7 and -8 are not just for traditional ground inspections. SCE intends to perform a combination of remote sensing and ground inspections to cover the same circuit miles, hence the stable circuit mile targets. Remote sensing technology implementation is intended to reduce ground inspections for Routine Line Clearing over time (but does not affect the overall circuit mileage inspected). VM-1 and -4 targets are not anticipated to be impacted by the implementation of remote sensing

inspections.