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Question 06.b-c:

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)⁵⁷
(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

- b. If remote sensing is still being piloted, how will SCE use the funds requested in the GRC during 2025?
- c. If SCE has updated the information in Table II-12, explain where that information was updated and when.

Response to Question 06.b-c:

- b. SCE assumes the question intends to ask about “funds authorized” in the GRC as opposed to “funds requested” in the GRC. SCE has not yet been authorized funding in the GRC for 2025. To the extent the Commission continues the authorization of the existing two-way

Vegetation Management Balancing Account (VMBA), any authorized amounts for vegetation management activities must be expended on the portfolio of vegetation management activities (which includes hazard tree work and routine inspections) consistent with applicable Commission decisions and the Commission-approved VMBA tariff.

- c. Table II-12 is a forecast from SCE's 2025 GRC. SCE has not updated the information in the table as GRC forecasts are generally not refreshed or "updated" through the pendency of a GRC. The record in SCE's 2025 GRC has been submitted to the Commission and a Proposed Decision is pending. See also response to subsection (a).