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Question 01:

Remote Inspection Presentation on 9/4/2025: Level 1 inspectors perform annual level 1 clearance inspections. While their primary focus is clearance inspections, the ground-based inspectors sometimes find hazard trees which are prescribed for removal. With the absence of ground-based inspectors there is a concern that some of these hazard trees may be missed. Provide an estimate of the number of hazard trees marked for removal as a part of Level 1 inspections as opposed to trees marked for removal to maintain clearances. Breakdown the data by years 2022, 2023 and 2024 and by location in non-HFTD and HFTD areas as shown in the Table below.

YEAR	HFTD	Non-HFTD
2022		
2023		
2024		

Response to Question 01:

SCE's routine line clearing program does not keep track of why a removal was required, (L1 visual, clearance, other) only that a removal was prescribed. The table below identifies the quantity of trees prescribed for removal for line clearing in SCE's HFRA and non-HFRA areas and includes palm removals separately as palms are removed for distinct reasons. Removals are also performed for SCE's hazard tree program (HTP) in HFRA only based on a Level 2 inspection and assessment of identified hazards, also shown in the table below.

	HTP	Routine Line Clearing Program			
Year	HFRA	HFRA	HFRA - Palms	Non-HFRA	Non-HFRA Palms
2022	3900	21,180	1356	13,719	10,959
2023	3088	31,249	1268	21,140	9712
2024	2188	23,198	2398	16,063	20,426

SCE understands the concerns raised by Energy Safety and the potential risk of missed hazard trees if ground-based inspections are reduced. That said, SCE has been, and is continuing to evaluate and identify methods of hazard tree identification using current and future technologies to mitigate the

potential of missed hazard trees. It should also be noted that as remote sensing is being implemented and ground-based inspections are subsequently being reduced, validations of work accuracy including hazard tree identification will continue to be performed by independent QC inspectors using ground-based patrols for the foreseeable future as the technology matures and any potential gaps are identified and fully resolved.