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**Question 05:**

Please describe current agreements and any recent (2021-Present) communications with state and federal agencies regarding fuels and slash management practices on state and federal lands, respectively.

**Response to Question 05:**

For this data request, SCE interprets “fuel and slash management practices” to mean the management and/or disposal of debris resulting from vegetation mitigation.

SCE has an agreement with the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) which outlines measures SCE takes when working within SBNF<sup>1</sup> to address fuel loading on the landscape. SCE is also working with the regional office and individual forests to develop consistent measures for management and/or disposal of fuel or left-over plant matter after vegetation management activities across multiple forests.

SCE has also been working with PG&E and Bureau of Land Management to develop an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan covering routine O&M work which will likely include wood debris/fuel management.

In addition, for certain species there may be specific requirements when SCE pursues species permitting on state or federal lands. As described in Section 5.4.5 of SCE’s 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan, SCE recently obtained an incidental take permit for the Yosemite toad. The Yosemite toad permit includes fuel management and slash disposal requirements when performing vegetation management work in the Sierra National Forest. As another example, the U.S. Forest Service’s Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) for the fisher (a small carnivorous mammal) includes conservation measures which require, subject to safety and feasibility considerations, that materials (e.g., logs, debris piles, rocks, berms, etc.) be left in rights-of-way to provide cover and shelter for the fisher.

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<sup>1</sup> SBNF is in U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Region 5.