

Southern California Edison
2022-WMPs – 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Updates

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Question 01:

Table 12 – HFTD Spending:

- a. According to Table 12, the WMP spending in HFTD has been very consistent from 2019 – 2021 at approximately 67% of the total territory expenditures, and projections for 2022 and 2023 maintain that same approximate percentage level of spending.
- i. Is there a statutory or regulatory reason that SCE has consistently spent and expects to expend in the next two years approximately two-thirds of their total territorial expenditures in HFTDs?
- ii. Does SCE have an internal policy of directing a minimum percentage of WMP spending toward HFTDs?
- iii. Explain how SCE projected its 2022 and 2023 WMP expenditures on a territory wide and HFTD basis.

Response to Question 01:

- i. No. SCE notes that the financial figures provided in Table 12 do not reflect SCE's total utility company spending. Rather, this table represents spending for the activities listed in Table 12.
- ii. No. However, SCE notes that a rigorous, CPUC-lead effort resulted in a single statewide fire-threat map to select areas with a higher risk for destructive power line fires and where stricter fire-safety regulations should apply. This map identifies areas of elevated and extreme fire risk. Therefore, SCE finds it prudent to direct a significant majority of its wildfire and PSPS risk mitigation spending to its HFTD. More information on the regulatory process and analyses performed to develop utility HFTDs can be found on the CPUC website at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/wildfires/fire-threat-maps-and-fire-safety-rulemaking>
- iii. Please see page 189 of SCE's WMP for details on how SCE projected costs on a territory-wide and HFTD basis for activities within Table 12.