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Question 12: Please, describe the collaboration currently underway with County and local government agencies around evacuations and risk mitigation. Please, provide agendas, meeting minutes and and/all other documentation from those types of meetings from January 2015 to today. Provide dates and topics of future meetings with these same agencies.

Response to Question 12:

SCE objects to the question on the grounds that the term “collaboration...around evacuations and risk mitigation” is vague, overbroad, and ambiguous, and that the question is unduly burdensome as it calls for “all other” documentation. SCE also objects on the grounds that this question requests information and documents beyond the scope of the proceeding, which is scoped to examine SCE’s 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). Notwithstanding these objections, SCE responds as follows.

SCE has an established network of contacts with state, county and city emergency management agencies and maintains regular communications with these agencies throughout the year in response to, and in preparation for, hazards such as wildfire, earthquake, cyber-attack, flood and storms that can impact the electrical system.

SCE coordinates closely with state and local governments and agencies on wildfire mitigation efforts and particularly potential de-energization events. When SCE is considering a potential de-energization event, referred to as a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), SCE contacts the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Warning Center, and county and city emergency management agencies in advance to advise them of the potential scope (in terms of the potential number of customers and number of circuits), timing (when SCE believes the circuits may be affected), and the measures SCE is taking, such as activating its Emergency Operations Center (EOC). SCE also notifies county Sheriff and Fire Departments, as the emergency management function at the county level in some counties falls under the Sheriff’s office and in others falls under the Fire Department. After notifying the counties, SCE provides maps (in PDF and in a format that can be imported into a Geospatial Information System (GIS)) to CalOES and potentially impacted counties and cities. These maps indicate the name of the circuit, customer count and depict the area of impact should the circuit be de-energized. The counties distribute the maps as necessary to city emergency management entities. County emergency management and fire department leadership have provided positive feedback, indicating the information SCE provides such as the maps depicting the potential outage areas is helpful and informative.

Based on the potential impacts and their existing plans, each county will typically convene a series of “Operational Area” conference calls where fire department and emergency management representatives from all the cities within the county are invited. It is also common for CalOES to

participate on the calls. During these calls, SCE representatives provide updates, answer questions, and escalate issues within SCE for immediate action if necessary. In addition to communicating with the emergency officials at the city and county level, SCE also notifies other city and county officials in concert with the notifications to the emergency management officials.

After initial notification, SCE provides routine updates to the CalOES, counties, and cities such as the scope of the potential PSPS event and the number of circuits which were de-energized. These updates occur throughout the event. If the State Operations Center and or county EOC are activated, SCE may send an Agency Representative (AREP). The SCE AREP serves as a single point of contact between the State Operations Center and or County Operational Area and SCE's Incident Management Team. It is also common for these agencies to send an AREP to SCE's EOC.

Pursuant to Public Utility Code 768.6, in 2017, SCE offered opportunities to every city and county in SCE's service territory to attend one of several meetings offered throughout the year to review and provide feedback on SCE's emergency response plan. A representative sample of these meetings is included.

In 2018, SCE engaged emergency management and fire entities through many meetings where SCE representatives discussed in detail SCE's Wildfire Response Plan, which includes the protocol for PSPS. A representative sample of the materials discussed during these meetings is attached.

In 2019, pursuant to Public Utility Code 768.6, SCE will again afford every city and county in SCE's service territory several opportunities to attend meetings to review and comment on SCE's response plans to include the Wild Fire Response Plan and PSPS protocol.