



Our Commitment to California

Keeping our communities safe from wildfires

Community Meeting for Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties
May 25, 2021

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION

- You can submit a question using the Q&A window throughout the session
- If there is a similar question already being asked that you would like answered, you can click on the “thumbs up” icon next to the question to “like” it
- Please only submit questions that are relevant to the presentation and topics being presented

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AGENDA

- Remarks from Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties
- 2020 Wildfire Season
- SCE's Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- Reducing the Need for PSPS
- Customer Care Programs
- Engaging Our Communities
- Resources
- Q&A

REMARKS FROM VENTURA & SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES



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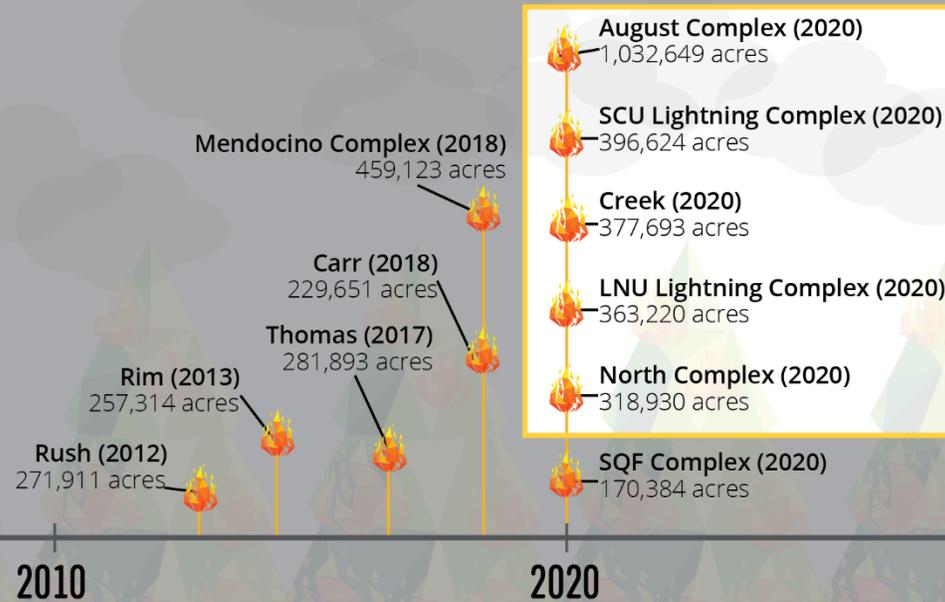
Emergency Preparedness Links

- <https://readysbc.org>
- www.SBCFire.com/wildfire
- <https://www.vcemergency.com>
- <https://www.readyforwildfire.org>
- www.ILRC-TriCo.org

2020 WILDFIRE SEASON

California's wildfires in 2020 were the worst on record, with dry vegetation and strong winds threatening our communities during an unprecedented fire season

**5 OF THE 6
LARGEST CALIFORNIA
WILDFIRES
HAVE HAPPENED IN
2020***



Source: https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/4jandlhh/top20_acres.pdf

SCE's PSPS EXECUTION

- **To reduce the threat of wildfires, SCE implemented Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that impacted about 138,000 customers, with some customers experiencing multiple PSPS outages**
- **We understand the significant impact that PSPS has on communities, especially during a pandemic when many people are working and learning from home**
- **PSPS is used as a tool of last resort to protect public safety under dangerous fire weather conditions**
- **We are working to reduce the impact of PSPS and are continuing to strengthen the electric grid to become more resilient in the face of extreme weather events**

OUR WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN



Grid Hardening

Improving the electrical system to make the grid more resilient in high fire risk areas, improving reliability and reducing wildfire risk



Situational Awareness

Using a dense network of weather stations and wildfire cameras to monitor location-specific, real-time conditions that help inform operational decision-making



High Fire Risk Inspections

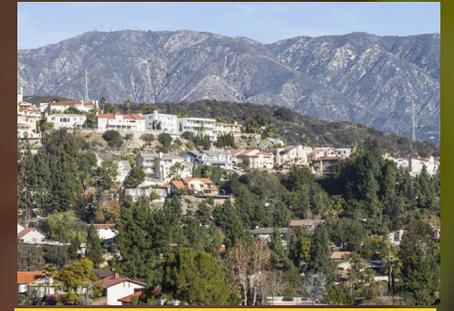
Annually inspect equipment in high fire risk areas for any needed maintenance, repair or replacement, prioritizing the highest-risk structures



Vegetation Management

Annually inspect, trim and remove trees to prevent vegetation from coming into contact with electrical equipment and potentially sparking a fire

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Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Tool of last resort to protect our communities from the threat of wildfire, where we temporarily shut off power to prevent our electric system from becoming the source of an ignition



PSPS DECISION POINTS

sce.com/pspsdecisionmaking

Decision points include, but are not limited to:



- National Weather Service Red Flag Warnings
- SCE meteorologists forecast **strong wind** conditions in service area
- SCE fire scientist assessment **of fire potential** to include consideration of **weather** and **fuels**



- Real-time observations from qualified electrical workers monitoring for **hazardous conditions** in the field



- Impact of de-energizing circuits on **first responders and essential services**

OUR PSPS ACTION PLAN

We are implementing a plan to reduce the impact of PSPS to our customers and communities

Reducing the Need for PSPS

Expediting grid hardening and other measures

Executing PSPS More Effectively

Making decision-making process transparent, improving communications and notifications

Reducing the Impacts of PSPS

Increasing customer and community resiliency

Keeping Partners and Customers Informed

Educating and engaging our communities and stakeholders

Enhancing Post-Event Reporting

Improving our post-event reports to make them more transparent and clearer

REDUCING THE NEED FOR PSPS

- We are putting specific emphasis on those circuits most frequently impacted by PSPS while continuing work on other circuits subject to PSPS
- Grid hardening make circuits more resilient in the face of extreme weather events and reduce the scope, frequency and duration of future PSPS events



Above photos: SCE crew installing insulated wire

TOOLS TO REDUCE NEED FOR PSPS

Insulated Wires

Targeted replacement of bare wire with insulated wires (covered conductor) to be able to safely raise windspeed thresholds for PSPS

Segmentation

Installing additional automated devices to further isolate and reduce the number of customers that have to be de-energized per circuit

Weather Stations

Adding new weather stations to improve situational awareness and increase accuracy of PSPS operations – so only those circuits facing danger are in scope

Switching Protocols

Continuing to develop circuit-specific protocols to move customers to nearby circuits not impacted by PSPS, to reduce the number of customers remaining on an affected circuit

Operational Protocols

Up-to-date information on ground conditions, such as lack of vegetation, recent burn scars, and location of poles and wires are considered to assess wildfire threat and the need for PSPS

Why Does My Neighbor Have Power and I Don't?

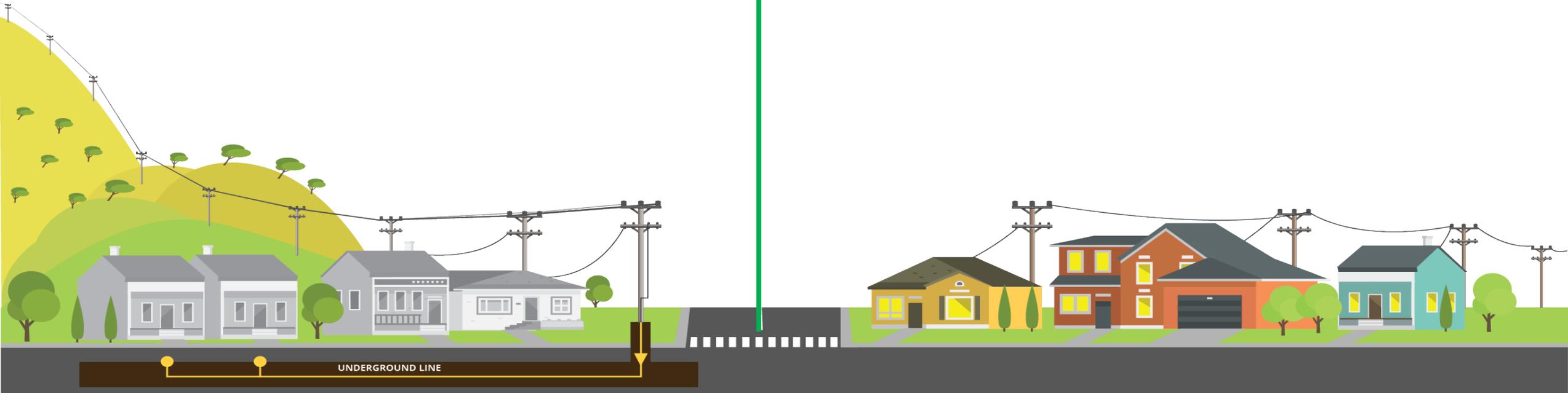
The location of your home or business on a circuit and the area of severe weather relative to your local substation are important factors in determining whether or not you are impacted by a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

Neighborhood with power shut off due to PSPS

Wires originate in windy area with high fire risk

Neighborhood keeps power during PSPS

Wires originate in area with lower fire risk

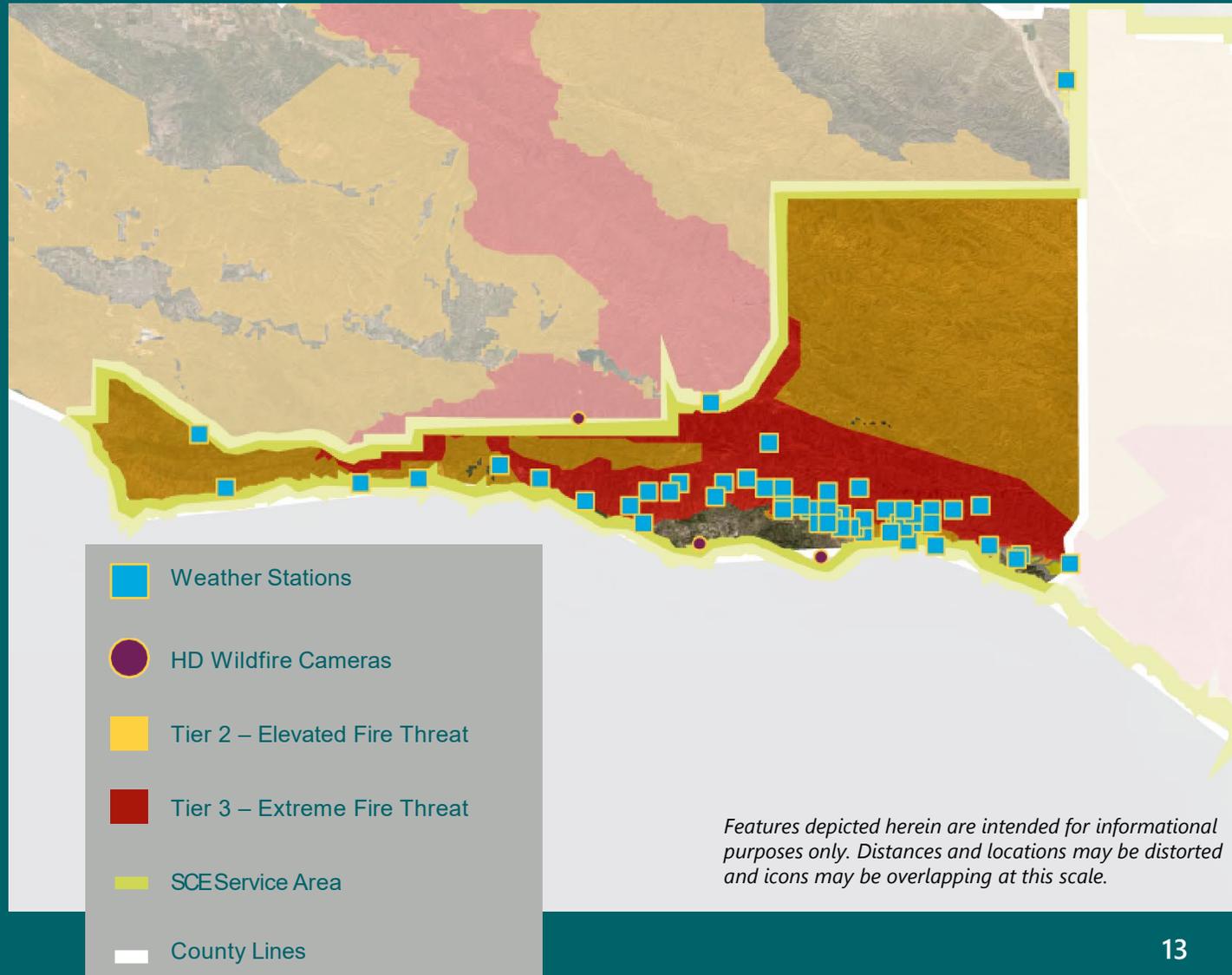


WILDFIRE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Completed to Date

	2020	Since 2018
Distribution Asset Inspections	9,458 assets inspected	21,852 assets inspected
Transmission Asset Inspections	1,336 assets inspected	2,988 assets inspected
Insulated Wire	18 circuit miles installed	25 circuit miles installed
Fire-Resistant Poles	176 poles installed	185 poles installed
Fast-Acting Fuses	254 fuses installed	485 fuses installed
Sectionalizing Devices	0 devices installed	0 devices installed
Hazard Tree Management	188 trees assessed	454 trees assessed
Weather Stations	36 weather stations installed	57 weather stations installed
High-Definition Wildfire Cameras	3 cameras installed	
Community Resource Centers	5 sites available	
Community Crew Vehicles	8 vehicles available throughout SCE's service area	



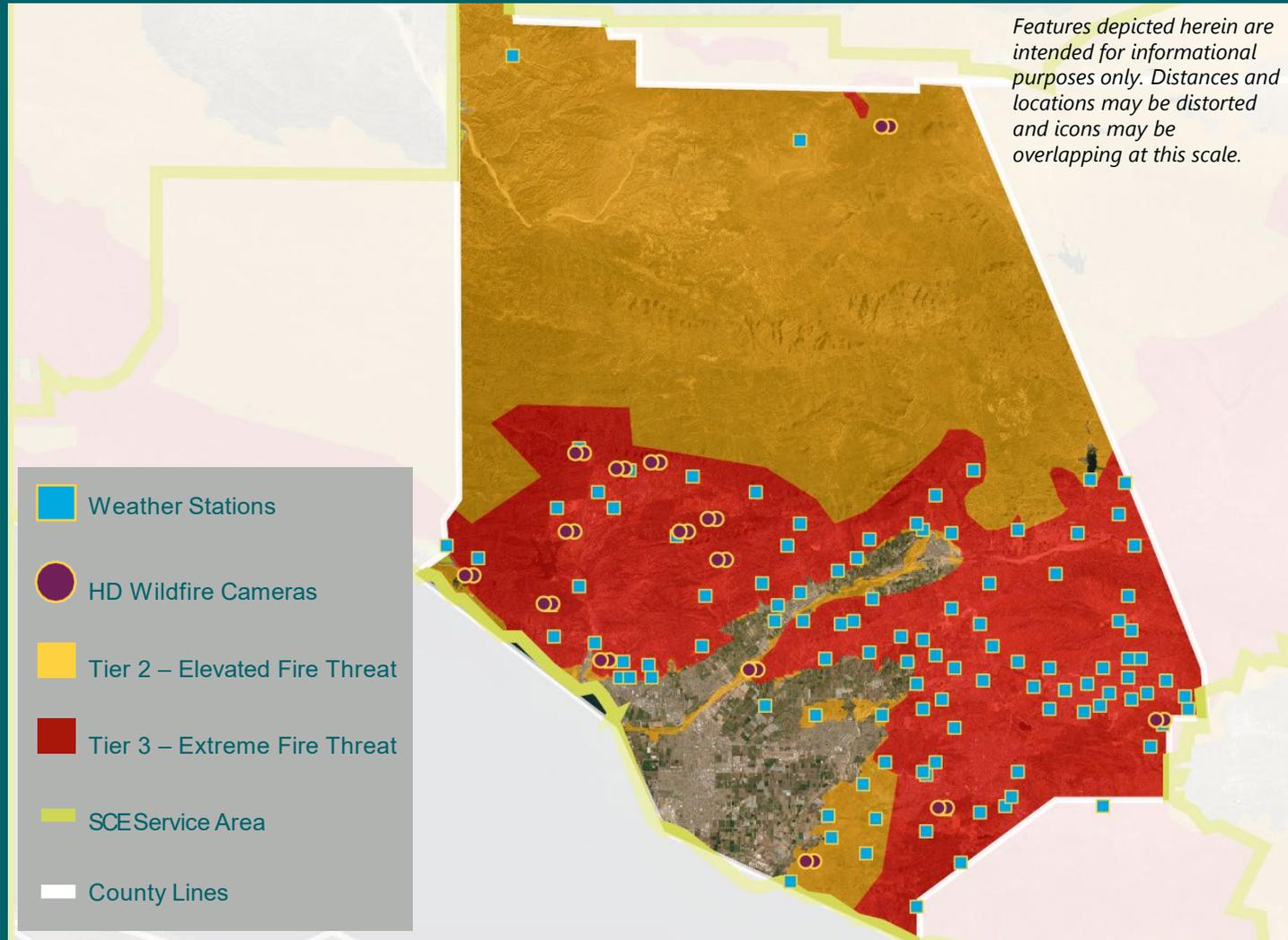
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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

VENTURA COUNTY

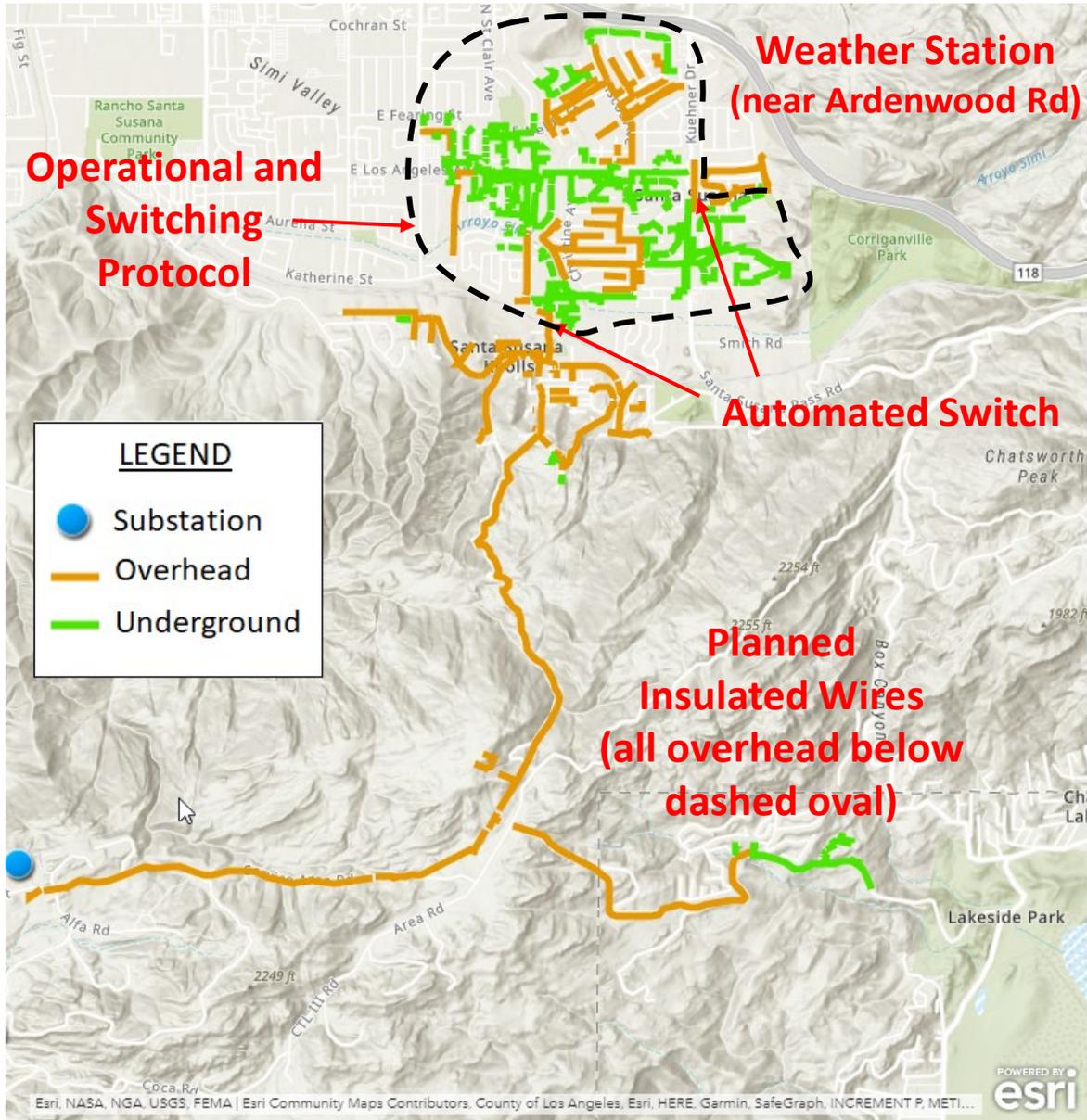
Completed to Date

	2020	Since 2018
Distribution Asset Inspections	20,135 assets inspected	83,894 assets inspected
Transmission Asset Inspections	4,696 assets inspected	9,533 assets inspected
Insulated Wire	81 circuit miles installed	184 circuit miles installed
Fire-Resistant Poles	441 poles installed	1,218 poles installed
Fast-Acting Fuses	674 fuses installed	1,399 fuses installed
Sectionalizing Devices	5 devices installed	9 devices installed
Hazard Tree Management	9,063 trees assessed	10,200 trees assessed
Weather Stations	44 weather stations installed	109 weather stations installed
High-Definition Wildfire Cameras	30 cameras installed	
Community Resource Centers	11 sites available	
Community Crew Vehicles	8 vehicles available throughout SCE's service area	



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EXAMPLE OF REDUCING THE NEED FOR PSPS



Circuit: Big Rock

Communities: Santa Susana, Simi Valley

Planned Work:

- Replace 10.2 miles of existing overhead wire with new insulated wire
- Install 2 automated switches
- Install an additional weather station
- Implement operational and switching protocols to transfer load to a less affected circuit

Expected Completion Date:

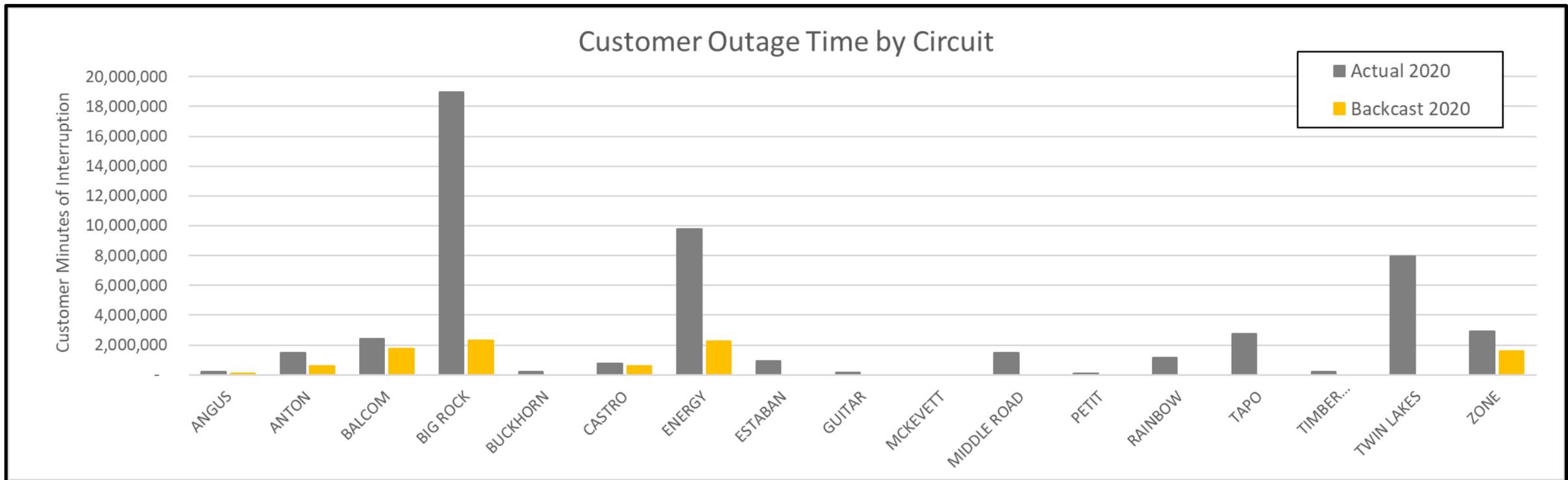
- September 2021

Expected Improvements:

- **88% reduction** in customer outage time, assuming the same weather conditions in 2020

EXPECTED IMPROVEMENTS

With the implementation of our plans, we expect to see an **82% reduction in customer outage time** across the frequently impacted circuits in Ventura County communities compared to 2020, assuming the same weather conditions



Updated: 05-24-2021

- 1) Frequently impacted circuits are circuits that have experienced four or more PSPS related outages in 2019-2021.
- 2) Customer outage time is measured as total Customer Minutes of Interruption (CMI).

PSPS COMMUNICATIONS

Notifications

- SCE provides PSPS notifications through various communication channels
 - SCE Account Holders (email, text, and voice call)
 - Zip Code
 - NextDoor
- Sign up to stay informed before, during and after a PSPS event

PSPS Outage Map

- Outage status look up is also available on our website

The screenshot shows the 'View Impacted Areas' section of the SCE website. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter an address, county, zip code or place to see if it is impacted.' Below the search bar is a map of Southern California with various cities labeled, including Santa Maria, Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, Santa Monica, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, Pomona, Riverside, Corona, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Long Beach, Banning, Cathedral City, Palm Indio, Desert, Murrieta, Escondido, and Oceanside. The map displays several icons: orange squares for 'Power Shutoff', blue squares for 'Under PSPS consideration', yellow icons with a person for 'Community Crew Vehicles', and green icons with a tree for 'Community Resource Centers'. Below the map, there are two tabs: 'PSPS Areas' (selected) and 'High Risk Fire Areas'. A legend below the tabs explains the icons. At the bottom right, there is a yellow button labeled 'Report an Outage' and a yellow bar with the text 'Get Outage Alerts' and an upward-pointing arrow.

CUSTOMER CARE PROGRAMS

Rebates & Programs

- Fully subsidized Critical Care Backup Battery Program
 - Eligible Medical Baseline customers*
- \$50 rebate for portable batteries (small device battery backup)
- \$300 & \$500 portable generator rebates for well water dependent customers
- Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

Care During Outages

- Community Crew Vehicles and Community Resource Centers
 - Information & Customer Support
 - Resiliency Kits
- Hotel discounts

Community Resiliency

- Microgrids
 - Simi Valley Microgrid Pilot
- Community partnerships

*Income-qualified Medical Baseline customers living in high-risk fire areas

HELPING PROTECT COMMUNITIES

- **SCE supports the readiness of fire agencies**
- **SCE's partnership with the LA County Fire Department, Orange County Fire Authority, and Ventura County Fire Department, will bring three fire-suppression helicopters to help combat wildfires across SCE's service area**



ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES

- **Customer education and community outreach**
 - Use of digital, social media, media and radio channels
 - Community meetings for impacted communities
 - Annual PSPS newsletter to all customers
 - Engage our most vulnerable customers
 - Partner with community-based organizations to support resiliency and emergency preparedness
- Ongoing engagement with government officials, public safety partners, essential service providers and other stakeholders



Website: [sce.com/wildfire](https://www.sce.com/wildfire)

Email: wildfireoutreach@sce.com

Social Media: @SCE on Twitter & Facebook

SCE Customer Support: 1-800-655-4555

LEARN MORE



- Visit our website to learn more about our wildfire safety efforts and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
- Provide feedback through the survey

SIGN UP



- PSPS alerts
- SCE's Medical Baseline program
- SCE programs and rebates

BE PREPARED



- Be prepared with a safety preparedness plan, some basic supplies and advance planning
- Power outage tips

Additional Resources

Energy for What's AheadSM



HELPFUL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

SCE Wildfire Webpage – [sce.com/wildfire](https://www.sce.com/wildfire)

SCE Notifications

- Sign up for PSPS alerts – [sce.com/pspsalerts](https://www.sce.com/pspsalerts)
- Sign up for the Energized by Edison Wildfire Mitigation Newsletter – energized.edison.com/newsletter

Situational Awareness

- PSPS maps and information – [sce.com/psps](https://www.sce.com/psps)
- PSPS decision making – [sce.com/pspsdecisionmaking](https://www.sce.com/pspsdecisionmaking)
- Role of weather in PSPS – [sce.com/fireweather](https://www.sce.com/fireweather)
- CPUC wildfire maps – cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo
- Fire cameras – [alertwildfire.org](https://www.alertwildfire.org)

Preparedness

- SCE emergency preparedness – [sce.com/beprepared](https://www.sce.com/beprepared)
- CAL FIRE fire preparedness – [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org)
- Red Cross emergency preparedness – [redcross.org/prepare](https://www.redcross.org/prepare)
- Listos California – [listocalifornia.org](https://www.listocalifornia.org)

Vegetation Management

- Vegetation Management – [sce.com/safety/power-lines](https://www.sce.com/safety/power-lines); contact 1-800-655-4555 or safetrees@sce.com

Customer Programs & Rebates

- SCE Customer Programs & Resources – [sce.com/customerresources](https://www.sce.com/customerresources)
- SCE Marketplace (rebates and programs) – [marketplace.sce.com](https://www.marketplace.sce.com)
- SCE Medical Baseline Program – [sce.com/medicalbaseline](https://www.sce.com/medicalbaseline)
- Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) – [sce.com/sgip](https://www.sce.com/sgip) or [selfgenca.com](https://www.selfgenca.com)

Community Meetings

- Join SCE's wildfire safety community meetings – [sce.com/wildfiresafetymeetings](https://www.sce.com/wildfiresafetymeetings)

Social Media

- Follow [@SCE](https://twitter.com/SCE) on Twitter and Facebook