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Question 18: 18. What is SCE's definition of catastrophic wildfires?

Response to Question 18:

SCE does not define "catastrophic" wildfires. SCE's programs and activities included in its 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Plan are focused on reducing the risk of potential wildfire-causing ignitions associated with SCE's electrical infrastructure in HFRA. Additionally, the suite of SCE's 2019 WMP programs and activities will further harden SCE's electric system against wildfires and improve system resiliency, enhance wildfire suppression efforts by improving fire agencies' ability to detect and respond to emerging fires in coordination with utility emergency management personnel, reduce the impact of wildfires and wildfire mitigation efforts on the public, and will allow SCE to more effectively communicate with its customers, community groups, and other stakeholders about how to prepare for, prevent, and mitigate wildfires in SCE's HFRA (including, when appropriate, through preemptive de-energization events). As noted above, a main goal of SCE's 2019 WMP is to reduce potential ignitions associated with SCE's electrical infrastructure in HFRA in order prevent the possibility of fires starting. As such, preventing all potential fire ignitions associated with SCE's electrical infrastructure in HFRA whether they eventually lead to small or large fires is of critical importance to SCE and state and local fire-fighting agencies that have limited resources.