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**Question 1:** 1. California Executive Order N-05-19 requires consideration of “socioeconomic factors and vulnerable populations that exacerbate the human toll of wildfires” when CAL FIRE develops a “[m]ethodology to assess which communities are at the greatest risk from wildfire and the projects within/nearby areas that would reduce the threat of a catastrophic wildfire if completed.” When developing your prioritization for hardening the grid, have you considered “socioeconomic factors and vulnerable populations that exacerbate the human toll of wildfires”? If you have, please describe how these factors were considered in the evaluation of how to prioritize projects to harden the grid. If you have not, please describe why these factors have not been considered and any plans you may have to consider these populations in the future.

**Response to Question 1:**

California Executive Order N-05-19 requires CAL FIRE in consultation with other State agencies and departments, not the investor-owned electric utilities, to provide a report to the Governor, which among other things, should consider “socioeconomic factors and vulnerable populations that exacerbate the human toll of wildfires.” The Executive Order contemplates that this effort will inform future “local grants [that] will focus on community engagement and public education in high-risk areas with an emphasis on public health and safety.” SCE looks forward to reviewing that forthcoming report from CAL FIRE. The grid hardening activities and programs in SCE’s 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) are focused on prioritizing the highest fire-risk areas in SCE’s service territory as those risks pertain to electrical infrastructure. SCE’s WMP is agnostic to the particular socioeconomic conditions in any individual high fire risk area; SCE is committed to protecting public safety irrespective of those differences. Moreover, SCE’s WMP describes in detail in Chapter 5 how SCE communicates with and assists vulnerable customers during emergencies (e.g., wildfires), including those customers with lower socioeconomic status.