

July 29, 2022

Advice Letter No. 449-E

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California Public Utilities Commission

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ("BVES") hereby transmits for filing the following:

SUBJECT: Q2 2022 BVES Quarterly WMP Safety Report Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7)

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code ("PUC") Section 8389(e)(7), and the February 16, 2021 Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety ("Energy Safety") Compliance Operational Protocols, Bear Valley Electric Service ("BVES") submits to Energy Safety this notification.

Statutory provision requires that BVES file a notification on "a quarterly basis that details the implementation of both its approved wildfire mitigation plan and recommendations of the most recent safety culture assessments by the commission and office, and a statement of the recommendations of the board of directors safety committee meetings that occurred during the quarter." Section 8389(e)(7) also requires that the notification "shall also summarize the implementation of the safety committee recommendations from the electrical corporation's previous notification and submission."

This notification reports BVES's 2022 second quarter ("Q2") Wildfire Mitigation Plan ("WMP") activities, recorded Safety Committee meetings, and recommendations of the most recent safety culture assessment.

This Quarterly Notification Letter ("QNL") notification is BVES's second quarterly filing for calendar year 2022.

BACKGROUND

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill ("AB") 1054 into law on July 12, 2019. AB 1054 contains numerous statutory provisions and amendments designed to enhance the mitigation and prevention of catastrophic wildfires – including wildfires linked to utility equipment – in California. AB 1054 is added to the PUC Section 8389(e), which establishes the requirements for annual safety certifications and, inter alia, requires electrical corporations to establish a safety committee of its board of directors composed

of members with relevant safety experience, establish board-of-director-level reporting to the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on safety issues, and file quarterly notifications as described above.

IMPLEMENTATION OF BVES'S WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

To support sustained implementation and improvement of the WMP, BVES continues to track progress through metrics on applicable initiatives in 10 categories for mitigating wildfire in addition to the quarterly data, which conform to OEIS standards. BVES's quarterly initiative summary presentation includes information submitted to the OEIS under the Quarterly Initiative Update ("QIU") and the Quarterly Data Report ("QDR") filings for Q2 2022.

In Attachment A, BVES provides an initiative summary of progress for individual mitigation measures during the second quarter of 2022.

Overview of Significant Achievements and Issues

BVES made significant progress in achieving its WMP initiative targets to date for 2022.

As of the end of Q2 2022, some of the more significant achievements were:

- Completed the 2022 target to harden 412 poles along the main evacuation routes to the Big Bear Lake area in February 2022. The target was achieved by installing fire resistant wire mesh on the 412 poles. This completes BVES's effort to have all of its evacuation routes hardened by 2022. BVES front loaded this effort to ensure it was completed prior to the fire season.
- Replaced 7.02 circuit miles of 34.5 kV sub-transmission and 4 KV distribution bare wire with covered conductors, which was slightly more than the 2022 target.
- Cleared vegetation to enhance clearance specifications along 61.62 circuit miles, which exceeded the target established for the end of Q2.
- Completed LiDAR surveys, Aerial Thermography and HD Imagery inspections, and 3rd Party Independent Ground Patrol so that any fire hazard discrepancies could be addressed before the fire season.

Construction work on the Radford Line Replacement Project, which replaces bare wire with covered conductor and wood poles with fire resistant poles in the High Fire Threat District Tier 3, will be delayed until April/May 2023 (previously BVES had hoped to start construction in June 2022 at the latest). The delay is due to BVES not receiving approval on the permit to construct by the United States Forest Service ("USFS") in time to start and complete construction before the winter weather season in 2022. BVES has been working closely with the USFS and has made significant progress in satisfying USFS permitting requirements. BVES believes it is on track to obtain the permit according to the following timeline of major permitting milestones:

- BVES's environmental contractor responds to USFS additional questions (6 total) regarding the BVES permit request. **Step completed.**
- Receive approval from USFS to conduct cultural survey. Anticipate week of August 15, 2022.
- BVES's environmental contractor conducts cultural survey and submits report for NEPA-CE and CEQA categorical exemption to USFS. Anticipate week of August 29, 2022.
- USFS reviews the cultural survey, NEPA-CE and CEQA documents, and submits permit package to State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Anticipate week of September 26, 2022.
- SHPO reviews permit package and enters it into the record. **Anticipate week of October 17, 2022.**
- USFS issues public notice. **Anticipate week of November 7, 2022.**
- USFS issues permit approval. **Anticipate week of December 5, 2022.**

Base on this timeline, BVES anticipates commencing the project in April/May 2023 depending on snow pack and complete the project by October 2023.

In the interim, BVES will continue to de-energize the Radford Line when load requirements do not require its operation, which is generally from the end of March through November of each year. Prior to energizing the Radford Line, BVES will patrol the line. Additionally, when the line is energized, the recloser will be placed in manual (no automatic reclosing).

Overall in the first two quarters of 2022, BVES made excellent progress in achieving targets to wildfire mitigation initiatives, which reduced risk on high-risk circuits as measured by BVES's fire safety matrix model. The following table summarizes the progress:

<u>Date</u>	Risk Value (higher value is worse)
12/31/2019	115,969
12/31/2020	110,745
12/31/2021	90,386
6/39/2022	88176
12/31/2022*	83,156**
12/31/2024*	37,571**
12/31/2032*	1,170

^{*}Projected risk values.

BVES's goal is to reduce risk on all "high risk" circuits and to remediate these high risk conditions. In addition, BVES's seeks to further reduce risk on "medium risk" circuits and to bring all circuits to the lower range of the risk values. The main drivers for the

^{**}Updated based on Radford Line Project being complete in 2023 instead of 2022.

risk reduction achieved in 2022 is the progress made on the covered conductor replacement project and keeping all inspections within their assigned periodicity.

Implementation of BVES's Most Recent Safety Culture Assessment

BVES completed its safety culture assessment in accordance with Resolution WSD-011. BVES staff conducted safety culture assessment surveys during the period of May 12, 2021 to May 26, 2021.

On October 27, 2021, OEIS issued the Safety Culture Assessment ("SCA") report to BVES. BVES accepted the report on October 28, 2021 by letter to OEIS. BVES has initiated action to implement the recommendations of the report, which are:

- 1. Embed leadership skills development into the "Engaged Management" 12-month objective to improve the Bear Valley safety culture. Specific training for managers, supervisors and foremen has been scheduled for February 2022 to improve leadership skills in monitoring for job hazards and leading with safety as the primary focus in everything BVES does.
- 2. In collaboration with its vegetation management contractor, BVES develops and implements an action plan to address safety culture issues, in particular regarding the flow of information about wildfire hazard mitigation. In addition, BVES has been working closely with its vegetation management contractor to ensure that the action plan to address safety culture issues is successfully implemented.

To address these issues:

- BVES Leadership conducted training on Job Hazard Analysis (JHAs) and leadership skills to enhance safety culture in March 2022.
- BVES engaged Mowbray's Tree Service to improve Mowbray's internal communication flow of information with employees on wildfire hazard mitigation. Mowbray's Tree Service followed up their internal training with an employee survey. Employees performed significantly better on the internal survey.
- BVES is working with Customer Service and Accounting staff to improve their safety culture.
- BVES Management led staff meetings that were focused on public safety and employee safety with entire staff in February, April, and July 2022.
- BVES engaged a contractor to provide monthly safety training to employees and conduct safety checks and audits.
- BVES sends all employees a monthly "safety dashboard" that includes employee safety performance metrics and wildfire mitigation initiative targets to improve public safety.

Safety and Operations Committee

On June 16, 2022, prior to convening BVES's Safety and Operations Committee ("Committee") meeting, the Committee members participated in a 3-hour tour of BVES's service area to observe wildfire mitigation plan work in progress or completed.

On June 16, 2022, BVES's Safety and Operations Committee ("Committee") convened. Chairman Paul Marconi briefed the Committee on the following topics:

- Current COVID-19 situation, its impact on employees, and the plan to re-open offices;
- Safety items and performance; the progress in completing the recommendations from of the recent SCA;
- Final fire season preparations;
- Performance in achieving targets for the 2022 WMP initiatives to date; and
- Efforts to develop risk modeling to provide BVES (1) on-demand, real-time fire spread predictions and consequence impact analysis; (2) forecasting behavior for customer and service territory assets will take shape through daily weather prediction integration to support PSPS and response operations, and (3) asset risk analysis using historical weather climatology for future WMP planning using the Wildfire Risk Reduction Model (WRRM).

Committee discussions focused on the WMP initiative targets achieved in to date in 2022. The Committee discussed the briefed items, asked questions, which Chairman Marconi addressed, and, based on the information briefed, the Committee did not see the need to alter the initiatives or provide additional direction to management.

Chairman Marconi then presented the Committee with an additional project request to conduct a capital improvement project, the distribution system online diagnostic system pilot program and its associated budget and proposed the Committee support a resolution recommending that the Board approve additional capital expenditures to include this pilot program the 2022 WMP CAPEX budget. The Committee discussed the resolution, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the resolution.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

COMPLIANCE

This advice letter requests approval in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7).

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: WMP QAL Initiative Report Q2 2022.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 INFORMATION ONLY designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter becomes effective on July 29, 2022.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter. A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the CPUC in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date the CPUC accepts the advice letter for submission. The Calendar is available on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant, and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter, or a part of it, is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter.

The utility must respond to a protest within five days.

All protests and responses should be sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

The protest or correspondence should also be sent via U.S. mail and/or electronically, if possible, to BVES at the addresses shown below on the same date it is delivered to the Commission.

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

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If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Nguyen Quan at (909) 394-3600 ext. 664.

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The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

Wildfire Mitigation Plan Quarterly Advice Letter Initiative Report for Q2 2022



Wildfire Mitigation Plan Quarterly Notification Letter Initiatives Update

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

Q2 2022

7.3.4 - Asset Management & Inspections Detailed inspections of Detailed inspections of Infrared inspections of Infrared inspections of Intrusive LiDAR inspections of LiDAR inspections of distribution electric transmission electric of distribution electric transmission electric Pole distribution electric transmission electric lines and equipment lines and equipment Inspections lines and equipment lines and equipment Inspections lines and equipment lines and equipment 7.3.4.6 7.3.4.8 7.3.4.1 7.3.4.2 7.3.4.3 7.3.4.4 7.3.4.5 7.3.4.7 Other discretionary inspection of distribution Patrol inspections of Pole loading assessment Quality assurance Patrol inspections of Substation inspection of transmission electric lines and equipment, beyond distribution electric transmission electric program to determine / quality control inspections electric lines and lines and equipment lines and equipment of inspections 7.3.4.15 7.3.4.9 7.3.4.11 7.3.4.12 7.3.4.13 7.3.4.14 7.3.4.10 7.3.6 - Grid Operations & Protocols 7.3.1 - Risk Assessment & Mapping Personnel Work Automatic Protective Crew-Accompanying Ignition Climate-Driven Risk Map and Ignition Probability Mapping Showing A Summarized Risk the Probability of Ignition Along the Recloser Equipment and Prevention and Suppression Procedures and Modeling Based on Various Map That Shows the Device Settings Resources and Services Training in Conditions Relevant Weather Scenarios Operations **Electric Lines and Equipment** Overall Ignition 7.3.6.1 7.3.6.2 of Elevated Fire Risk 7.3.6.3 Probability and 7.3.1.2 7.3.1.3 7.3.6.4 **Estimated Wildfire** Consequence Along Protocols for **PSPS Events** Match Drop Simulations Showing the Potential Initiative Mapping and the Electric Lines and PSPS Reand Mitigation Stationed and On-Call Ignition Prevention Estimation of Wildfire and Wildfire Consequence of Ignitions that Occurs of PSPS Impacts Equipment PSPS Risk-Reduction Impact Energization Along the Electric Lines and Equipment and Suppression Resources and Services 7.3.1.1 7.3.1.5 7.3.6.7

Community

Engagement

7.3.10.1

7.3.10 - Stakeholder Cooperation & Community Outreach

Cooperation

with suppression

7.3.10.3

reduction cooperation

and joint roadmap

7.3.10.4

Cooperation and best

practice sharing with

agencies outside CA

7.3.10.2

WMP Activity Summary

Centralized

Repository

for Data

7.3.7.1

Mot Started Completed/Ongoing Ahead of Plan On Track Off Track Not Currently Scheduled*

7.3.7 - Data Governance

Documentation and

Disclosure of Wildfire

Related Data and Algorithms

7.3.7.3

Collaborative Research

on Utility Ignition

and/or Wildfire

7.3.7.2

(*) Not Currently Scheduled – BVES included this Status Icon to indicate where an initiative is not currently identified for this WMP cycle, or, that it is not applicable (BVES does not own or operate assets equal to or greater than 65kV).

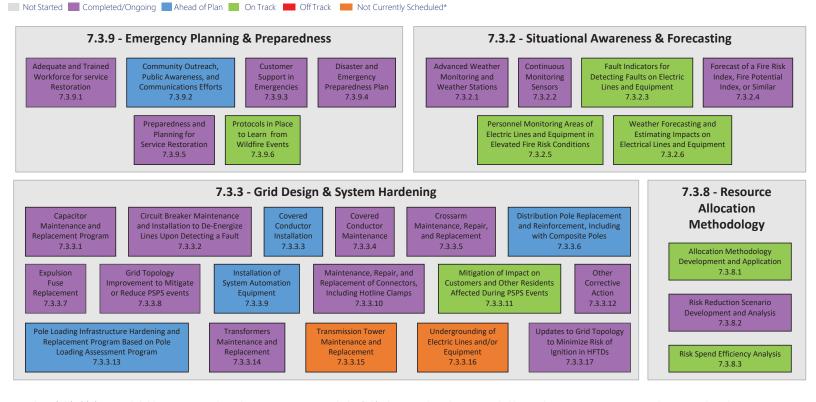
Tracking and

Analysis of

Near Miss Data

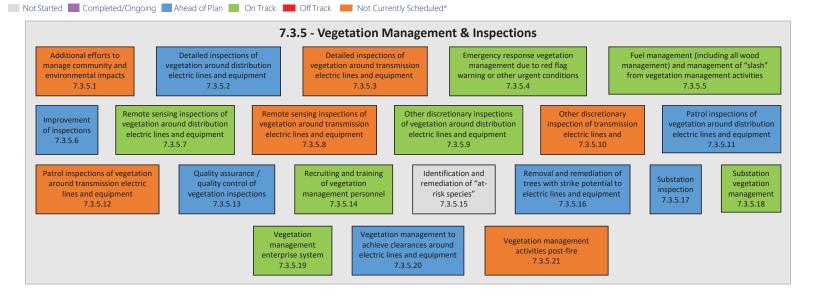
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WMP Activity Summary



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7.3.1 - Risk Assessment & Mapping

A Summarized Risk Map That Shows the Overall Ignition Probabilit and Estimated Wildfire Consequence Along the Electric Lines and Equipment 7.3.1.1

Ignition Probability & Wildfire Consequence Mapping Project

Completed

nition Probability Mapping Showing the Probability of Ignition Along the Electric Lines and Equipment 7.3.1.3

Ignition Probability & Wildfire **Consequence Mapping Project** Completed

Modeling Based on Various Relevant Weather Scenarios 7.3.1.2

Climate-Driven Risk Map and

Ignition Probability & Wildfire Consequence Mapping Project Completed

Match Drop Simulations Showing the Potential Wildfire Consequence of Ignitions that Occurs Along the Electric Lines and Equipment 7.3.1.5

Ignition Probability & Wildfire **Consequence Mapping Project**

Completed

nitiative Mapping and Estimation of Wildfire and PSPS Risk-Reduction Impact 7.3.1.4

Ignition Probability & Wildfire Consequence Mapping Project On Track

Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource:

2022 Goal: During 2021 in conjunction with the contracted resource BVES completed its initial Risk Mapping. Due to a lack of historical data the PSPS risk reduction aspect was deferred. For 2022 BVES plans to evaluate the best course of action to add this tool to its Risk Assessment & Mapping program.

Key Actions: BVES continues to evaluate the best course of action to add PSPS Risk Reduction mapping to its Risk Assessment & Mapping program.

7.3.7 - Data Governance

Centralized Repository for Data 7.3.7.1 **GIS Data Collection &** Sharing **On Track**

GIS Data Collection & Sharing Improvements:

BVES continues to work towards a class leading Data Repository. **Key Actions:** BVES continue to work with its contracted experts to update its GIS database as well as develop a more streamlines method for reporting and sharing of information.

Tracking and Analysis of Near Miss Data 7.3.7.4 **WMP Metrics Tracking Ongoing**

WMP Metrics Tracking:

BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects of the program for compliance. During the period Q2 of 2022 there were no compliance issues identified.

Key Actions: BVES recorded necessary metrics for inclusion in quarterly reporting.

Not Started Completed/Ongoing Ahead of Plan On Track Off Track Not Currently Scheduled

7.3.2 - Situational Awareness & Forecasting

Advanced Weather Monitoring and Weather Stations 7.3.2.1

Situational Awareness Hardware Program

Completed

Revised Schedule for 2021 Planned Deployment & Additional Installation:
Volume vs 2022 Goal: RVFS does not have any plann

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES does not have any planned weather stations for 2022.

Key Actions: BVES continues to evaluate the needed for future weathers stations in its operating territory.

Forecast of a Fire Risk Index, Fire Potential Index, or Similar 7.3.2.4

Weather Consultant / Risk
Mapping
Completed

Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: During 2021 in conjunction with the contracted resource BVES completed its initial Risk Mapping.

Key Actions: BVES continues to evaluate the need for future improvements to the designed system.

Continuous Monitoring Sensors 7.3.2.2 Situational Awareness Hardware Program

Completed

Situational Awareness Hardware Program:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES does not have any planned HD Cameras for 2022.

Key Actions: BVES continues to evaluate the needed for future HD Cameras in its operating territory.

Personnel Monitoring Areas of Electric Lines and Equipment in Elevated Fire Risk Conditions 7.3.2.5

Grid Operations & Protocols
No High-Risk Events
Occurred

Grid Operations & Protocol:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES has established a resource allocation level for the instance where a high fire risk condition occurs.

Key Actions: BVES currently has the resource pool available to combat high fire risk conditions in its operating area

Fault Indicators for Detecting Faults on Electric Lines and Equipment

Situational Awareness Hardware Program

On Track

Situational Awareness Hardware Program:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES is scheduled to begin this program in Q3 with a target of 50 fault indicator instillations in 2022

Key Actions: Currently on track to begin work.

Weather Forecasting and Estimating Impacts on Electrical Lines and Equipment 7.3.2.6

Weather Consultant
Support Requirement

Met

Weather Consultant for Weekly Reporting:

2022 Goal: BVES currently has a weather consultant on payroll who supports the weather forecasting and analysis necessary.

Key Actions: Additional task for quarterly aggregation of High Wind Warning and Red Flag Warning accounts to support Quarterly Data Reports.

7.3.3 - Grid Design & System Hardening

Covered Conductor
Installation
7.3.3.3.1
Covered Conductor
Replacement Program
Ahead of Plan

Covered Conductor Installation 7.3.3.3.2 Covered Conductor Replacement Program -Radford Delayed Covered Conductor Replacement Program:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES planned to complete 4.3 circuit miles in Q2. BVES was able to complete 4.72 circuit miles. The target for 2022 is 12.9 circuit miles.

Key Actions: BVES was able to complete 4.72 circuit miles of covered conductor instillation. This puts this initiative ahead of schedule.

Covered Conductor Replacement Program - Radford:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES has had to adjust its target for 2022 to 0 circuit miles

Key Actions: Due to not being able to obtain permits from the U.S. Forest Service BVES will not be able to start work on this project until 2023.

Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement, Including with Composite Poles 7.3.3.6.1

Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement – GO 95 Projects

Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement, Including with Composite Poles 7.3.3.6.2

Covered Conductor Project – Radford Line <u>Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement – GO 95 Projects:</u>

Volume vs 2022 Goal: There are no current targets for this initiative in 2022.

Key Actions: Initiative targets will be evaluated for future calendar years.

Covered Conductor Project - Radford Line:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: There are no current targets for this initiative in 2022.

Key Actions: Initiative targets will be evaluated for future calendar years.

Other Corrective Action 7.3.3.12.1 Tree Attachment Removal Program Completion Toward 80 Attachment Removals for the Year: Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES removed 2 tree attachments in Q2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to remove all 80 tree attachments planned for 2022 in Q4 due to a variety of constraints. BVES will remove tree attachments in association with other work as well.

Other Corrective Action 7.3.3.12.2 Evacuation Route Hardening Ahead of Plan **Evacuation Route Hardening:**

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES planned to harden 412 poles in 2022 as part of its Evacuation Route Hardening Program. 412 wood poles were hardening in Q1 with a wire mesh protective coating.

Key Actions: BVES was able to meet its 2022 Goal of 412 poles hardened in Q1 of 2022.

Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement, Including with Composite Poles 7.3.3.6.3

Evacuation Route Hardening-Pilot 2020 Completed Route Hardening Pilot:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: The BVES does not have an established goal for this pilot as it was completed in 2020.

Distribution Pole Replacement and Reinforcement, Including with Composite Poles 7.3.3.6.4

Evacuation Route Hardening

Ahead of Plan

Evacuation Route Hardening:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES planned to harden 412 poles in 2022 as part of its Evacuation Route Hardening Program. 412 wood poles were hardening in Q1 with a wire mesh protective coating. **Key Actions:** BVES was able to meet its 2022 Goal of 412 poles hardened in Q1 of 2022.

7.3.3 - Grid Design & System Hardening

Expulsive Fuse Replacement 7.3.3.7

Fuse Replacement Program 0 Remaining

Mitigation of Impact on Customers and Other Residents Affected During PSPS Events 7.3.3.11.1 Energy Storage Project

Planned

Installation of System
Automation Equipment
7.3.3.9.1
Grid Automation Program

Installation of System
Automation Equipment
7.3.3.9.2
Grid Automation Program //
FLISR

Installation of System
Automation Equipment
7.3.3.9.3
Grid Automation Program //
Fuse Trip Saver

0 Conventional Fuses Remaining:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: There are no current targets for this initiative in 2022.

Key Actions: This initiative was completed in 2021.

5 MW/ 20 MWh Energy Storage Facility Planned in 2023:

2022 Goal: Seek siting location and work on associated agreements.

Key Actions: BVES is still in the process of siting the storage device.

Grid Automation:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES planned to connect 0 substations to SCADA in Q2 of 2022. BVES was able to connect one substation to SCADA in Q2.

Key Actions: The initiative is on track to meet its target in 2022.

Grid Automation FLISR Project:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: Complete the project deliverables which includes software/system instillation. **Key Actions:** This project/program will be completed in 2022.

Grid Automation Fuse Trip Saver Project:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: There are no activities planned for this initiative in 2022.

Key Actions: This project/program will begin in 2023.

Grid Topology Improvement to Mitigate or Reduce PSPS events 7.3.3.8 Grid Topology Improvements

Completed

Mitigation of Impact on Customers and Other Residents Affected During PSPS Events 7.3.3.11.2

BVPP Phase 4 Upgrade Project Planned

Grid Topology Improvements - Completed:

Volume vs Goal: BVES will install sectionalizing devices as the need is determined. Currently, there are sufficient sectionalizing devices in the system; zero are planned in 2022.

Key Actions: No actions were taken for this initiative in Q2 of 2022

BVPP Phase 4 Upgrade Project Planned in 2023:
2022 Goal: There are no activities planned for this

2022 Goal: There are no activities planned for this initiative in 2022.

Key Actions: This project/program will begin in 2023.

Updates to Grid Topology to Minimize Risk of Ignition in HFTDs 7.3.3.17

Grid Topology Improvements

Completed

<u>Grid Topology Improvements - Completed:</u>

Volume vs Goal: BVES will install sectionalizing devices as the need is determined. Currently, zero are planned in 2022. **Key Actions:** No actions were taken for this initiative in Q2 of 2022.

Pole Loading Infrastructure Hardening and Replacement Program Based on Pole Loading Assessment Program 7.3.3.13

Pole Loading & Replacement Program

76 Poles Assessed

Pole Assessment Program:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: The goal for Q2 was to replace 30 poles as part of the pole loading & assessment process. BVES was able to replace 76 poles in Q2.

Key Actions: BVES has currently replaced 104 of its targeted 165 poles for 2022. BVES exceeded its goal of 30 poles replaced by assessing 76 poles in Q2 2022.

7.3.3 - Grid Design & System Hardening

Capacitor Maintenance and Replacement Program 7.3.3.1

Complete / Ongoing

Crossarm Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement 7.3.3.5

Complete / Ongoing

Circuit Breaker Maintenance and Installation to De-Energize Lines Upon Detecting a Fault 7 3 3 2

Complete / Ongoing

Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement of Connectors, Including Hotline Clamps 7.3.3.10

Complete / Ongoing

Covered Conductor Maintenance 7.3.3.4 Complete / Ongoing

Transformers Maintenance and Replacement 7.3.3.14

Complete / Ongoing

BVES Maintenance Best Practice:

The following Grid Design and System Hardening initiatives are covered under ongoing maintenance of sub-transmission and distribution facilities and are not separated as unique WMP initiatives.

7.3.10 - Stakeholder Cooperation & Community Outreach

Community engagement
7.3.10.1
Community Outreach
Program
Exceeded Targets

<u>Community Outreach Program:</u>

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES had planned to conducted at

minimum 90 outreach activities. BVES recorded 145 outreach activities 161% of target for Q2.

Key Actions: Grizzly Newspaper advertisements are posted during the week (M-F) for either WMP or PSPS and BVES will have 1 advertisement broadcasted each month.

Cooperation and best practice sharing with agencies outside CA 7.3.10.2

On Track

Cooperation and sharing with agencies outside CA:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: Currently BVES has attended two utility conferences in 2022 that include wildfire mitigation best practices

Key Actions: BVES will participate in another utility conference in Q4 2022 and develop a plan for 2023.

Cooperation with suppression agencies 7.3.10.3

Coordination On Track

Forest service and fuel reduction cooperation and joint roadmap 7.3.10.4

On Track

Cooperation with suppression agencies:

Volume vs 2022 Goal: BVES has cooperative discussions with local suppression agencies. BVES plans to have further discussion with suppression agencies and determine if there are additional actions that can be taken to improve their program. **Key Actions:** BVES established plans to engage in coordination efforts based on PSPS activations, which will include suppression agencies.

Cooperation with forest service and fuel reduction:
Volume vs 2022 Goal: Currently BVES has some cooperative discussions in forest service and fuel reduction cooperation a

discussions in forest service and fuel reduction cooperation and joint roadmap programs. BVES plans to have discussions with their forest service contacts to determine the applicability of these programs to improve their overall program.

Key Actions: BVES plans to engage U.S. Forest Service in this

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7.3.4 - Asset Management & Inspection

Detailed inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.4.1

Detailed Inspection Program Ahead of Schedule

Infrared inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.4.4

UAV Thermography Program On Track

Intrusive Pole Inspections 7.3.4.6 **Intrusive Pole Inspection Program Ahead of Schedule**

LiDAR inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.4.7 **LiDAR Inspection Program**

On Track

Detailed Inspection Activities

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES set a target of 5 circuit miles by end of Q2. BVES plans to conduct 29 circuit miles of inspection in

Key Actions: BVES was able to complete 29.58 circuit miles of inspection in Q2.

UAV Inspection Activities

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero circuit miles were scheduled for O2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfil the goal of conducting infrared inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

Intrusive Pole Inspections

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero intrusive pole inspections were scheduled for Q2 of 2022. BVES plans to assess 850 poles in 2022. Key Actions: BVES was able to complete 587 intrusive pole inspections in Q2.

LiDAR Inspection Activities

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero circuit miles were scheduled for O2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfil the goal of conducting infrared inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

distribution electric lines and equipment, beyond inspections mandated by rules and regulations 7.3.4.9.1

Third Party Ground Patrol On Track

Other discretionary inspection of distribution electric lines and equipment, beyond inspections mandated by rules and regulations 7.3.4.9.2

UAV HD Photography/Video Program On Track

Improvement of Inspections 7.3.4.3

Ongoing Effort

Contracted Third Party Inspection

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero circuit miles were scheduled for Q2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfil the goal of conducting 3rd party ground patrol inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

UAV HD Photography/Video Program

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero circuit miles were scheduled for Q2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfill the goal of conducting infrared inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

Improvement of Inspections:

Key Actions: BVES is always trying to optimize its inspections and is open to changes/adaptations leading to a better process. BVES is working on upgrading inspection documentation tool for use in the field.

7.3.4 - Asset Management & Inspection

Patrol inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.4.11

Patrol Inspection Program

Patrol Inspection within the Service Area

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES targeted 75 circuit miles inspected by Q2 2022. BVES was able to conduct 83.2 circuit miles of inspection in Q1 2022. No additional circuit miles were inspected in Q2.

Key Actions: BVES plans to inspect 211 circuit miles in 2022.

Ahead of Plan

Pole loading assessment program to determine safety factor 73413

Pole Loading & Replacement Program Ahead of Plan

Pole Loading & Replacement

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES targeted 75 pole assessments by Q2 2022. BVES was able to conduct 76 pole assessments in Q2 2022. BVES has conducted 104 pole assessments as of Q2.

Key Actions: BVES plans to conduct 225 pole assessments in 2022.

Quality assurance / quality control of inspections 7.3.4.14

Quality Control of Inspections Planned

Quality Control for Electrical Inspections Program

Volume vs Goal: BVES has not yet established quantitative or qualitative targets for the planned quality control program and therefore, have no quarterly units to report in the Quarterly Advice Letter.

Key Actions: Currently on track to discuss framework for formal controls development for internal and third-party inspection patrols.

Substation inspections **GO-174 Substation Inspection** Program

Ahead of Plan

Substations Inspected

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES targeted 36 substation inspections in Q2 2022. BVES was able to complete 39 substation inspections in Q2 2022. BVES has conducted 78 substation inspections as of Q2.

Key Actions: BVES plans to conduct 36 substation inspections per quarter with an annual target of 144 substation inspections.

7.3.5 - Vegetation Management & Inspection

Detailed inspections and management practices for vegetation clearances around distribution electrical lines and equipment 7.3.5.2

Detailed Inspection Program

Ahead of Schedule

Emergency response vegetation management due to red flag warning or other urgent conditions 7.3.5.4

Emergency Preparedness & Response Program

Improvement of inspections 7.3.5.6 Quality Control of Inspections

Identification and remediation of "at-risk species" 7.3.5.15

Planned

Detailed Inspection Activities:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES set a target of 5 circuit miles by end of Q2. BVES plans to conduct 29 circuit miles of inspection in 2022. **Key Actions**: BVES was able to complete 29.58 circuit miles of inspection in Q2.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Program:

Volume vs Goal: BVES did not record an emergency in Q2 of 2022; therefore, use of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Program was not required.

Improvement of Inspections:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: One vegetation management audit was planned for Q2 2022. BVES was able to complete 1 vegetation management audits in Q2 2022. BVES has conducted 3 audits as of Q2 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to conduct one audit per quarter with an annual target of 4 vegetation management audits in 2022.

Remediation of At-Risk Species:

Key Actions: BVES and its contractors account for at risk species when doing field work and evaluation. Cycle Breaker vegetation is are an example of what may be recorded. Remediation as a separate initiative is considered for the future with no set program/project at this time.

Remote sensing inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.5.7

LiDAR Inspection Program

LiDAR Inspection Activities

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero circuit miles were scheduled for Q2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfil the goal of conducting infrared inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

Other discretionary inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.5.9.1

Third Party Ground Patrol

Other discretionary inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.5.9.2 UAV HD

Photography/Video Program

Patrol inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 7.3.5.11

Patrol Inspection Program

Contracted Third Party Inspection

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: Zero circuit miles were scheduled for Q2 of 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfil the goal of conducting infrared inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

UAV HD Photography/Video Program

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Key Actions: BVES plans to complete 211 circuit miles, which would fulfil the goal of conducting infrared inspections of the entire system annually. Survey was completed in Q2, awaiting results package.

Patrol Inspection within the Service Area

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES targeted 75 circuit miles inspected by Q2 2022. BVES was able to conduct 83.2 circuit miles of inspection in Q1 2022. No additional circuit miles were inspected in Q2.

Key Actions: BVES plans to inspect 211 circuit miles in 2022.

7.3.5 - Vegetation Management & Inspection

Quality assurance / quality control of vegetation inspections 7.3.5.13

Quality Control of Inspections
42 QC Reviews

Recruiting and training of vegetation management personnel 7.3.5.14

Vegetation Management Program
Staffing

Met Targets

Removal and remediation of trees with strike potential to electric lines and equipment 7.3.5.16

Enhanced Vegetation Management Program

Fuel management (including all wood management) and management of "slash" from vegetation management activities 7.3.5.5

Enhanced Vegetation Management Program

> Contractor Meets Requirements

Quality Control for Electrical Inspections Program

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES planned to conduct 18 quality controls reviews in Q2 2022. BVES was able to conduct 26 quality control reviews in Q2 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to conduct 18 quality control reviews per quarter with an annual target of 72 quality control reviews in 2022.

Resource Allocation & Training:

BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects of the program for compliance. During the period Q4 of 2021, there were no compliance issues identified. **Key Actions:** BVES reviewed staffing program and methodology

Mid-Year Detailed Inspection Activities

Volume vs Q1 2022 Goal: BVES planned to remove/remediate 18 hazardous trees in Q2 2022. BVES was able to remove/remediate 47 hazardous trees in Q2 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to clear 18 circuit miles per quarter with an annual target of 72 circuit miles cleared in 2022.

Enhanced VM Program Inspection

Key Actions: This is a contractor lead initiative. Following the monthly substation inspections identified vegetation concerns and their associated waste are removed by the contractor per the contract. At which point BVES is notified, and the inspection and removal is logged.

Substation inspection 7.3.5.17 GO-174 Substation Inspection Program

Inspected & Cleared Vegetation

Substation vegetation management 7.3.5.18

Substation Vegetation
Management Inspections &
Corrections

Vegetation management enterprise system 7 3 5 19

GIS Data Collection & Sharing
Trimmed Trees Logged

Vegetation management to achieve clearances around electric lines and equipment 7.3.5.20

Enhanced Vegetation Management Program Substations Inspected

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES planned to inspect 36 substations in Q2 2022. BVES was able to clear 39 substations in Q2 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to inspect 36 substations per quarter with an annual target of 144 circuit miles cleared in 2022.

Substation Inspection

Key Actions: This is a contractor lead initiative. Following the monthly substation inspections identified vegetation concerns and their associated waste are removed by the contractor per the contract. BVES is then notified, and the inspection and removal is logged.

GIS Data Collection & Sharing:

Volume vs 2022 Goals: BVES continues to work towards a class leading Data Repository.

Key Actions: BVES continue to work with its contracted experts to update its GIS database as well as develop a more streamlines method for reporting and sharing of information.

Circuit Miles Cleared:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goals: BVES planned to clear 18 circuit miles in Q2 2022. BVES was able to clear 25.02 circuit miles in Q2 2022.

Key Actions: BVES plans to clear 18 circuit miles per quarter with an annual target of 72 circuit miles cleared in 2022.

7.3.6 - Grid Operations & Operating Protocols

Automatic Recloser Operations 7.3.6.1 **Grid Automation Program** Completed

Fault Interrupters – IntelliRupters Pulsing Auto Reclosers – Completed Cycle Work:

Volume vs Goal: BVES plans to install S&C's Pulse Closer Fault Interrupters across its major 34 kV system auto-reclosers that was completed in 2020. Key Actions: None planned for 2022.

Protective equipment and 7.3.6.2 **Protective Equipment and**

Device Settings

Protective Equipment and Device Settings:

Key Actions: All protective device settings are logged and controlled by Engineering. The settings are set based on coordination studies. BVES does not use special Fast Settings for fire season.

Crew-Accompanying Ignition Prevention and Suppression Resources and Services 7.3.6.3

Emergency Preparedness & Response Program No Emergency Events Stationed and On-Call Ignition Prevention and Suppression Resources and Services 7.3.6.7 **Emergency Preparedness &** Response Program **Ongoing**

Emergency Preparedness & Response Program:

BVES has an established program in place. BVES continues to monitor all aspects of the program for compliance. During the period Q2 of 2022, there were no emergency events that would require the use of said program.

Key Actions: There were no key actions related to this program in Q2 of 2022.

Personnel Work Procedures and Training in Conditions of Elevated Fire Risk 7.3.6.4

PSPS Program & Procedures Ongoing

Protocols for PSPS Re-Energization 7.3.6.5 **PSPS Program & Procedures Established**

PSPS Events and Mitigation of PSPS Impacts 7.3.6.6 **PSPS Program & Procedures O PSPS Events**

PSPS Program & Procedure:

BVES has an established program and procedures in place. BVES continues to monitor all aspects of the program for compliance. During the period Q2 of 2022 there were no PSPS events that would require the use of said program. **Key Actions:** There were no key actions related to the Program as there were no PSPS events.

7.3.9 - Emergency Planning & Preparedness

Resource Allocation Methodology:

results and re-evaluate staffing if necessary

Adequate and Trained Workforce for Service Restoration 7.3.9.1

Resource Allocation Methodology Completed

compliance issues identified.

Community Outreach Program:
Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES had planned to conduct 90 outreach activities at minimum. BVES recorded 145 outreach activities 161% of target for O2.

BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects

of the program for compliance. During the period Q2 of 2022, there were no

adequate. In the instance of a service restoration event BVES will review the

Key Actions: Staffing for service restoration was reviewed and declared

Key Actions: BVES exceeded its outreach targets in Q2 at 161% of the established target. BVES continues to establish coordination and communication events as pre-season PSPS planning takes place.

Community Outreach, Public Awareness, and Communications Efforts 7.3.9.2 Community Outreach

Program

Targets Exceeded

Disaster and Emergency
Preparedness Plan
7.3.9.4

Emergency Preparedness
& Response Program
Established

Customer Support in Emergencies 7.3.9.3

Response Program

Established

7.3.9.3
Emergency Preparedness & Response Program

Preparedness and Planning for Service Restoration 7.3.9.5 Emergency Preparedness & Response Program Ongoing

Protocols in Place to Learn from Wildfire Events 7.3.9.6

Emergency Preparedness & Response Program

In Progress

Emergency Preparedness and Response Program:

Volume vs Q2 2022 Goal: BVES did not record an emergency in Q2 of 2022. This means that the use of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Program was not required.

7.3.8 - Resource Allocation Methodology

Allocation Methodolo Development and Application 7.3,8.1

Resource Allocation Methodology

Program In Process

Resource Allocation Methodology [Primary]:

BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects of the program for additional staff. During the period Q2 of 2022, there were no gap issues identified.

Key Actions: BVES routinely reviewed staffing program needs

Risk Reduction Scenario Development and Analysis 7.3.8.2 Ignition Probability &

Wildfire Consequence Mapping

Completed

<u>Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource</u> **2022 Goal:** During 2021 in conjunction with the

contracted resource BVES completed its initial Risk Mapping. Due to a lack of historical data, the PSPS risk reduction aspect was deferred. For 2022, BVES plans to contract with Technosylva to develop real-time fire modeling capabilities.

Key Actions: BVES continues to evaluate the best course of action to add PSPS Risk Reduction mapping and has engaged a contractor for additional modeling support. BVES has a contract with Technosylva and is making progress on project goals.

Risk Spend Efficiency
Analysis
7.3.8.3
Ignition Probability &

Wildfire Consequence Mapping

In Progress

Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource

2022 Goal: BVES completed its initial Risk Mapping in 2021 in conjunction with a contracted resource. Due to a lack of historical data, the PSPS risk reduction aspect was deferred. For 2022 BVES plans to evaluate the best course of action to add this tool to its Risk Assessment & Mapping program.

Key Actions: BVES continues to evaluate the best course of action to add PSPS Risk Reduction mapping to its Risk Assessment & Mapping program.