California Public Utilities Commission

# ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY



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Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Bear Valley E	lectric Service, Inc (913-E)		
Utility type: ELC GAS WATER PLC HEAT	Contact Person: Nguyen Quan Phone #: (909) 394-3600 x664 E-mail: RegulatoryAffairs@byesinc.com E-mail Disposition Notice to: RegulatoryAffairs@byesinc.com		
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water	(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 424-E	Tier Designation: 1		
Subject of AL: Q2 2021 BVES Quarterly WMP Safety Report Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7) Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:			
If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission PUC 8389(e)(7)	on order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? I	f so, identify the prior AL: $_{ m No}$		
Summarize differences between the AL and th	e prior withdrawn or rejected AL:		
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Resolution required? 🔲 Yes 🖌 No			
Requested effective date: 8/2/21	No. of tariff sheets: $_0$		
Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):			
Estimated system average rate effect (%):			
When rates are affected by AL, include attach (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricu	ment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes ultural, lighting).		
Tariff schedules affected:			

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1:</sup>

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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August 2, 2021

Advice Letter No. 424-E

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## **California Public Utilities Commission**

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

**SUBJECT:** Q2 2021 BVES Quarterly WMP Safety Report Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7).

### **PURPOSE**

Pursuant to requirements of Public Utilities Code ("PUC") Section 8389(e)(7), which were added to the Public Utilities Code by Assembly Bill ("AB") 1054 on July 12, 2019, and the February 16, 2021 issuance of the Wildfire Safety Division ("WSD" now known as Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety or "OEIS") Compliance Operational Protocols, BVES submits to the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") this advice letter ("AL").

Statutory provision require that BVES file a Tier 1 AL "on a quarterly basis that details the implementation of both its approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan ("WMP") and recommendations of the most recent safety culture assessment, and a statement of recommendations of the board of director's safety committee meetings that occurred during the quarter." Section 8389(e)(7) also requires that the AL "shall summarize the implementation of safety committee recommendations from the electrical corporation's previous advice letter filing."

This advice letter is to report BVES's 2021 Q2 WMP activities, recorded Safety Committee meetings, and recommendations of the most recent safety culture assessment.

This advice letter is BVES's second quarterly filing for calendar year 2021.

### BACKGROUND

Governor Newsom signed 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 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 Commission on safety issues, and file quarterly Tier 1 ALs as described above.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF BVES'S WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN**

To support continued 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 templatized and standardized by the OEIS. Through quantitative and qualitative unit measurements, BVES details progress updates in a summary presentation included at the end of this AL. The 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 2021.

In Attachment A, BVES provides an initiative summary of progress for individual mitigation measures within the second quarter of 2021.

## **Overview of Significant Achievements and Issues**

BVES completed the fuse replacement project in May 2021, which eliminated all expulsion (conventional) fuses from the BVES system. In total, 3,114 expulsion fuses were replaced by 2,578 current limiting fuses and 536 electronic fuses. By completing the project in May, BVES was ready for the monsoon season, which generally includes numerous lightning strikes that may actuate fuses.

BVES continued to reduce the overall risk on high risk circuits as measured by its fire safety matrix (risk scores by circuit). The following table summarizes the progress:

Date	Risk Value (higher value is worse)		
12/31/2019	115,500		
12/31/2020	103,470		
6/30/2021	99,069		

The ultimate goal is to reduce the high risk circuits to achieve an aggregate risk score of approximately 60,000 risk units and then further risk medium risk circuits to achieve an aggregate risk score of approximately 30,000 risk units. The main drivers for the risk reduction is the completion of the fuse replacement program and the replacement of 5.15 circuit miles of high voltage bare overhead conductors with covered overhead conductors.

BVES achieved its 2021 target of hardening 400 poles along evacuation routes to the Big Bear Lake area in June 2021. The target was achieved by installing fire resistant wire mesh on the 400 poles. This puts BVES on schedule to have all of its evacuation routes hardened by 2022.

Year	Vegetation Contact on Lines
2021 (as of June 30, 2021)	0
2020	5
2019	5
2018	9
2017	16
2016	47

BVES continues to make progress in executing its enhanced vegetation program. Early results indicate a downward trend in vegetation contacts recorded since 2016.

BVES began implementing its enhanced vegetation program, which enlarged clearances beyond those required by General Order 95 Rule 35 in the spring of 2018 and had fully achieved the enhanced clearances by the end of 2020.

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, has been delayed by one year due to the failure to approve the permit to construct by the United States Forest Service ("USFS") in time to start and complete construction before the winter weather season this year. BVES has worked closely with the USFS and anticipates approval in time to execute the project starting April 2022. 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 each year.

### Implementation of BVES's Most Recent Safety Culture Assessment

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

### Safety & Operations Committee Meeting

The BVES Safety and Operations Committee met on May 13, 2021. At that time, Mr. Paul Marconi (BVES President, Treasurer, and Secretary) briefed the Committee on current safety items at BVES, including safety performance outcome metrics, Safety Culture Assessment status, the guidance issued by the WSD on January 22, 2021, Independent Evaluator status for the 2020 WMP, WSD field visits, and an update on the results of executing BVES's 2020 WMP including actual achievements, targets, and overall risk reduction achieved in 2020. The Committee was also provided an update on the 2021 WMP including status of the programs and projects, targets and achievements from the first quarter of 2021.

The Committee also received an update from Mr. Keith Switzer (Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Golden State Water Company) on the status of BVES's Safety Certification and the renewal process. He described the conditions required by statute that the Company must meet in order to renew its Safety Certification. He also described the requirements in order for the Company to obtain a WSD/OEIS-approved Executive Compensation plan and noted that approval of the Executive Compensation Plan is required in order to obtain Safety Certification renewal.

### COMPLIANCE

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

### ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: WMP QAL Initiative Report Q2 2021.

### **TIER DESIGNATION**

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter becomes effective on August 2, 2021.

### 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 filing. The Calendar is available on the CPUC's website at <u>www.cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

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 ATTN: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 E-mail: <u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room

4004 (same address above).

Copies of any such protests should be sent to this utility at:

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ATTN: Nguyen Quan 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, CA 91773 Fax: 909-394-7427 E-mail: <u>RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com</u>

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

### **Correspondence:**

Any correspondence regarding this compliance filing should be sent by regular mail or e-mail to the attention of:

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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,

<u>/s/Zeng Zhu</u> Zeng Zhu Rate Analyst, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Edward Randolph, Deputy Executive Director, Energy Division
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## ATTACHMENT A

Wildfire Mitigation Plan Quarterly Advice Letter Initiative Report for Q2 2021



# Wildfire Mitigation Plan Quarterly Advice Letter Initiative Report

# **Bear Valley Electric Service** Q2 2021



## WMP Activity Summary

on Utility Ignition

and/or Wildfire

5.3.7.2

Repository

for Data

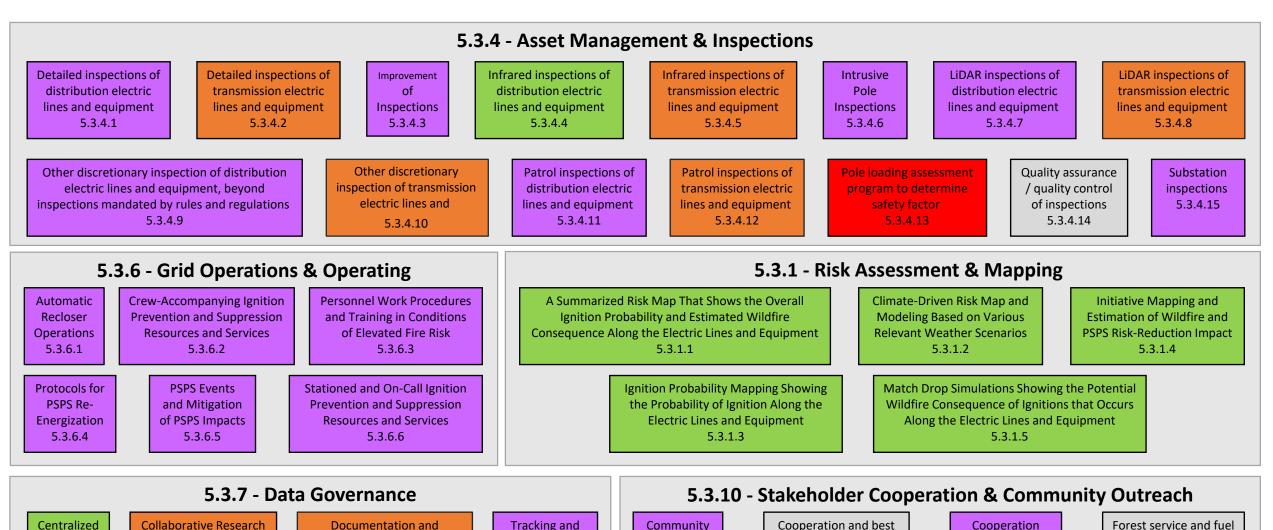
5.3.7.1

📃 Not Started 🔜 Completed/Ongoing 🔜 Ahead of Plan 🔛 On Track 💻 Off Track 💻 Not Currently Scheduled\*

Disclosure of Wildfire-

**Related Data and Algorithms** 

5.3.7.3



Engagement

5.3.10.1

practice sharing with

agencies outside CA

5.3.10.2

reduction cooperation

and joint roadmap

5.3.10.4

with suppression

agencies

5.3.10.3

(\*) 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).

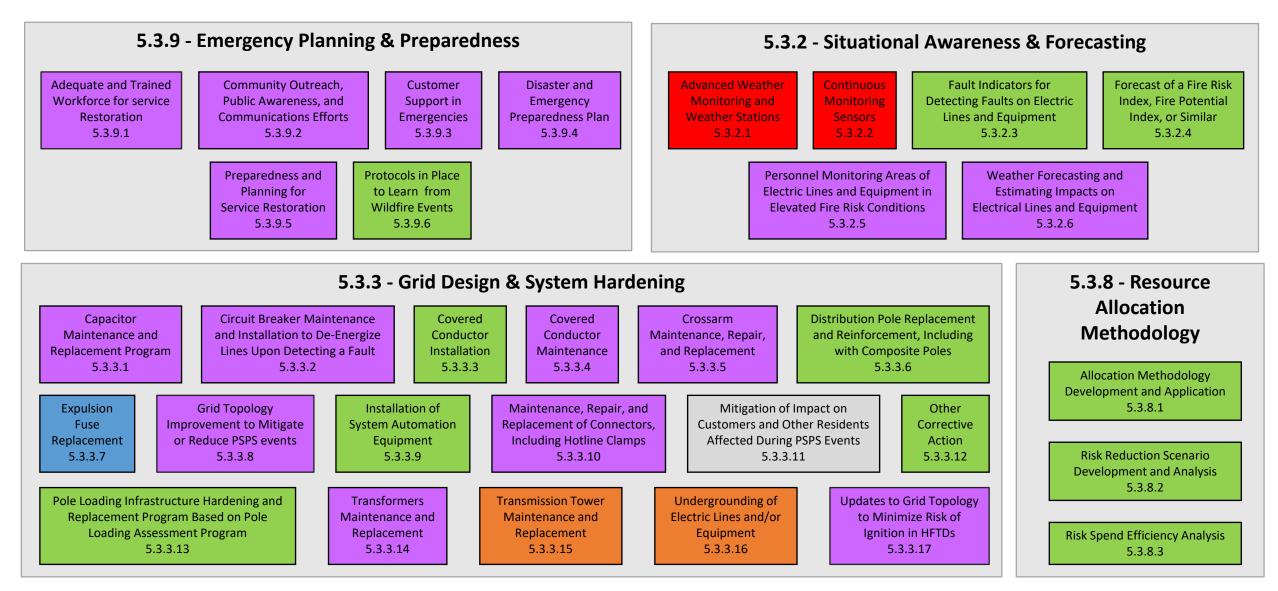
Analysis of

Near Miss Data

5.3.7.4

## WMP Activity Summary

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

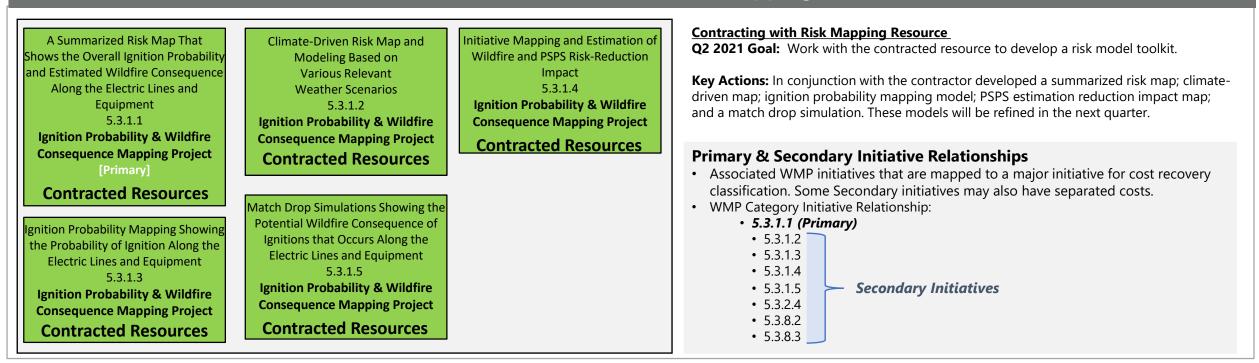


# WMP Activity Summary

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

5.3.5 - Vegetation Management & Inspections					
Additional efforts to	Detailed inspections of	Detailed inspections of	Emergency response vegetation	Fuel management an	egetation of inspections
manage community and	vegetation around distribution	vegetation around transmission	management due to red flag	of "slash" from ve	
environmental impacts	electric lines and equipment	electric lines and equipment	warning or other urgent conditions	management ac	
5.3.5.1	5.3.5.2	5.3.5.3	5.3.5.4	5.3.5.5	
LiDAR inspections of	LiDAR inspections of vegetation	Other discretionary inspections	Other discretionary	Enhanced Vegetation	Patrol inspections of vegetation
vegetation around distribution	around transmission electric	of vegetation around distribution	inspection of transmission	Management	around transmission electric
electric lines and equipment	lines and equipment	electric lines and equipment	electric lines and	Program	lines and equipment
5.3.5.7	5.3.5.8	5.3.5.9	5.3.5.10	5.3.5.11	5.3.5.12
Quality assurance / quality control of vegetation inspections 5.3.5.13Recruiting and training of vegetation management personnel 5.3.5.14Remediation of at-risk species 5.3.5.15Removal and remediation of trees with strike potential to electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.16Substation inspection 5.3.5.17Vegetation inventory system 5.3.5.18Vegetation achieve clearances around electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.17					

## 5.3.1 - Risk Assessment & Mapping



## 5.3.7 - Data Governance

Centralized Repository for
Data
5.3.7.1
GIS Data Collection &
Sharing [Primary]
On Track

#### y for 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 5.3.7.4 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 2021 there were no compliance issues identified.

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

## 5.3.2 - Situational Awareness & Forecasting

Advanced Weather Monitoring and Weather Stations 5.3.2.1 Situational Awareness Hardware Program [Primary] Off Track	Revised Schedule for 2021 Planned Deployment & Additional Installation: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES planned to install 2 weather stations in Q2 of 2021. All aspects of project are on track, however, BVES was unable to install the second unit due to external factors. Key Actions: One weather station was installed in Q2. Plans are on schedule to install the weather station remaining form Q2 in Q3 to reach annual targets.		<b>ve Relationships</b> hat are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery ry initiatives may also have separated costs.
Continuous Monitoring Sensors 5.3.2.2 Situational Awareness Hardware Program Off Track	Situational Awareness Hardware Program: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES planned to install 2 HD Cameras in Q2 of 2021. All aspects of project are on track for these cameras, however, BVES was not able to secure access in Q2 to install the devices. WMP Initiative 5.3.2.1 is the primary for the subtasks included in this category. Key Actions: Zero HD cameras were installed in Q2 due to access issues. Situational Awareness Hardware Program:	Forecast of a Fire Risk Index, Fire Potential Index, or Similar 5.3.2.4 Weather Consultant / Risk Mapping On Track	Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: Work with the contracted resource to develop a risk model toolkit. Key Actions: In conjunction with the contractor developed a summarized risk map; climate-driven map; ignition probability mapping model; PSPS estimation reduction impact map; and a match drop simulation. These models will be refined in the next quarter.
Fault Indicators for Detecting Faults on Electric Lines and Equipment 5.3.2.3 Situational Awareness Hardware Program Planned	Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: This is currently a planned program for BVES in 2022. WMP Initiative 5.3.2.1 is the primary for the subtasks included in this category. Key Actions: Currently on track to begin work.	Weather Forecasting and Estimating Impacts on Electrical Lines and Equipment 5.3.2.6 Weather Consultant	<ul> <li>Weather Consultant for Weekly Reporting:</li> <li>Q2 2021 Goal: BVES currently has a weather consultant on payroll who supports the weather forecasting and analysis necessary.</li> <li>Key Actions: Additional task for quarterly aggregation of High Wind Warning and Red Flag Warning accounts to support</li> </ul>
Personnel Monitoring Areas of Electric Lines and Equipment in Elevated Fire Risk Conditions 5.3.2.5 Grid Operations & Protocols No High-Risk Events Occurred	<b>Grid Operations &amp; Protocol:</b> <b>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:</b> BVES has established a resource allocation level for the instance where a high fire risk condition occurs. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES currently has the resource pool available to combat high fire risk conditions in its operating area.	[Primary] Support Requirement Met	<ul> <li>Quarterly Data Reports.</li> <li>Primary &amp; Secondary Initiative Relationships <ul> <li>Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.</li> <li>WMP Category Initiative Relationship: <ul> <li>5.3.2.6 (Primary)</li> <li>5.3.2.4</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>

## 5.3.3 - Grid Design & System Hardening

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Installation 5.3.3.3Volume vs C pilot.1Covered Conductor Program - Pilot2.82 Circuit Volume vs C contingent w the year Key Actions2Radford Covered Conductor Replacement2.82 Circuit Volume vs C contingent w the year Key Actions3Covered Conductor Replacement Program12.9 Circuit Volume vs C contingent w the year Key Actions	<ul> <li>Completed Pilot:</li> <li>2 2021 Goal: BVES has no outstanding goals for the</li> <li>Miles Planned for 2021 Hardening:</li> <li>1 2021 Goal: BVES will begin construction in Q3 ith permitting approvals for completion by the end of</li> <li>Currently on track to begin Q3 activities.</li> <li>Miles Planned for 2021 Hardening:</li> <li>2 2021 Goal: BVES projected that they would complete in Q2 of 2021. BVES was able to complete 5.15 lines</li> </ul>	Other Corrective Action 5.3.3.12 Radford Line Covered Conductor Tree Attachment Removal Program Evacuation Route Hardening On Track	<ul> <li>2.82 Circuit Miles Planned for 2021 Hardening:</li> <li>Volume vs Q1 2021 Goal: BVES will begin construction in Q3 contingent with permitting approvals for completion by the end of the year</li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to begin Q3 activities.</li> <li>Completion Toward 85 Attachment Removals for the Year:</li> <li>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES identified and removed 4 tree attachments, placing it behind schedule by 21 units.</li> <li>Key Actions: BVES plans to expedite the schedule in Q3 and Q4 to meet targets.</li> <li>400 Poles Hardened on Route to Date:</li> <li>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES initiated a pilot program to test fire-resistant solutions to protect wood poles. 321 wood poles were hardening with a wire mesh protective coating.</li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to begin Q3 activities.</li> </ul>		
	BVES is currently on track to complete the projected				
	by close of 2021				
Distribution Pole Replacement and	33% Patrolled within the Service Area to Date:				
	Reinforcement, Including with Composite Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: The goal for Q2 was to have 65 poles replaced as part of the assessment process. BVES has currently replaced 113 poles in 2021. This				
Poles	initiative is secondary to 5.3.3.13.				
5.3.3.6	Key Actions: Due to the work that was completed in	n Q1 & Q2 BVES is on track t	o meet its target of 200 poles for 2021.		
Pole Loading & Replacement Progra					
113 Poles Replaced	113 Poles Replaced       2.82 Circuit Miles Planned for 2021 Hardening:				
	Volume vs Q1 2021 Goal: BVES will begin construction in Q3 contingent with permitting approvals for completion by the end of the year				
2 Radford Covered Conductor Key Actions: Currently on track to begin Q3 activities.					
Replacement	2020 Completed Route Hardening Pilot:				
3 Evacuation Route Hardening- Pilot Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: The BVES does not have an established goal for this pilot as it was completed the year prior.					
400 Poles Hardened on Route to Date:					
4 Evacuation Route Hardening Program Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES initiated a pilot program to test fire-resistant solutions to protect wood poles. 321 wood poles were hardening with a wire mesh					
400 Poles Hardened in 2021 protective coating.					
Key Actions: Currently on track to begin Q3 activities.					

## 5.3.3 - Grid Design & System Hardening

Expulsive Fuse Replacement 5.3.3.7 Fuse Replacement Program <b>D Remaining</b> Mitigation of Impact on Customers and Other Residents Affected During PSPS Events 5.3.3.11 Energy Storage Project Planned	<ul> <li>O Conventional Fuses Blown in Q2: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES replaced 3,114 conventional expulsion fuses with 2,578 current limiting fuses (non-expulsion fuses) and 536 electronic fuses. BVES replaced 375 in Q2.</li> <li>Key Actions: BVES completed this initiative.</li> <li>8 MW/ 4 MWh Energy Storage Facility Planned in 2023: Q2 2021 Goal: BVES has began working to select the appropriate site and contracting needs to plan for construction/operation by mid-2023.</li> <li>Key Actions: BVES is on track with this initiative.</li> <li>10% Annual Target for Grid Automation: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES has reached 2.5% of the</li> </ul>	Grid Topology Improvement to Mitigate or Reduce PSPS events 5.3.3.8 Grid Topology Improvements [Primary] Completed Updates to Grid Topology to Minimize Risk of Ignition in HFTDs 5.3.3.17 Grid Topology Improvements Completed	<ul> <li>Grid Topology Improvements - Completed: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES will install sectionalizing devices as the need is determined. Currently, zero are planned in 2021. WMP Initiative 5.3.3.8 is the primary for the subtasks included in this category.</li> <li>Key Actions: BVES has completed the effort as identified within this WMP cycle.</li> <li>Primary &amp; Secondary Initiative Relationships         <ul> <li>Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.</li> <li>WMP Category Initiative Relationship:                 <ul> <li>5.3.3.8 (Primary)</li> <li>5.3.3.17</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.3.3.9 Grid Automation Program [Primary] 2.5% Reached Pole Loading Infrastructure Hardening and Replacement Program Based on Pole Loading Assessment Program 5.3.3.13 Pole Loading & Replacement Program [Primary] 279 Poles Assessed	milestone for this initiative in Q2, which is on track with goals. <b>Key Actions:</b> Currently on track to complete annual targets. <b>33% Patrolled within the Service Area to Date:</b> <b>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:</b> The goal for Q2 was to have 65 poles is secondary to 5.3.3.13. <b>Key Actions:</b> Due to the work that was completed in Q1 & Q2 B <sup>2</sup>	s replaced as part of the assessme	ent process. BVES has currently replaced 113 poles in 2021. This initiative of 200 poles for 2021.

#### 5.3.3 - Grid Design & System Hardening Initiatives **BVES Maintenance Best Practice: Capacitor Maintenance and Circuit Breaker Maintenance and Covered Conductor** The following Grid Design and System Hardening initiatives are covered under ongoing **Replacement Program** Installation to De-Energize Lines Upon Maintenance maintenance of subtransmission and distribution facilities and are not separated as 5.3.3.4 5.3.3.1 **Detecting a Fault** unique WMP initiatives. 5.3.3.2 **Complete / Ongoing Complete / Ongoing Complete / Ongoing** Maintenance, Repair, and **Transformers Maintenance** Crossarm Maintenance. **Replacement of Connectors**, and Replacement Repair, and Replacement Including Hotline Clamps 5.3.3.14 5.3.3.5 5.3.3.10 **Complete / Ongoing Complete / Ongoing Complete / Ongoing**

## 5.3.10 - Stakeholder Cooperation & Community Outreach

**Community Outreach Program: Community engagement** Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES had planned to conducted at 5.3.10.1 minimum 90 outreach activities. BVES recorded 137 outreach **Community Outreach** activities 150% of target for Q2. See 5.3.9.2 as the primary WMP Program initiative. Key Actions: Grizzly Newspaper advertisements are posted **In Progress** during the week (M-F) for either WMP or PSPS and BVES will have 1 advertisement broadcasted each month. **Cooperation and sharing with agencies outside CA:** Cooperation and best practice Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: Currently BVES does not participate sharing with agencies outside in cooperation and best practice sharing with agencies outside CA

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**Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:** Currently BVES does not participate in cooperation and best practice sharing with agencies outside of CA. BVES plans to have discussion with other agencies within CA to determine how they are approaching this initiative. **Key Actions:** No actions have currently been taken Cooperation with suppression agencies 5.3.10.3 Complete/Ongoing

#### **Cooperation with suppression agencies:**

**Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:** Currently BVES does not participate in cooperation with suppression agencies currently. BVES plans to have discussion with suppression agencies and determine if there are additional actions that can be taken to improve their program.

Key Actions: No actions have currently been taken

Forest service and fuel reduction cooperation and joint roadmap 5.3.10.4 **Planned** 

### **Cooperation with forest service and fuel reduction:**

**Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:** Currently BVES does not participate in forest service and fuel reduction cooperation and joint roadmap programs. BVES plans to have discussion with their forest service contacts to determine the applicability of these programs to improve their overall program. **Key Actions:** No actions have currently been taken

## 5.3.4 - Asset Management & Inspection

Detailed inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.4.1 Detailed Inspection Program [Primary] On Track for Mid-Year Inspection Infrared inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.4.4 UAV Thermography Program On Track for Mid-Year	<ul> <li>Mid-Year Detailed Inspection Activities</li> <li>Volume vs Q1 2021 Goal: BVES did not have a quarterly target established for circuit miles inspected over the second quarter in 2021. Inspections will occur in Q3.</li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.</li> </ul> Mid-Year UAV Inspection Activities Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES did not have a quarterly target established for circuit miles inspected over the second quarter in 2021. Inspections will occur in Q3. Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.	Other discretionary inspection of distribution electric lines and equipment, beyond inspections mandated by rules and regulations 5.3.4.9 Third Party Ground Patrol On Track for Mid-Year Inspection Third Party UAV Program On Track	<ul> <li>Contracted Third Party Inspection</li> <li>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES will begin third party patrols across the service territory in Q3 of 2021.</li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.</li> <li>UAV Thermography Program</li> <li>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES will begin UAV</li> <li>Thermography Inspection across the service territory in Q3 of 2021.</li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.</li> </ul>
Inspection Intrusive Pole Inspections 5.3.4.6 Intrusive Pole Inspection Program Ongoing	Mid-Year Intrusive Pole Inspections Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES did not schedule any inspections for intrusive poles for Q1 of 2021. 900 Poles are planned for assessment in 2021. Key Actions: This programs efforts occur primarily in Q3 and Q4 . Updates will be provided at that time.	Improvement of Inspections 5.3.4.3 <b>Ongoing Effort</b>	<b>Improvement of Inspections:</b> <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES is always trying to optimize its inspections and is open to changes/adaptations leading to a better process.
LiDAR inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.4.7 LiDAR Inspection Program [Primary] On Track for Mid-Year Inspection	Performed Annually Across the Entire Service Area Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES will begin LiDAR inspections across the service territory in Q3 of 2021. Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.	<ul> <li>LiDAR Inspection Program</li> <li>Primary &amp; Secondary Initiative Relationships <ul> <li>Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.</li> <li>WMP Category Initiative Relationship: <ul> <li>5.3.4.7 (Primary)</li> <li>5.3.5.7</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	

## 5.3.4 - Asset Management & Inspection

Patrol inspections of distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.4.11 Patrol Inspection Program [Primary] 85 Circuit Miles Inspected

Pole loading assessment program to

determine safety factor

5.3.4.13

**Pole Loading & Replacement** 

Program

YTD Assessed 352 Poles

#### 85 Circuit Miles Patrolled within the Service Area

annual total to 352. This initiative is secondary to 5.3.3.13.

**Quality Control for Electrical Inspections Program** 

able to meet its annual target for this initiative.

**Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:** BVES met Q2 targets given that there were no miles to be inspected in Q2 (overall progress of 85 miles by close of Q2) with inspections resuming in Q3. **Key Actions:** Currently on track to complete annual targets.

Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES set a target of 500 poles assessed by

Key Actions: Due to resourcing issues BVES was not able to meet its

goal of 500 poles by the end of Q2 2021. BVES believes it will still be

the end of Q2 2021. BVES was only able to assess 73 poles bringing the

### **Patrol Inspection Program**

#### **Primary & Secondary Initiative Relationships**

- Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.
- WMP Category Initiative Relationship:
  - 5.3.4.11 (Primary)
    - 5.3.5.11

#### Pole Loading & Replacement Program

#### **Primary & Secondary Initiative Relationships**

- Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.
- WMP Category Initiative Relationship:
  - 5.3.3.13 (Primary)
    - 5.3.3.6
    - 5.3.4.13

Quality assurance / quality control of inspections 5.3.4.14 Quality Control of Inspections [Primary] Planned

**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.

## GO-174 Substation Inspection Program

#### Primary & Secondary Initiative Relationships

- Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.
- WMP Category Initiative Relationship:
  - 5.3.4.15 (Primary)
    - 5.3.5.17

Substation inspections 5.3.4.15 GO-174 Substation Inspection Program [Primary] 72 Substations Inspected

#### 25% of Substations Inspected

**Pole Loading & Replacement** 

**Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:** BVES has executed physical inspections of 36 additional substations within the service area bringing the annual total to 72 substations inspected.

Key Actions: Currently on track to meet annual targets.

Detailed inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.2 Detailed Inspection Program On Track for Mid-	<ul> <li>Mid-Year Detailed Inspection Activities         Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES did not have a quarterly target established for circuit miles inspected over the second quarter in 2021.     </li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.</li> <li>Primary &amp; Secondary Initiative Relationships         <ul> <li>Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives may also have separated costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LiDAR inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.7 LiDAR Inspection Program On Track for Mid- Year Inspection	Performed Annually Across the Entire Service Area Volume vs Q1 2021 Goal: BVES will begin LiDAR inspections across the service territory in Q3 of 2021. Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.
Year Inspection	<ul> <li>WMP Category Initiative Relationship:</li> <li>5.3.4.1 (Primary)</li> <li>5.3.5.2</li> </ul>	Other discretionary inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.9	Mid-Year UAV Inspection Activities Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES did not have a quarterly target established for circuit miles inspected over the second quarter in 2021. Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.
Emergency response vegetation management due to red flag warning or other urgent conditions	<b>Emergency Preparedness and Response Program:</b> <b>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:</b> BVES did not record an emergency in Q2 of 2021. This means that the use of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Program was not required. See initiative 5.3.9.4 as the primary.	UAV & Ground Patrol Planned / On Track	<b>Rey Actions.</b> Currently on track to complete annual targets.
5.3.5.4 Emergency Preparedness & Response Program Completed	Trogram was not required. See initiative 5.5.5.4 as the primary.	Patrol inspections of vegetation around distribution electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.11	<ul> <li><u>85 Circuit Miles Patrolled within the Service Area</u></li> <li>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES met Q2 targets, inspecting 85 circuit miles across the territory. There were no circuit miles to be inspected in Q2 of 2021.</li> <li>Key Actions: Currently on track to complete annual targets.</li> </ul>
Improvement of inspections 5.3.5.6 <b>Ongoing</b>	Improvement of Inspections: Key Actions: BVES is always trying to optimize its inspections and is open to changes/adaptations leading to	Patrol Inspection Program 85 Circuit Miles Inspected	
	a better process.	Remediation of at-risk species 5.3.5.15 <b>Planned</b>	<b>Remediation of At-Risk Species:</b> <b>Key Actions:</b> 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.

## 5.3.5 - Vegetation Management & Inspection

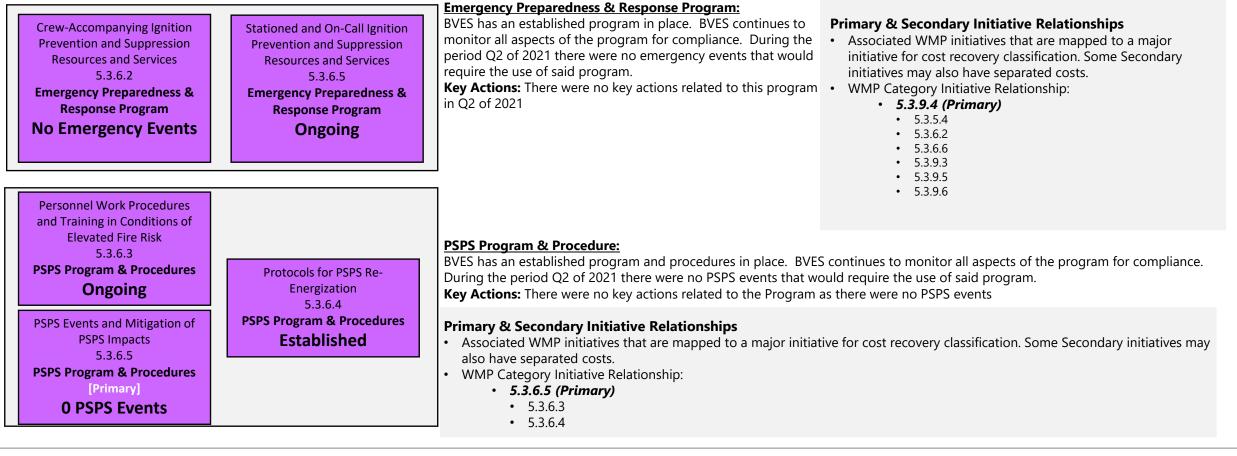
Quality assurance / quality control of vegetation inspections 5.3.5.13 Quality Control of Inspections 24 of 36	Quality Control for Electrical Inspections Program Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES plans to execute 18 audit reviews of vegetation management work per quarter. 24 out of 36 were completed per established targets at the close of Q2. Key Actions/Remediation: BVES conducted 15 of the 18 scheduled reviews. BVES will work to meet future quarterly goals for reviewing contractor vegetation management activities.	Substation inspection 5.3.5.17 GO-174 Substation Inspection Program Inspected & Cleared Vegetation	50% of Substations Inspected Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES has executed physical inspections of 72 substations within the service area at the close of Q2. BVES has met its target of 36 inspections per quarter. Key Actions: Currently on track to meet annual targets.
Recruiting and training of vegetation management personnel 5.3.5.14 Vegetation Management Program Staffing Met Targets	<b>Resource Allocation &amp; Training:</b> BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects of the program for compliance. During the period Q2 of 2021 there were no compliance issues identified. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES reviewed staffing program and methodology	Substation vegetation management 5.3.5.18 Substation Vegetation Management Inspections & Corrections	50% of Substations Inspected Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES has executed physical inspections of 76 substations within the service area at the close of Q2. BVES has met its target of 36 inspections per quarter. Key Actions: Currently on track to meet annual targets.
Removal and remediation of trees with strike potential to electric lines and equipment 5.3.5.16 Enhanced Vegetation Management Program [Primary] On Track	Wid-Year Detailed Inspection Activities           Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES did not           have a quarterly target established for           circuit miles inspected over the second	Inspected & Cleared Vegetation Vegetation inventory system 5.3.5.19 GIS Data Collection & Sharing Trimmed Trees Logged	GIS Data Collection & Sharing: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goals: BVES continues to work towards a class leading Data Repository. WMP Initiative 5.3.7.1 is the primary associated with this ongoing
Fuel management and reduction of "slash" from vegetation managemen activities 5.3.5.5 Enhanced Vegetation Managemen Program Contractor Meets Requirements	t Enhanced Vegetation Management Relationships • Associated WMP initiatives that are mapped to a major initiative for cost recovery classification. Some Secondary initiatives		Inventory scope. 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.

## 5.3.6 - Grid Operational & Protocols

## Automatic Recloser Operations 5.3.6.1 Grid Automation Program Completed

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

**Volume vs Q2 2021 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. BVES has installed Fault Indicators (FIs) at key locations to reduce the time it takes to locate faults; thereby, reducing the time to isolate faults from the system or correcting the damage. Prior to the start of the program, BVES had 110 FIs installed in its system at key locations. As part of the WMP, BVES will install an additional 117 FIs at 39 key locations to provide optimal FI coverage in the system in 2022. This initiative is secondary to 5.3.3.9. **Key Actions:** BVES has completed the effort as identified within this WMP cycle.



5.3.9 - Emergency Planning & Preparedness			5.3.8 - Resource Allocation Methodology		
Adequate and Trained Workforce for Service Restoration 5.3.9.1 Resource Allocation Methodology Completed	<ul> <li><u>Resource Allocation Methodology:</u></li> <li>BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects of the program for compliance. During the period Q2 of 2021 there were no compliance issues identified. See WMP initiative 5.3.8.1 as the primary.</li> <li><b>Key Actions:</b> Staffing for service restoration was reviewed and declared adequate. In the instance of a service restoration event BVES will review the results and re-evaluate staffing if necessary.</li> </ul>		Allocation Methodology Development and Application 5.3.8.1 Resource Allocation Methodology [Primary] Program In Process	<b>Resource Allocation Methodology [Primary]:</b> BVES has an established program in place and continues to monitor all aspects of the program for additional staff. During the period Q2 of 2021 there were no gap issues identified. <b>Key Actions:</b> BVES routinely reviewed staffing program needs.	
Community Outreach, Public Awareness, and Communications Efforts 5.3.9.2 Community Outreach Program [Primary] Ongoing	Community Outreach Program: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES had planned to conducted at minimum 90 outreach activities. BVES recorded 137 outreach activities 150% of target for Q2. See 5.3.9.2 as the primary WMP initiative. 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.		Risk Reduction Scenario Development and Analysis 5.3.8.2 Ignition Probability & Wildfire Consequence Mapping Planned	<b>Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource</b> <b>Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal:</b> Developed request for support in producing a package of risk mapping products and match drop simulations to accurately identify BVES's ignition risk potential under climate change forecasts. WMP Initiative 5.3.1.1 is the primary for the subtasks included in this category. <b>Key Actions:</b> Developed plan to engage external	
Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Plan 5.3.9.4 Emergency Preparedness & Response Program [Primary] Established	Preparedness and Planning for Service Restoration 5.3.9.5 Emergency Preparedness & Response Program Ongoing	Emergency Preparedness and Response Program: Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: BVES did not record an emergency in Q2 of 2021. This means that the use of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Program was not required. See initiative 5.3.9.4 as the primary.	Risk Spend Efficiency Analysis 5.3.8.3 Ignition Probability & Wildfire Consequence Mapping In Process	resources to support BVES in developing these risk maps. Contracting with Risk Mapping Resource Volume vs Q2 2021 Goal: Developed request for support in producing a package of risk mapping products and match drop simulations to accurately identify BVES's ignition risk potential under climate change forecasts. WMP Initiative 5.3.1.1 is the primary for the subtasks included in this category. Key Actions: Developed plan to engage external resources to support BVES in developing these risk maps.	
Customer Support in Emergencies 5.3.9.3 Emergency Preparedness & Response Program Established	Protocols in Place to Learn from Wildfire Events 5.3.9.6 Emergency Preparedness & Response Program In Progress				