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***Direct Testimony in Support of Southern
California Edison Company's Application for
Authorization to Recover 2021 Incremental
Costs Related to Wildfire Mitigation and
Vegetation Management***

SECOND ERRATA

Before the

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Rosemead, California
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include confirmed tree-related events (TCCI) by SCE field verification, and are categorized as Grow-In, Blow-In, and Fall-In events.

Table III-29
Average Events Pre & Post Clearances⁵⁸

Average Events Pre & Post Enhanced Clearances

Average Events Pre and Post Enhanced Clearances	Pre-Enhanced Clearances	Post Enhanced Clearances	Difference
	2015-2019 Avg TCCIs per Year	2020-2021 Avg TCCIs per Year	
HFTD	148.4	61.5	-59%
Non-HFTD	289.2	136	-53%
All	437.6	197.5	-55%

2. 2021 Scope and Cost of Work Performed

In 2021, SCE recorded ~~\$363.7~~ ^{\$383.97} million in costs related to Routine Vegetation Management. These costs were reasonable based on the many factors that can affect the overall cost of Routine Vegetation Management work in a given year. Below, SCE describes the various factors that drove the costs incurred in 2021, and adjustments SCE made to safely execute its vegetation management work. For example:

- 2021 recorded costs reflect the higher cost of vegetation trimming and removals due to **higher contract labor rates, including but not limited to the impact of SB 247 on contract re-negotiations.**
- 2021 was the first full calendar year to reflect the cost of SCE's newer wildfire mitigation activities, such as the full deployment of the **Areas of Concern** supplemental patrols program.
- In 2021, SCE engaged in **new and expanded activities** that were integral to daily vegetation field operations, such as customer notifications, increased traffic control, and obtaining environmental approval for a greater number of work points.

⁵⁸ For a more detailed discussion, please see SCE 2022 WMP, p. 700. SCE acknowledges that there were multiple on-going programs, such as the WCCP and the HTMP, that also may have contributed to the reduction of TCCIs.