

Honorable Members of the Wildlife Safety Advisory Board

These are my comments on what SCE must to do to prevent wildfires.

- 1. Underground wires wherever the terrain allows. In hilly terrain where the wires can't be put underground all the above ground wires have to be hardened. If they fall they will not spark a fire. Undergrounding is the solution but they are doing everything else but what needs to be done to solve the issue.**
- 2. On red flag days if they are contemplating shutting power they have to provide residents with backup battery systems . Without electricity, all forms of communicating about evacuation and evacuation routes are not known and chaos could result.**
- 3. Stop SCE ineffective and disastrous tree trimming and tree removal program. SCE blames the trees for starting fires. In the history of Malibu where I have a homeowner for 40 years, a tree never caused a wildfire. Rather their wires have.**
- 4. SCE didn't maintain their infrastructure for years and look at the result. The Thomas Fire and the Woolsey fire resulting in immeasurable damage to the natural environment, its plant and animal life, loss of homes their contents and lifetime memories and lives.**
- 5. SCE's lack of meaningful community engagement in their disastrous, unnecessary and overreaching tree destruction and tree trimming program has been severely lacking to say the least. They came into our community dictating what they were going to do. If residents didn't want SCE to destroy or severely trim their trees the residents were threatened and harassed. They wanted to remove trees that weren't even near the wires. They were conducting their tree trimming program during nesting season. They destroyed one of the best monarch overwintering sites that will take decades to restore.**

Thank you for considering these comments

Sincerely,

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