

# Summer Preparedness and Wildfire Mitigation 7/28/2022

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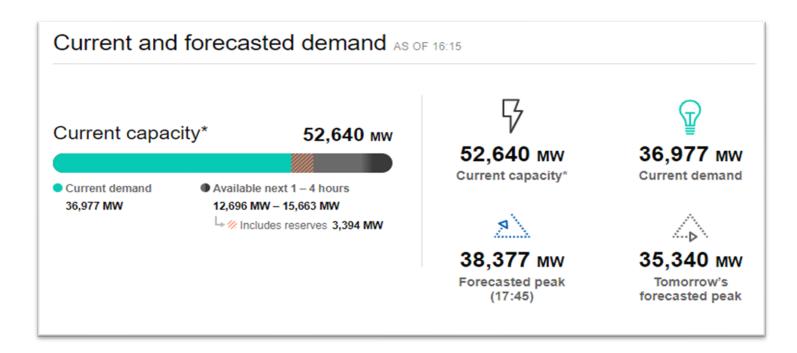


## Summer Reliability and Education





- The state has added thousands of MWs against a challenging backdrop including the pandemic, lofty targets and a focus on clean resources.
- While we are moving in the right direction for the longer term with the addition of new resources to the grid, a third year of significantly lower-than-normal hydro conditions and the projected increased possibility of extreme weather events in the West leaves the grid in an elevated state of risk for this summer.
- Individuals interested in real-time data can go to <u>California ISO Today's Outlook</u> (<u>caiso.com</u>) to get information on grid status, current demand, etc. (see example):



## **Summer Bill Education & Assistance**

- SDG&E is working to help customers avoid higher-than-anticipated energy bills this summer.
  - Current forecasts project another hotter-than-average August and September
  - Natural gas prices remain high across the country due to a number of national and international issues.
  - Both will impact monthly bills as customers turn up the A/C to stay cool and could extend into winter/heating months.
- Customers will receive a letter or email from SDG&E in early August with information and education on how to manage their energy use and sign up for programs.

More information on programs and resources can be found at <a href="https://www.sdge.com/myenergy">www.sdge.com/myenergy</a>





Create an energy saving action plan on My Account



Shift to save: Use energy outside of peak hours 4-9pm



Enroll in Power Saver Rewards, get paid to save energy



Check your A/C filter and clean clothes dryer vents and lint filters regularly



Enroll available assistance programs for eligible customers



# Wildfire Mitigation

### **SDG&E Committed to Risk Reduction**



# Wildfire Mitigation Plan Progress

45%

84%

Reduced fault rate on the distribution system

Reduced fault rate on the transmission system

100%

100%

of HFTD drone inspections completed in 2022

Ignition reduction when sensitive relay settings enabled

100%

12,500

Ignition reduction from fuses in HFTD

Trees per year with enhanced vegetation clearance

#### Reducing wildfire risk & PSPS impacts through:

- Advanced risk modeling & situational awareness leveraging artificial intelligence
- Continued grid hardening by increasing strategic undergrounding & covered conductor to achieve further reductions on distribution fault rate
- Increased customer support by expanding AFN support services & leveraging renewable resources
- Ongoing preparation through EOC exercises, community outreach, public education & public safety partnerships

## **Public Awareness & Communications**



Augmented and diverse communications tools used to inform customers before and during PSPS events



#### **Before Event**

Year-long public education campaign • TV, Radio, streaming radio, social media, digital, print PSAs • Online Influencers • Wildfire Safety Fairs & In-community events • In-community newsletters, newspapers, community social media pages • Community bulletins/posters, Community Stores, Supermarkets, Laundromats, Barber Shops • Airport, train and bus depots video monitor messaging • Athletic Events- stadium ads • Increased media and journalist education effort • Message amplification by CBOs & partners • Public education in-language & accessible communications • Simplified PSPS & Wildfire Safety webpages • Power outage & preparedness videos • Multiple customer & CBO surveys & research • Dedicated Spanish communications team

#### **During Event**

Leverage 20+ diverse communications platforms • Hyper-local targeting via Nextdoor • Media & journalist outreach • PSPS mobile app & radio PSAs • In-community & roadside signage & flyer distribution • Message amplification by CBOs & partners • Customer notification refinement to accommodate in-language & AFN customers



#### **PSPS Website Overview**

#### **Key Features and Content**

- Address lookup tool
  - Customers can input their address and see if they are at risk, de-energized, patrolling or re-energized.
- Map with affected areas (heat map technology; AFN)
- Customers and communities at risk and shut off
  - Updated in real-time as customers are de- and re-energized
- Community Resource Centers (CRCs)
  - CRC look-up (customers input their address to find closest CRCs)
  - Addresses, amenities, hours and more information.
- AFN resources, landing page and personalized experience.

#### 2022 Enhancements and Outlook

- Accessibility: Partnered with Center for Accessible Technology (C4AT) to build best-in-class accessible website and mobile app; implemented AudioEye tool.
- Utilized customer feedback from 2021 event, e.g. adding Google map links to CRCs and font size for customers affected.
- Improved **mobile experience**, better layout elements, font sizing.
- Website is built on Amazon Web Service's (AWS) cloud infrastructure.
  - Web servers auto-scale based on traffic and bandwidth needs increase.
- Utilizes a Content Delivery Network (CDN) and Web Application Firewalll (WAF) to ensure stability and performance ("Black Friday" performance)
- Coded "lite" to help low-bandwidth customers

