

**Meeting Minutes: Joint IOU: Fuel Management Recycling Practices
June 20, 2023**

Attendees by IOU

SCE

SDG&E – Michael Daleo, Ryan White

PG&E

Topic

The purpose of this meeting is to have a working session and discuss the different types of programs and practices each IOU has in place for disposing and recycling woody debris and vegetation.

Summary of Meeting

Each IOU was allocated time to provide a summary of their disposal and recycling practices for woody debris and vegetation.

SDG&E

SDG&E identified two distinct initiatives:

(1) Fuel management, which is the thinning of fuel around structure for fire mitigation, a voluntary program and not regulated.

(2) Wood/slash management, which is related to compliance programs like polebrushing, trimming/removal of trees.

- Customer Property: Woody debris 6 inches and greater DBH is left on-site and cut into manageable pieces (less than 50 lbs), wood is left in compliance with water regulations.
- Public/Agency Land: Lop and scatter and work with agency on where to dispose vegetation.
- SDG&E does track tonnage amount that is disposed of at the landfill and recycling vendors.
 - SDG&E pays the cost to dispose of debris to the landfill and recycling vendors, this cost is embedded rates under ancillary costs.
 - For customer property, SDG&E tracks tonnage of chips left on site but does not quantify tonnage for large material left on-site.
 - For woody debris that is taken to landfill/recycling vendor, SDG&E tracks cumulative tonnage.
 - Reported to SDG&E on a monthly basis and is tracked in dashboard.
 - This tracking is part of SDG&E's sustainability goal.
 - Currently, SDG&E is at 55% of disposals go to a repurposing facility and the goal is to deliver 100%.

Things to consider

- Make practical and feasible for tree contractors and vendors
- Transport times, fuel considerations, accommodate location
- Charge vendors to establish own laydown yards, move offsite once the truck reaches capacity, logistical considerations
- Pay dumping or receiving costs from our recycling/landfill vendors
- SDG&E does not have nearby cogeneration options

Next Steps

- PG&E will coordinate another meeting to discuss this topic further.