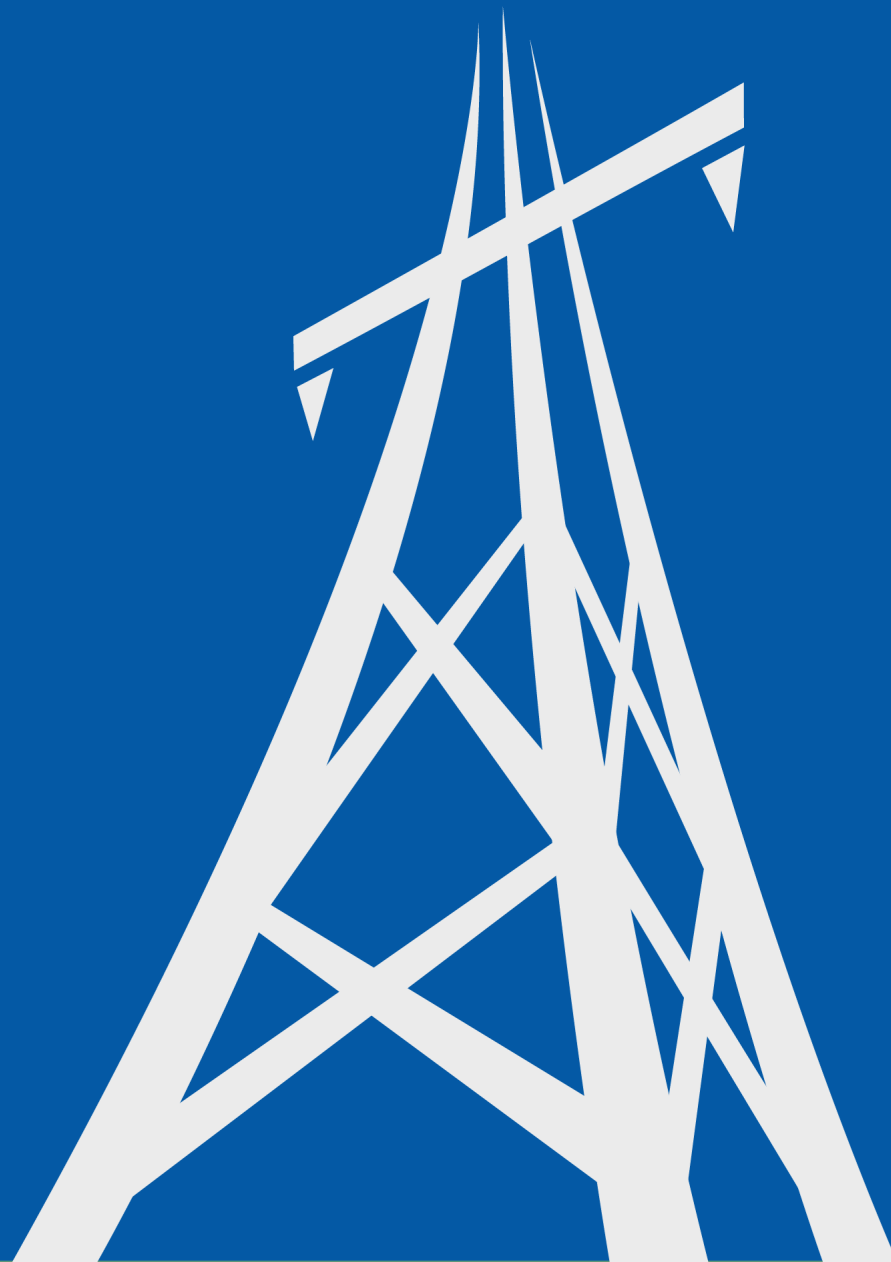
UTILITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

October 20, 2026





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ABOUT ENERGY SAFETY

The Legislature established the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) as a new state department under the California Natural Resources Agency **to ensure electrical utilities are reducing utility-related wildfire risk.** Our mission expanded to **underground safety** with the addition of the Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (Underground Safety Board) in January 2022.

Our Vision

Safe, sustainable utility infrastructure in California with no catastrophic excavation incidents or electrical utility-ignited wildfires.

Cross Agency Coordination & Workgroups

- CAL FIRE collaboration on Wildfire Mitigation Plan review
- Strategic Coordination and MOU w/ CPUC
- Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee (CAL FIRE, Dept. of Insurance, etc.)
- CA Wildfire & Forest Resilience Taskforce (State, Local, and Federal partners)

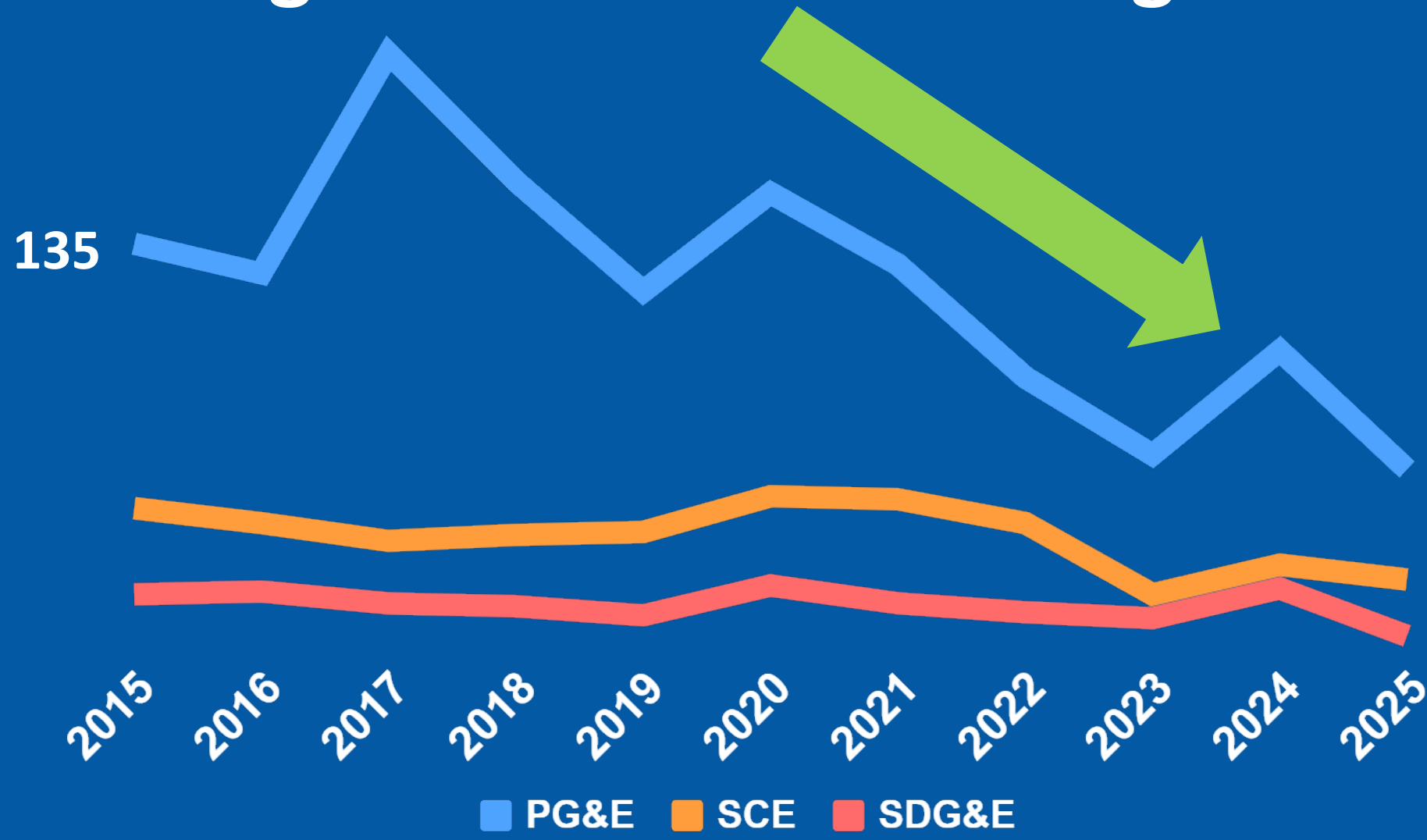
ENERGY SAFETY'S ROLE AFTER A UTILITY WILDFIRE

- **Potential Actions by Energy Safety After a Utility Wildfire**
  - Cause-specific feedback in future annual performance report
  - Cause-specific feedback on future WMP
  - Cause-specific performance audits
  - Denial of WMP in future years
  - Denial of certificate in future years

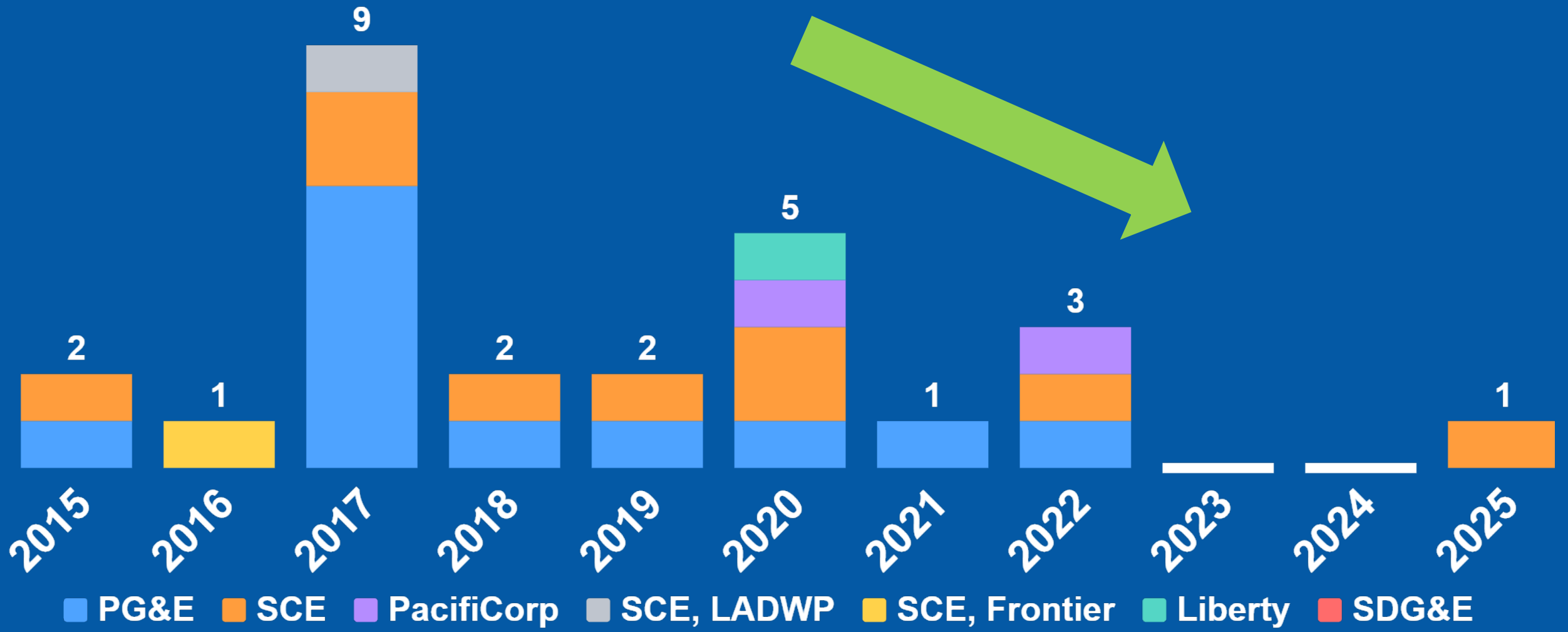
HIGH FIRE THREAT DISTRICT UTILITY MITIGATIONS

- **Operational Measures**
  - Cameras, sensors, EPSS, PSPS
  - Inspection and Maintenance
  - Vegetation Management
- **System Hardening**
  - Covered Conductors
  - Undergrounding

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Catastrophic Utility Wildfires



QUESTIONS?

