

## San Sevaine Variance Request

- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – San Bernardino County – Fleet Management was informed that Southern California Edison (SCE) had lost power due to equipment failure.
- Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Fleet Management was made aware that the generator was about to hit 180 that evening. SCE said power was estimated to be restored by Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Fleet Management filed for a Petition for Variance for an Ex Parte, Interim, & Regular Variance.
- Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Generator hit 200 hours at approximately 9 am.
- Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – SCE successfully repaired the equipment and power was restored
- Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 – Generator is at 755.1 hours as of 5:14 am.

### Good Cause

- The current hours for 2026 are at 755.1. As of Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, the emergency generator at San Sevaine Radio Tower has reached 200 hours. Power has been restored.
- San Bernardino County – Fleet Management has done their due diligence by applying for the variance before the engine hit the 200 emergency hours.
- Circumstance for this variance is that SCE lost power through their infrastructure due to the atmospheric river caused by weather. Since the power is down, the emergency generator is needed to power on the San Sevaine Radio Tower. Due to the weather, a State of Emergency was declared by Governor Newsom.
- The benefit to keep the emergency generator operational far outweighs shutting the emergency generator down due to air contaminants. Keeping the emergency generator operational means first responders will receive all communication for any emergencies that occur on the mountain. The emergency generator is also a far distance from any residential or business areas.
- This emergency generator will only run during an emergency when power supply is cut or for 1 hour a month during maintenance. With these efforts, the San Bernardino County – Fleet Management will only run this emergency generator for these reasons to reduce emissions as much as possible.
- If the Petition for Variance was not granted, first responders would lose critical communication on the mountain and the 800 MHz communication repeater loop would be down for all of San Bernardino County's communication along with communication across California.