

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023
Data Response**

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The following questions relate to your 2023-2025 WMP submission and your response to data request CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-08.

QUESTION 019

In its response to Question 5 of CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-08, PG&E provides the following table of actual and forecasted costs for vegetation management programs. PG&E further states that “The EVM Transitional programs for VM are Focused Tree Inspections, VM for Operational Mitigations, and Tree Removal Inventory.”

	ACTUAL	FORECAST	FORECAST
	2022	2023	2024
Tree Mortality	\$108,129	\$100,617	\$98,112
EVM	\$590,971	N/A	N/A
(EVM) Transitional Programs	N/A	\$160,357	\$156,366
Routine	\$607,751	\$711,944	\$694,225
VC Pole Clearing	\$23,589	\$26,000	\$25,353
Totals	\$1,330,440	\$998,918	\$974,057

- a) Please update this table to include the actual and forecast costs for each EVM Transitional Program, including:
 - i. Focused Tree Inspections;
 - ii. VM for Operational Mitigations; and
 - iii. Tree Inventory Removal.
- b) Please explain how PG&E plans to achieve the following cost reductions in vegetation management as demonstrated in the above table:
 - i. \$331,522,000 between 2022 and 2023; and
 - ii. \$24,861,000 between 2023 and 2024.

ANSWER 019

- a) Please see the updated table which includes forecast costs for each EVM transitional program. These programs were not active in 2022 therefore actual costs are not available.

	ACT	FCST	FCST
	2022	2023	2024
Tree Mortality	\$ 108,129	\$ 100,617	\$ 98,112
EVM	\$ 590,971	N/A	N/A
(EVM) Transitional Programs	N/A	\$ 160,357	\$ 156,366
VM for Operational Mitigations		\$ 23,455	\$ 22,872
Tree Removal Inventory		\$ 53,484	\$ 52,153
Focused Tree Inspections in AOC		\$ 83,418	\$ 81,342
Routine VM	\$ 607,751	\$ 711,944	\$ 694,225
VC Pole Clearing	\$ 23,589	\$ 26,000	\$ 25,353
Totals	\$ 1,330,440	\$ 998,918	\$ 974,057

- b)
- i. The difference of \$331,522,000 between 2022 and 2023 is achieved due to the conclusion of the EVM program. These reductions are reflected in the Vegetation Management GRC Supplemental Testimony submitted in February 2022.
 - ii. The difference of \$24,861,000 between 2023 and 2024 is due to several factors, this is how PG&E will achieve this reduction; (1) Transitioning from EVM to three new programs; (2) reducing the amount of Routine VM work conducted each year commensurate with the amount of undergrounding miles completed; and (3) reducing unit costs through efficiencies over the rate case period through targeted programmatic adjustments that refine processes and improve resource efficiency.