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Data Response

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SUBJECT: EXPENDITURES VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

QUESTION 01

Based on analysis of information reported in the WMP, PG&E reports a \$530 million increase in vegetation management category initiatives over the amount projected for 2022 in the 2021 WMP Update.

- a) What accounts for the \$530 million increase in vegetation management category initiatives?

ANSWER 01

- a) The \$530 million increase in vegetation management category initiatives in the 2022 WMP are greater than the forecast in 2021 WMP in order to account for updated estimates of work required in 2022. Program to initiative mapping has been updated in some cases from 2021 to 2022, therefore, please see below for updates by VM program.
- **Routine:** In September 2021, we began to transition the maintenance of EVM work that has already been performed to Routine VM patrols. The 2022 forecast was increased primarily to reflect this anticipated increase in units requiring work by the Routine program.
 - **Tree Mortality:** In 2021, the volume of trees identified as requiring work and wood management by the Tree Mortality program (formerly CEMA) was greater than forecasted. This is primarily attributed to current drought conditions, resulting in an increase of tree mortality rates. The 2022 forecast was increased to reflect similar circumstances anticipated in 2022.
 - **Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM):** In 2021, the volume of trees identified as requiring mitigation in EVM was significantly greater than anticipated. The 2022 forecast was increased to reflect similar circumstances anticipated in 2022. The current forecast assumes that 2022 EVM scope of trees requiring mitigation is similar to 2021 EVM scope.

- **Transmission programs:** The 2022 forecast reflects increased costs related to Right of Way Expansion, response to major emergencies, and additional transmission vegetation management expenses.
- **“One Vegetation Management” (Strengthened Routine) Scope:** In 2022, PG&E will begin transitioning from three separate VM Program elements (Routine, Enhanced and Tree Mortality) to its “One Veg” program where processes, tools, procedures, and personnel are shared across all the VM activities.