

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigations Plans Discovery 2026-2028
Data Response**

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**SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON MITIGATION EFFECTIVENESS IN 2026-2028 BASE
WMP (SPD- PGE-WMP2026-007)**

Provide responses to the items listed below.

QUESTION 006

In “WMP-Discovery2026-2028_DR_SPD_003-Q014.pdf,” PG&E states that “Quality Assurance and Quality Controls assessments do NOT include verification of the height and distance to the conductor of each strike vegetation point specified for removal, and each vegetation strike point noted as an inventory tree.”¹ SPD understands this to mean that these programs do not review each and every strike vegetation point specified for removal and each and every vegetation strike point noted as an inventory tree that PG&E creates as part of its Vegetation Management program.

However, if a Quality Assurance or Quality Control assessment is performed, and a tree specified for removal is reviewed as part of one of these assessments, do these assessments:

- a. Verify the height and distance to the conductor of the strike vegetation point specified for removal?
- b. Confirm it is actually a strike tree?
- c. Separately, if these assessments review a vegetation strike point noted as an inventory tree, do these programs:
 - i. verify the height and distance to the conductor of the strike vegetation point specified for removal?
 - ii. confirm the tree is actually a strike tree?

ANSWER 006

- a. No, the QA or QC assessment does not verify height and distance to the conductor of the strike vegetation point specified for removal by VM Operations inspector.

¹ Emphasis in original.

- b. No, the QA or QC assessment does not confirm the tree is actually a strike tree.
- c. Responses:
 - i. No, QA or QC assessment reviews do not verify the height and distance to the conductor of the strike vegetation point specified for removal by the VM Operations inspector.
 - ii. QA or QC assessment does not review a vegetation strike point specified for removal by the VM Operations inspector and therefore, the assessments do not confirm whether or not the tree is actually a strike tree. For trees that have *not* been specified for removal by the VM Operations inspector, if QA or QC determines that a tree is defective and likely to fail within the maintenance cycle, QA or QC would then verify whether it is a strike tree and, if so, report a deficiency finding to VM Operations.