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The following questions relate to PG&E's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update.

Subject: Vegetation Management programs.

Per attachment 7.3.5_RSE_Input_Template_EO_WLDFR.xlsm, worksheet "7.3.5.15 – EVM", EVM appears to also be referred to as "Remediation of at-risk species." These questions use these terms interchangeably.

QUESTION 11

In attachment 7.3.5_RSE_Input_Template_EO_WLDFR.xlsm, on the worksheet "Summary of Programs," cell L21 states the benefit length for EVM to be, "30 Years for Branch related vegetation sub drivers, 1 Year for everything else."

Cell M21, "Justification for Benefit Length" states, "Once the EVM program establishes the radial clearances and branch overhangs, which applies to all branch related Sub-drivers the annual Vegetation control program maintains the clearances by trimming the growth."

- a. Define "branch related vegetation sub drivers."
- b. State the basis of PG&E's estimate of a 30-year benefit life for branch-related vegetation sub-drivers.

ANSWER 11

- a. Branch related vegetation sub drivers are vegetation-related risks based on distance from a conductor. They are divided into the following categories:
 - Branch (Not overhanging, within 4ft)
 - Branch (Not overhanging, 4-12ft)
 - Branch (Not overhanging, >12ft)
 - Branch (Not overhanging, distance unknown)
 - Branch (Overhanging)
- b. The basis for PG&E's estimate of a 30-year benefit life for mitigation of branch-related vegetation sub-drivers is the fact that the EVM program clearances on branch sub drivers are maintained through the normal routine vegetation

management program as identified. Because the clearance and overhang clearing are maintained, their benefits are expected to last more than one year. For consistency with various other long-term programs, like System Hardening, PG&E matched the benefit lengths at 30 years.