

**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.

If a full response to a given question will be included in your WMP submission, your response to that question of this data request may consist of a citation to the specific page(s) or table(s) of the WMP where the information may be found, a written response to the question, or both.

**Topic: Vegetation Management**

**QUESTION 004**

In response to Data Request CalAdvocates-PGE-2022WMP-16, Question 11, March 23, 2022, PG&E stated the following:

“Through 2022, the EVM program includes strike trees evaluation and hazard trees mitigation, overhang clearing and radial clearance. Starting in 2023, Enhanced VM only includes overhang clearing.”

- a) Is the statement above still accurate as of the date of this request?
- b) If the answer to part (a) is no, please update the above statement to reflect PG&E's vegetation management strategy for 2023.
- c) If the answer to part (a) is no, please update the above statement to reflect PG&E's vegetation management strategy for 2024.

**ANSWER 004**

- a) To maximize reduction of wildfire risk effectively and efficiently, the Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) program concluded at the end of 2022.
- b) Three new VM programs will be incorporated into the 2023 workplan. These programs for VM are Focused Tree Inspections, VM for Operational Mitigations, and Tree Removal Inventory.
  - Focused Tree Inspections: We developed specific areas of focus (referred to as Areas of Concern (AOC)), primarily in the HFRA, where we will concentrate our efforts to inspect and address high-risk locations, such as those that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions.

- VM for Operational Mitigations: This program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions using a risk informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based on historic vegetation caused outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. We will initially focus on mitigating potential vegetation contacts in circuit protection zones that have experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of work will be developed by using EPSS and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the WDRM v3 risk model. EPSS-enabled devices vegetation outages extent of condition inspections may generate additional tree work.
  - Tree Removal Inventory: This is a long-term program intended to systematically work down trees that were previously identified through EVM inspections. We will develop annual risk-ranked work plans and mitigate the highest risk-ranked areas first and will continue monitor the condition of these trees through our established inspection programs.
- c) The three programs identified above will continue in 2024. These combined three programs are also referred to as EVM Transitional programs.