

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response

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The following questions relate to your 2022 WMP Update submission.

QUESTION 04

Page 637 of PG&E's 2022 WMP states, "In September 2021, we began to transition the maintenance of EVM work that has already been performed to Routine VM patrols."

- a) How did PG&E come to the decision to begin to transition the maintenance of EVM work to Routine EVM patrols?
- b) Please describe how PG&E is transitioning the maintenance of EVM work to Routine EVM patrols.
- c) Describe what "maintenance of EVM work" entails.

ANSWER 04

- a) EVM is currently intended as a one-time enhancement to our existing vegetation clearance within HFTD areas. After EVM is performed in an area, the maintenance of that work can then be performed by the "routine program" which serves as PG&E's primary vegetation management control for vegetation clearance.
- b) PG&E transitioned the maintenance of EVM work to Routine patrols by creating a procedural Bulletin, communicating changes to the Vegetation Management Organization, and making enhancements to current technology. Bulletin TD-7102P-01-B026 (EVM Transition to Distribution Routine Patrol) was published on 9/13/2021.¹ On 9/23/2021, an email to the VM Organization provided a link to this Bulletin, as well as a 5 Minute Meeting describing the transition and a Job Aid for field employees. The email also described that this change was effective as of September 27, 2021. This information was also posted to Vegetation Management's internal webpage. To manage the transition in the field, a new map layer designed specifically for EVM maintenance was made available in VMPI2. VMPI2 is the application used in the field for routine vegetation management. The Job Aid, Viewing and Completing EVM Conductor Inspections in VMPI2, was created to assist the Routine pre-inspectors with updating data in VMPI2 where EVM clearances had previously been achieved.

¹ We provided this procedure on our WMP website at: [TD-7102P-01-B026 \(pge.com\)](https://www.pge.com/~/media/Files/2022/04/TD-7102P-01-B026.pdf).

- c) In order to maintain EVM clearances in Routine Vegetation Management, all electric distribution circuits where EVM scope clearances have been previously achieved must be prescribed for no less than 12 feet of clearance. Overhanging vegetation that will encroach the 4-ft overhang plane before the next annual inspection cycle must be prescribed to remove overhangs, per Utility Procedure TD-7106P-01, Enhanced Vegetation Management Pre-Inspection Procedure.