

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2022
Data Response**

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PG&E Witness:		Requester:	Holly Wehrman

These questions relate to the attached news story published on February 27, 2022 in NBC Bay Area headlined, "PG&E Cited After Deploying 'Heli-Saw' in San Mateo County Park"¹ (news story). The news story states that Cal Fire had accused PG&E of jeopardizing public safety when it deployed a Heli-Saw without notice in Wunderlich County Park on December 9, 2021.

QUESTION 05

The article states that "PG&E said its Heli-Saw contractor 'mistakenly' strayed several hundred feet into parkland after doing permitted work on nearby private land."

- a) Who is the Heli-Saw contractor referenced above?
- b) Please list all Heli-Saw contractors PG&E currently employs.
- c) Please describe why the Heli-Saw pilot was not aware that the Heli-Saw had passed into county parkland until the Heli-Saw had traveled "several hundred feet into parkland."
- d) Please describe the specific sequence of events that led to the contractor "mistakenly" straying into Wunderlich County Park.
- e) Please describe any and all operational failures (including but not limited to violations of Company policies and standards) that PG&E has identified that led to the use of the Heli-Saw in Wunderlich County Park on December 9, 2021.

ANSWER 05

- a) Heli-Dunn.
- b) Heli-Dunn is currently the only Heli-Saw contractor used by PG&E.
- c) Upon further review of the situation, it has come to our attention that PG&E modified the scope of work for the Heli-Saw to include the trimming work needed in Wunderlich County Park and not just the private properties. PG&E made the decision to go into the park and directed the pilot to do so.

¹ <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/pge-cited-after-deploying-heli-saw-in-san-mateo-county-park/2824027/>.

- d) The Monta Vista Jefferson 230kV transmission line is located within the HFTD Tier 3 and contains a dense population of trees. PG&E had planned to use ground tree crews to trim trees in Wunderlich County Park and had completed the appropriate environmental review. PG&E planned to use the Heli-Saw on private property. However, due to an impending weather front anticipated to be moving into the area, which did become an atmospheric river event, the Senior Vegetation Management Transmission Manager made a decision to also use the heli-saw in the park.
- e) There were no violations in Company policy or Standards.