

**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 and your response to data request CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-08.

**QUESTION 017**

PG&E states in its response to Question 17(a) of CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-08 that

“For Routine and Second Patrol, PG&E does not currently have standards specific to high-risk species”, but that species types will be incorporated into Focused Tree Inspections pilots in 2023. PG&E states in its response to question 17(b) that “Development of any standards related to high-risk species is still being determined and contingent upon completion of FTI pilots in 2023. A determination will be made specific to that program as its guidance is formalized following the pilots.”

- a) Why does PG&E not have standards specific to high-risk species for routine and second patrol?
- b) Why does PG&E only plan to develop standards related to high-risk species for Areas of Concern, rather than throughout its service territory?
- c) How is PG&E establishing the standards for high-risk species?
  - i. What method is PG&E using to establish the standards for high-risk species?
  - ii. What experts is being used and/or consulted?
  - iii. Is PG&E undertaking independent third party review, peer review, or some other method to provide independent assurance of their proposed standards?
- d) Would PG&E plan to expand standards related to high-risk species developed for its Areas of Concern for use throughout its service territory?
- e) If yes, please describe PG&E’s planned process for doing so.

**ANSWER 017**

- a) Species is just one factor of many that PG&E takes into account to reliably identify the higher risk trees. Trees identified during routine and second patrol inspection cycles that require mitigation per PRC4293 and GO95 Rule 35 are expected to be identified and listed for work regardless of species.

- b) As described in response to CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-08-Q17, the Focused Tree Inspection (FTI) is being piloted within Areas of Concern (AOC). The experience and findings during execution of these pilots may inform development of program-specific guidance that relates to regional high-risk species. PG&E will then determine which programs are best suited to incorporate species specific guidance due to anticipated regional variation. The development of any standards related to high-risk species is still being determined and contingent upon completion of FTI pilots in 2023.
- c) Development of any standards related to high-risk species is still being determined and contingent upon completion of FTI pilots in 2023.
  - i. See response to part c.
  - ii. See response to part c.
  - iii. See response to part c.
- d) See response to part c.
- e) See response to part c.