

## Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure

### Attachment 6, Tree Removal Inventory Program

This attachment provides guidance for the inspection and abatement of vegetation points in scope for the Tree Removal Inventory (TRI) program. The program focuses on vegetation points identified by the Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM), Accelerated Wildfire Risk Reduction (AWRR) programs and other known populations to reduce the risk of wildfire due to vegetation.

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

- REFER to the Target Audience section in [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure."](#)
- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) Vegetation Management Inspectors (VMIs)

#### BEFORE YOU START

- All individuals must complete the PG&E Academy training required for inspections prior to performing this procedure. Training expectations are available at [Training Expectations](#).
- For TRAQ VMI, confirm International ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) is current and on record in the appropriate system of record.
- Gather and review the following information:
  - Work packets, including vegetation point data.
  - Pre-Patrol Report
  - Historical outage data
- Gather the assigned paint color for marking. Refer to [TD-7102P-01 "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure" Appendix D, Tree Marking Colors](#).

#### PROCEDURE STEPS

In-scope trees are grouped into two categories for the purposes of this attachment:

- Vegetation points with any Tree Assessment Tool (TAT) results other than Abate. Vegetation points that did not use the TAT are a part of this population.
- Vegetation points with a TAT result of Abate
- Each vegetation point must be inspected, either through desktop review or field review, and the system of record updated.

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#### NOTE

IF through inspection by VMI or desktop review, a local operation team determines that a vegetation point is ready for tree crew assignment, THEN no further inspection is necessary. The PRESCRIPTION field must be UPDATED to the correct unified WORK CODE prior to being issued to a tree crew. This DOES NOT require TRAQ VMI.

### 1 Inspecting Vegetation

#### 1.1 What To Inspect

1. INSPECT all vegetation points assigned.
2. For every inspection, or desktop review, UPDATE the following in Field Maps:
  - **Date:** Date of Inspection
  - **PI Company:** With VMI Company Name
  - **PI LAN ID:** LAN ID of the VMI (REPLACE ANY EXISTING VALUE)
  - **PI ISA Number:** ISA number of the VMI (or TRAQ VMI, if applicable)
  - **Wood Management Needed:** Update appropriately based on result

#### 1.2 Performing an Inspection

1. The VMI (or TRAQ VMI) must GO TO their first vegetation point assigned.
2. Determine if one of the following exist:
  - a. The VMI inspects a vegetation point, and the tree is NOT present.
  - b. There are no longer any above-ground facilities present for the tree to impact
  - c. The Vegetation Point exists with facilities intact, and the Vegetation Point has a TAT result of ABATE.
  - d. The Vegetation Point exists with facilities intact, and the Vegetation Point has a TAT result other than ABATE (GO TO [Section 1.2.4](#)).

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3. Based on the above category, SELECT one of the options in the table below and UPDATE Field Maps.

Inspecting	Field Map Updates
The VMI inspects a vegetation point, and the tree is NOT present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Tree has already been removed"</li> <li><b>VP Status:</b> "No Work Required"</li> <li><b>Prescription:</b> "No Work Needed"</li> </ul>
There are no longer any above-ground facilities present for the tree to impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Line Does Not Exist"</li> <li><b>VP Status:</b> "No Work Required"</li> <li><b>Prescription:</b> "No Work Needed"</li> </ul>
The TREE exists with facilities intact, and the TREE has a TAT result of ABATE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPDATE the <b>PRESCRIPTION</b> field to the correct unified WORK CODE.</li> <li><b>VP Status:</b> "Work Identified"</li> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Tree Still Requires Work"</li> </ul>
The Vegetation Point exists with facilities intact, and the Vegetation Point has a TAT result other than ABATE.	GO TO <a href="#">Section 1.2.4</a> .

4. IF the Vegetation Point exists with facilities intact and the Vegetation Point has a TAT result other than ABATE,

THEN PERFORM an inspection and UPDATE the Field Maps as follows:

Options for Vegetation Points that have a TAT Result of Other Than Abate	Additional Field Map Updates
<p>The VMI does not believe that the tree is likely to impact the facilities.</p> <p>Therefore, a TRAQ VMI must INSPECT the tree.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Status:</b> "Hold"</li> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Requires Reassessment by TRAQ VMI"</li> <li><b>Constraint:</b> "Pending TRAQ Reassessment"</li> </ul>
A VMI or TRAQ VMI DETERMINES the same work is needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPDATE the <b>PRESCRIPTION</b> field to the correct unified WORK CODE.</li> <li><b>VP Status:</b> "Work Identified"</li> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Tree Still Requires Work"</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>NOTE:</b> This inspection may be done as an individual assessment OR after being assigned the location from a VMI based on "HOLD" status.</p>
<p>IF a TRAQ VMI DETERMINES the work needed requires a <b>change from the original prescription</b>, THEN a TRAQ form is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPDATE the <b>PRESCRIPTION</b> field to the new unified WORK CODE.</li> <li><b>VP Status:</b> "Work Identified"</li> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Tree Still Requires Work"</li> <li>UPLOAD a photograph of the completed <b>Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form</b> to the vegetation point in Field Maps.</li> </ul> <p>No other photos should be uploaded for the vegetation point, except the Basic Tree Assessment form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NOTE:</b> This inspection may be done as an individual assessment OR after being assigned the location from a VMI based on "HOLD" status.</li> </ul>
<p>The TRAQ VMI DETERMINES that NO WORK is required.</p> <p>The TRAQ VMI must PERFORM a Basic Tree Risk Assessment (Level 2) using the Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Status:</b> "No Work Required"</li> <li><b>Reason:</b> "Reassessed by TRAQ VMI" or "NO STRIKE POTENTIAL"</li> <li><b>Prescription:</b> "No Work Needed" OR "NO STRIKE POTENTIAL" as appropriate</li> <li><b>Constraint:</b> "None Observed"</li> <li>UPLOAD a photograph of the completed <b>Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form</b> to the vegetation point in Field Maps.</li> </ul> <p>No other photos should be uploaded for the vegetation point, except the Basic Tree Assessment form.</p>

## 2 Marking a Tree

1. REFER to the [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure"](#) for marking guidelines (Appendix D).

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#### 3 Notifying the Customer/Property Owner

1. REFER to the [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure"](#) for Notifying the Customer/Property Owner guidelines (page 10, Section 6).

**END of Instructions**

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**REVISION NOTES**

Where?	What Changed?
Target Audience Section	Reorganized and added reference to the Target Audience section in TD-7102P-01, "Distribution Inspection Procedure."
Before You Start Section	Remove SLP references. Added TRAQ VMI ISA requirement. Added bulleted list of items to review and gather. Added gathering paint colors for marking.
1.1	Incorporated Note Box into first step in the procedure. Updated field map parameters that must be updated.
1.2.3	Organized vegetation points step procedures into a decision table. Revised the language describing inspection points. Updated field map parameters that must be updated.
1.2.4	Organized vegetation points that have a TAT result other than abate into a decision table. Revised the language describing inspection points. Updated field map parameters that must be updated.
2	Added Section 2, "Marking a Tree."
3	Added Section 3, "Notifying the Customer/Property Owner."