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Re: PG&E Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update – Weather Stations and High-Definition Cameras

Dear Directors Thomas Jacobs and Palmer:

PG&E is self-identifying an error that we discovered regarding the reporting of the number of weather stations and high-definition cameras that we installed in 2019 and 2020 as a part of our Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). We are providing this notification to correct our previous reporting and will be submitting a root cause evaluation and corrective action plan to prevent future, similar reporting errors. Below we describe the reporting errors and explain that, as a result of the corrected reporting, we did not achieve our weather station installation target for 2020.

The reporting error was identified when our Community Wildfire Safety Program Project Management Office was responding to data requests and identified a discrepancy between internal data and the information reported in the 2021 WMP.

Weather Stations

In our 2020 WMP, we indicated that our target for weather station installations was 400 in 2020 and a total of 1,300 weather stations installed by the end of 2021.¹ In our 2021 WMP,

¹ 2020 WMP, Executive Summary, p. 3.

we reported that we had installed 404 weather stations in 2020 and affirmed our goal of having a total of 1,300 weather stations installed by the end of 2021.² The number of weather stations installed in 2020 that we reported in the 2021 WMP mistakenly included weather stations installed in 2019 that had been in excess of our 2019 targets. The correct number of weather stations installed in 2020 was 378. The table below summarizes these corrections:

Year	Target	2021 WMP Reported Actuals	Corrected Actual
2019	400	426	426
2020	400	404	378

In addition, in our 2020 WMP we reported that we had installed a total of 626 weather stations in 2018 and 2019.³ We missed one weather station in that count and the correct number should be a total 627 weather stations installed in 2018 and 2019.

As a result of this correction to the 2020 weather station installations, we did not meet our 2020 WMP target for weather station installations. We are, however, currently on track to meet our overall goal of 1,300 total weather stations installed by the end of 2021.

Also, in our Updated Progress Report on our 2019 WMP, submitted on January 15, 2020, we reported, that we had installed the 400th weather station in HFTD areas by September 4, 2021 (a few days past the September 1, 2019 target date); however, through the data validation process, we determined that the correct date of the 400th weather station installation in 2019 territory wide is September 11, 2019. Moreover, not all-weather stations installed in 2019 and 2020 are in HFTD areas. However, the installations that are outside of the HFTD areas are also used to help forecast and monitor for high fire risk weather conditions. Action PGE-43 from our 2021 WMP helps explain this in more detail.

High-Definition Cameras

In our 2021 WMP, we reported that we had installed 75 high-definition cameras in 2019.⁴ In our 2020 WMP, we indicated that we had installed 133 high-definition cameras in 2019.⁵ The actual number of high-definition cameras installed in 2019 was 124 and thus the numbers reported in the 2020 and 2021 WMPs were incorrect.

² 2021 WMP, pp. 9, 14.

³ 2020 WMP. Executive Summary, p. 3.

⁴ 2021 WMP, p. 234.

⁵ 2020 WMP, Executive Summary, p. 3.

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We intend to reflect the corrections to the weather station and high-definition camera numbers in the 2021 WMP in our response to the Revision Notice, which we will be submitting on June 3, 2021.

Please contact Meredith Allen at (415) 828-5765 or Meredith.Allen@pge.com for any questions you may have regarding this notification or would like to further discuss any of these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Noyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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