

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 responses to data request CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-15.

QUESTION 004

PG&E states in its response to Question 7(a) of CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-15 that its forecasted 9-year pace of work for its Tree Inventory Program “was provided for the first three years of the program with intent to ramp up annual pace. 9 years is a starting point to plan the pace of work completion however, the lessons learned will inform the completion timing.”

- a) Please explain your reasoning for using nine years as a “starting point”.
- b) Did PG&E consider durations other than nine years “to plan the pace of work completion”? Please explain.
- c) Does PG&E intend for the Tree Inventory Program to continue for more than nine years?

ANSWER 004

- a) Nine years was selected as the starting point based on a realistically achievable average pace of approximately 33,000 trees removed per year ($33,000 \times 9 = 297,000$) with the pace and duration of the program to be re-evaluated as needed based on the lessons learned from the initial years of the program. As of August 29, 2022, when the Tree Removal Inventory (TRI) program was being formulated, it was estimated that approximately 350,000 trees would remain at the conclusion of the Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM). 84,000 of these trees listed for a work prescription of removal were identified as needing re-inspection due to having Tree Assessment Tool (TAT) ratings other than “Abate”, typically due to the extent of clearance needed to achieve EVM overhang clearance requirements despite having no other significant defects. Given that the re-inspection was likely to lower the population to some extent, the pace was set to complete approximately 297,000 trees. Additionally, over the course of nine years all trees would still be inspected twice per year, once by the Routine annual inspection and once during the Second Patrol cycles, which would allow for mitigation of any trees with worsened conditions prior to the inclusion of any given circuit segment into an annual TRI scope of work.
- b) Different durations were considered to complete the work; however, nine years was selected as the starting point. The pace may be adjusted based on the amount and

composition of the work, and the success rate of constraint resolution.

- c) We do not currently intend for the Tree Inventory Program to continue for more than nine years.