

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023
Data Response**

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SUBJECT: 2023-2025 WMP SUBMISSION

QUESTION 017

Regarding “High-Risk Species” described in section 8.2.3.6 of PG&E’s WMP, PG&E states:

“There are no governing standards for high-risk species.”²⁰

- a) Does PG&E plan to develop governing standards for high-risk species?
- b) If the answer to part (a) is yes, when does PG&E expect to complete development of such standards?
- c) If the answer to part (a) is no, please explain why not.

ANSWER 017

- a) For Routine and Second Patrol, PG&E does not currently have standards specific to high-risk species. Trees identified during these inspection cycles that require mitigation per PRC4293 and GO95 Rule 35 are expected to be identified and listed for work regardless of species. A new program, Focused Tree Inspection (FTI) is being piloted starting in Q2 2023 and will incorporate regional outage analysis informed by tree caused outages within Areas of Concern (AOC) developed in Q4 2022. These pilots are expected to analyze area specific vegetation related outages within the AOC polygons in advance of FTI. When detailed outage data is available, this analysis will indicate vegetation caused outage trends that include species and failure types. 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Not applicable.

²⁰ PG&E’s WMP, p. 542.