

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

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QUESTION 004

For each WMP initiative for which you forecast operating expenditures in 2024 to be at least two times actual operating expenditures in 2022, please provide:

- a) The name of the initiative as it is identified in your 2023-2025 WMP
- b) The WMP Initiative number in Table 11 of your 2023-2025 WMP
- c) The name of the initiative as it is identified in your 2022 WMP Update
- d) The WMP Initiative number in Table 12 of your 2022 WMP Update
- e) An explanation for the projected increase.

ANSWER 004

- a) 2023 WMP financials are mapped per WMP Initiative Activities as laid out in Table 11 from Energy Safety. As the 2023 WMP is a new cycle with new mapping of financials by activities that align with the 2023 narrative, there is not an apples-to-apples re-mapping of costs back to the 2022 WMP view. Thus, the comparison can only be made using the 2023 WMP view. Below are the 2023 WMP activities and section numbers where 2024 operating expense forecasts are at least two times the 2022 recorded costs.
 - Other technologies and systems not listed above – section 8.1.2.12
 - Microgrids – section 8.1.2.7
 - Environmental monitoring systems – 8.3.2
 - Fall-in mitigation 8.2.3.4
- b) See the response to part a).
- c) N/A. As explained in part a), there is not an apples-to-apples re-mapping of costs back to the 2022 WMP view. Thus, the comparison can only be made using the 2023 WMP view of 2022 recorded costs.
- d) N/A. Please refer to the response to part c).
- e) Explanations for the projected increases are below:
 - Other technologies and systems not listed above – The 2022 recorded costs are too low due to missing some costs. The 2022 recorded costs need to be adjusted to pull in recorded costs for Substation animal abatement. We will correct this item in Table 11 pursuant to the 2023-2025 WMP Guidelines from Energy Safety.
 - Microgrids – The projected increase is based on forecast and anticipated projects put forward to the CPUC in PG&E's Microgrids Incentive Program Implementation Plan. The plan is currently awaiting a CPUC Decision.
 - Environmental monitoring systems – The forecast increase in 2023/2024 is mainly driven

by anticipated weather station maintenance work such as calibrations.

- Fall-in mitigation – The forecast increase is due to implementing three new VM programs that support fall-in mitigations (VM for Operational Mitigations, Tree Removal Inventory, Focused Tree Inspections). Please refer to the narrative in section 8.2.3.4 of the 2023 WMP for more details.