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Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submits its 2021 Vegetation Management Report in Compliance with Decision 20-12-005, *Decision Addressing the Test Year 2020 General Rate Case of Pacific Gas & Electric Company* (2020 GRC Decision). The 2020 GRC Decision approved a multi-party settlement agreement. Article 2.3.4 of the settlement agreement addresses funding of vegetation management programs included in PG&E's Vegetation Management Balancing Account (VMBA). Section 2.3.4.5 states:

Vegetation Management Reporting

PG&E shall file an annual report that includes the results of the tree inspections, subject to combining the report with any other annual report required by AB 1054 or otherwise required by the Commission. The first annual report would be for the year 2020 and shall be provided by July 1, 2021.

PG&E's 2021 Vegetation Management Report is provided as Attachment A.

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2021 Results of PG&E's Vegetation Management Tree Inspections



Settlement Agreement 2.3.4.5, VM Reporting

Background: On December 11, 2020, the CPUC issued D.20-12-005 in PG&E's 2020 General Rate Case (2020 GRC Decision). Ordering Paragraph (OP) 1 of the 2020 GRC Decision approves a multi-party Settlement Agreement (Settlement), with modifications, and authorizes PG&E to modify the existing one-way Vegetation Management Balancing Account (VMBA) to a two-way account that tracks routine and enhanced vegetation management (EVM) costs and the approved revenue requirement approved. The 2020 GRC Decision also requires PG&E to record in the VMBA the costs associated with the Tree Mortality and Fire Risk Reduction program that were previously recovered through the Catastrophic Emergency Memorandum Account (CEMA).

The 2020 GRC Decision also requires an annual report on vegetation management. It states: "PG&E shall file an annual report that includes the results of the tree inspections, subject to combining the report with any other annual report required by AB 1054 or otherwise required by the Commission. The first annual report would be for the year 2020 and shall be provided by July 1, 2021."

2021 Results of Tree Inspections

PG&E interprets ‘results of tree inspections’ to mean results of tree inspections associated with the Electric Distribution Vegetation Management Program, encompassing the following programs: Routine Vegetation Management; Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM); and the Tree Mortality program. “Inspections” are defined as the number of circuit miles patrolled and evaluated.

VM Inspections 2021

Program	ACTUAL Inspections	TARGET Inspections	2021 Performance	WMP Unit of Measure	2021 Tree Work Numbers ¹
VM Routine (Distribution)	80,422	80,422	100%	# Circuit miles (Distribution miles)	~1.3M trimmed trees ~178K trees removed Including 2020 carry-over
EVM	1,983	1,800	110%	# Circuit miles completed and verified	~335K trees mitigated (trimmed or removed)
Tree Mortality	43,260	43,260	100%	# Circuit miles completed	~22K CEMA trees removed ~12K trees trimmed Including 2020 carry-over

Notes:

1) Trees trimmed/removed include brush.

Routine Vegetation Management work encompasses patrolling, inspecting and maintaining clearances for trees along PG&E's overhead (OH) high voltage Distribution lines. The program covers routine tree trimming and removal, vegetation control, contractor quality control, environmental compliance and public education, and fire risk reduction work.

The **Enhanced Vegetation Management** program (EVM) is focused on addressing vegetation that poses a higher potential for wildfire risk in high fire-threat areas, as designated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). To help further reduce the risk of trees, limbs or branches from contacting power lines, tree crews complete necessary tree pruning work and remove dead or dying trees.

Tree Mortality (formerly CEMA Tree Mortality) work was implemented in response to the 2014 Drought Emergency proclamation in Commission Resolution (Res.) ESRB-4, the Governor's October 30, 2015 Bark Beetle Tree Mortality Emergency Proclamation, and the February 18, 2014 letter from the CPUC Safety and Enforcement Division, all of which all relate to mitigating the effects of the drought on tree mortality and fire risk reduction. ESRB-4 directs investor-owned utilities (IOU) to take remedial measures to reduce the likelihood of fires started by or threatening utility facilities.