

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

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**SUBJECT: REGARDING WOOD MANAGEMENT**

**QUESTION / ANSWER 005**

On page 536, PG&E says that its wood management program addresses large wood generated by PG&E's VM activities including post-fire work activities and wood generated by the EVM Program.

- a) Considering the EVM program has been discontinued, does the wood management program:
  - i) Address large wood generated from the EVM program that has not already been addressed?
  - ii) Address large wood generated from PG&E's Tree Removal Inventory program, a remnant of the EVM program?
- b) How is large wood addressed when generated by other VM programs, including Distribution Routine/Second Patrol, VM for Operational Mitigations, and Focused Tree Inspections?
- c) When debris and/or large wood generated from PG&E's VM activities are left on site, what standards, protocols, processes, and procedures does PG&E use to ensure the debris and large wood are placed in a manner that does not:
  - i) Block or hinder ingress or egress?
  - ii) Infringe on PRC 4291 defensible space clearance?
  - iii) Impede watercourses and drainages?
  - iv) Conflict with property owner's interests?
  - v) Otherwise create a hazard?

**ANSWER 005**

- a)
  - i. Yes. We will uphold commitments to manage wood generated by Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) tree work for customers who requested this service.
  - ii. We will continue to fulfill wood management commitments that have been made to customers.

- b) PG&E offers wood management for our wildfire response and EVM programs. For all programs, wood greater than four inches in diameter is left in a safe position on site as it is legally the property of the landowner. As safety is PG&E's foremost core value, if wood poses a safety risk or environmental, cultural or access concern, crews will address the wood accordingly in coordination with tree work.
- c) Please see "*WMP-Discovery2023\_DR\_OEIS\_001-Q005Atch01.pdf*" for PG&E's Wood Management procedure.
  - i. Our crews are directed to ensure roadways are clear of tree debris or wood at the time of tree work. If wood poses an access concern, crews will address the wood accordingly in coordination with tree work.
  - ii. Our Vegetation Management program is designed to ensure public safety and regulatory compliance. If customers have questions resulting from our work, they can reach out to our dedicated customer teams for support and resolution.
  - iii. If wood poses an environmental concern, crews will address the wood in accordance with PG&E Best Management Practices implemented at the time of tree work.
  - iv. As each property is different, we collaborate with the customer to find an optimal solution for the completion of our work on their property.
  - v. At the time of all tree work, crews will either chip and spread, lop and scatter or remove wood debris that is smaller than four inches in diameter. Additionally, in alignment with PG&E's stand that everyone and everything is always safe, crews will address any large wood that poses a potential safety hazard at the time of tree work.