



DATA REQUEST RESPONSE

LS Power Grid California

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Q01. Regarding Vegetation Management

On page 120 of its WMP, LS Power states “Operations personnel and qualified contractors will perform patrol inspections by visually inspecting vegetation around the facility and equipment.”

- a. What are the qualifications of the contractors who will perform the vegetation inspection around the facility?

Response: Once operational, LSPGC substation personnel will perform monthly substation inspections which include inspection of vegetation in and around the facilities. Table 8-11 in the WMP describes the expected qualifications of these yet-to-be hired individuals. While it is unlikely that they will possess an arborist or forestry background, they will be trained on the specific hazards and protocols related to LSPGC facilities including the substation defensive space.

- b. What are the qualifications of the contractor or personnel who will assess trees that are tall enough to strike the facility?

Response: Ahead of operations, LSPGC expects to engage an ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist to conduct a survey around the facilities and inform of any trees outside of the substation defensible space that may require ongoing monitoring. Please note that LSPGC facilities planned for the current WMP cycle include no transmission lines.