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Subject: Regarding PG&E's Pole Clearing Program Target (VM-02)

QUESTION 010

On page 356 of its 2026-2028 Base WMP, PG&E sets cumulative quarterly targets for Q4 in 2026, 2027, and 2028 of 70,000 distribution poles.

- Clarify whether PG&E's target is to clear vegetation around 70,000 distribution poles or inspect 70,000 distribution poles and clear vegetation at those poles only as needed.
- b. Of the 70,000 poles targeted for pole clearing specify how many of those poles:
 - i. Are required to be cleared under Public Resources Code (PRC) 4292.
 - ii. Are not required to be cleared under PRC 4292.

Answer 010

- a. PG&E's target is to inspect 871,000 distribution/transmission poles and a target to clear vegetation at 70,000 of those poles if necessary. Please note, the VM-02 Pole Clearing target will be adjusted as determined by inspections in the previous year and may additionally be impacted by changes to facilities or based on other utility risk mitigation reasons.
- b. Based on the 2025 analysis:
 - i. Approximately 66% of the Poles are required to be cleared under PRC 4292.
 - ii. Approximately 34% of these Poles are not required to be cleared under PRC 4292. See WMP Section 9.4.1 for further information regarding PG&E's risk reduction pole clearing work.