

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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QUESTION 002

Regarding PG&E's Pole Clearing Program targets

On page 368 of its 2026-2028 Base WMP R1, PG&E provides quantitative targets for its vegetation inspection and vegetation management programs in Table 9-1. For targets "Pole Clearing Program – Compliance" and "Pole Clearing Program – Risk Reduction", column "% HFTD Covered in 2026," in Table 9-1 shows a value of 4%.

- a. Provide the equation PG&E used to calculate the "% HFTD Covered in 2026" column for its Pole Clearing Program – Compliance target.
 - i. If PG&E used a different equation than dividing the number of poles in the HFTD that are required to be cleared under PRC 4292 that PG&E projects to clear in 2026 by the total number of poles in the HFTD that are required to be cleared under PRC 4292, provide an updated value for the "% HFTD Covered in 2026" column using this equation.
- b. Provide the equation PG&E used to calculate the "% HFTD Covered in 2026" column for its Pole Clearing Program – Risk Reduction target.
 - ii. If PG&E used a different equation than dividing the number of poles exempt from PRC 4292 in HFTD that PG&E projects to clear in 2026 by the total number of poles in HFTD that are exempt from PRC 4292, provide an updated value for the "% HFTD Covered in 2026" column using this equation.

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Please note that the responses below are in reference to Table 9-2 and not Table 9-1.

- a. The equation used to calculate the "% HFTD Covered in 2026" for Pole Clearing Program – Compliance target is as follows: The quantity of subject poles for the Pole Clearing Program – Compliance in HFTD in 2025 divided by the total inventory of HFTD poles in 2025. These numbers fluctuate and numbers used were a snapshot as of April 2025.

- i. If PG&E were to recalculate this percentage using the suggested equation (number of poles in the HFTD that are required to be cleared under PRC 4292 that PG&E projects to clear in 2026 divided by the total number of poles in the HFTD that are required to be cleared under PRC 4292), the % HFTD Covered in 2026 is 100%.

Please note, PG&E's WMP target for VM-02C Pole Clearing - Compliance includes PRC 4292 poles inside and outside of HFTD. This definition in the above question represents only HFTD, which is a subset of the WMP target. Further, please note that the 2026 targets reported in Table 9-2 are estimates based on the 2025 pole population.

- b. The equation used to calculate the "% HFTD Covered in 2026" for Pole Clearing Program – Risk Reduction target is as follows: The quantity of subject poles for the Pole Clearing Program – Risk Reduction in HFTD in 2025 divided by the total inventory of HFTD poles in 2025. These numbers fluctuate and numbers used were a snapshot as of April 2025.
 - i. If PG&E were to recalculate this percentage using the suggested equation (number of poles exempt from PRC 4292 in HFTD that PG&E projects to clear in 2026 divided by the total number of poles in HFTD that are exempt from PRC 4292), the % HFTD Covered in 2026 is ~4%. "Total number of poles in HFTD that are exempt from PRC 4292" was interpreted as the total inventory of HFTD poles less the total number of poles in the HFTD that are required to be cleared under PRC 4292.

Please note, PG&E's WMP target for VM-02R Pole Clearing – Risk Reduction includes poles inside and outside of HFTD. The definition in the above question represents only HFTD, which is a subset of the WMP target. Further, please note that the 2026 targets reported in Table 9-2 are estimates based on the 2025 pole population.