

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023-2025**  
**Data Response**

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| PG&E Data Request No.: | OEIS_016-Q001  |                   |   |
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**SUBJECT: REGARDING PG&E’S RESPONSE TO PG&E-23-15**

**QUESTION 001**

- a. In PG&E’s response to PG&E-23-15, it says that “the following information will be digitally recorded for trees prescribed for removal.”<sup>1</sup>
- i. Did PG&E “enhance the One VM application for Routine, and Second Patrol to include capability to capture factors for prescribing trees for removal” by its target completion date of 1/31/2024?<sup>2</sup>
- (1) If not, explain the reason for the delay and provide an updated target completion date for inclusion of this capability in One VM.
- ii. Provide the One VM form that “capture[s] factors for prescribing trees for removal.”
- iii. Is PG&E on track to “Enhance the application for the Vegetation Management for Operational Mitigations (VMOM) - VMPI2 - and Tree Removal Inventory (TRI) - Field Maps - program to include capability to capture factors for prescribing trees for removal” by its target completion date of 11/15/2024?<sup>3</sup>
- (1) If not, explain the reason for the delay and provide an updated target completion date for this planned enhancement.
- b. In PG&E’s response to PG&E-23-15, it says that “PG&E will be making digital record enhancements to FTI potential strike trees.”<sup>4</sup>
- i. Did PG&E “Enhance record keeping practices for the Focused Tree Inspection program (FTI) by creating records of all potential strike trees inspected using a

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<sup>1</sup> PG&E’s 2025 WMP Update, page 92.

<sup>2</sup> [PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP Update](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true) (Rev. #4, January 8, 2024), p. 647 (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true>, accessed April 17, 2024)

<sup>3</sup> [PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP Update](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true) (Rev. #4, January 8, 2024), p. 648 (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true>, accessed April 17, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> PG&E’s 2025 WMP Update, page 92.

digitized Tree Risk Assessment form” by its target completion date of 3/31/2024?<sup>5</sup>

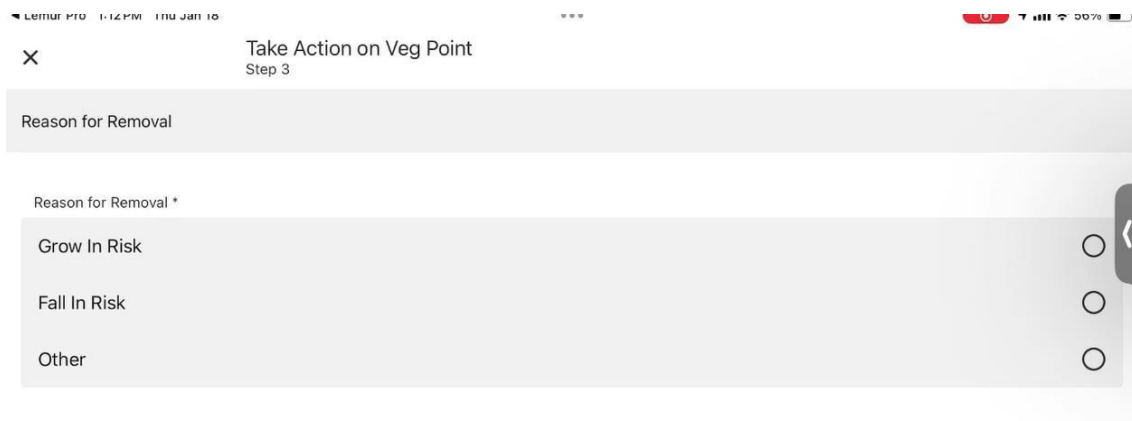
- (1) If not, explain the reason for the delay and provide an updated timeline for inclusion of this capability in One VM.
- ii. Provide PG&E’s digitized Tree Risk Assessment form.

## ANSWER 001 REVISION 01

a.

- i. Yes, PG&E completed our enhancement of the One VM application for Routine and Second Patrol to include capabilities to capture factors for prescribing trees for removal by January 31, 2024.
  - Please see the 5 Minute Meeting “*WMP-Discovery2023-2025\_DR\_OEIS\_016-Q001Atch01CONF.pdf*” delivered to VM personnel via VM Program Communications on January 31, 2024, that calls out the requirement to document reasons for removals within system of record.
  - Please see Utility Bulletin TD-7102P-01-B036 “*WMP-Discovery2023-2025\_DR\_OEIS\_016-Q001Atch02CONF.pdf*” referenced in the 5MM published on January 30, 2024 with an effective date of January 30, 2024 that provides instructions on how to document ‘reasons for removal’ within One VM.
- ii. Please note, PG&E believes the use of ‘form’ here is incorrect. One VM is an application and the enhancement referenced above was completed within the One VM mobile application utilized by our VM personnel.

Please see screenshots below showing that this field is now available within the One VM application.



Please see “*WMP-Discovery2023-2025\_DR\_OEIS\_016-Q001Atch03.pdf*” for additional examples of the ‘Removal Reason’ field in the One VM application.

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<sup>5</sup> [PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP Update](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true) (Rev. #4, January 8, 2024), p. 648 (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true>, accessed April 17, 2024).

- iii. Yes, PG&E is still on track to enhance VMOM and TRI program to include the capability to capture factors for prescribing trees for removal by November 15, 2024.

Please note, since this objective was written, the timeline of programs to be onboarded onto the One VM platform has changed, and by the time this objective is due, both the VMOM and TRI programs will be integrated into the One VM platform, and no longer utilizing VMPI2 or Field Maps. The One VM application already captures factors for prescribing trees for removal, so the objective intent will still be met.

b.

- i. Yes, PG&E completed the digitization of the TRAQ form on March 25, 2024. New enhancements are required for us to utilize the digital TRAQ form in One VM. We expect to implement the use of the digitized TRAQ forms in Q3 2024.

As the program has matured, PG&E's operational approach to FTI was changed to have inspectors fill out a TRAQ form only on those trees likely to fail (either trunk or branch) within the next 15 months and which are accordingly prescribed work. Filling out TRAQ forms on inventory-only, no-work trees or on trees only requiring trimming to maintain routine radial compliance required excessive use of limited TRAQ-certified resources, which did not meet the intent of the program. A level 2 inspection will still be performed on all strike-potential trees, and a record including tree locations and confirmation of the level 2 inspection will be recorded in One VM.

All strike-potential trees between January 1, 2024 to April 8, 2024, regardless of whether tree work was prescribed, will have a record with a fully complete paper TRAQ form attached. After April 8, 2024, all strike-potential trees will have a level 2 inspection and a paper TRAQ form will also be attached to records with assigned prescriptions meeting the criteria of likelihood of failure in the next 15 months. For all strike-potential trees that are not prescribed tree work, a record including tree locations and confirmation of the level 2 inspection will be recorded in One VM.

- ii. Please see "*WMP-Discovery2023-2025\_DR\_OEIS\_016- Q001Atch04CONF.pdf*" for an example of the PG&E digitized Tree Risk Assessment form housed within the One VM application.