

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In order to provide safe and reliable electric service, and to maintain the mandated clearance levels to comply with federal and state regulatory requirements for public safety and fire prevention, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requests authorization to conduct routine vegetation management along the Orick 1102, Trinidad 1102, Trinidad 1101, and Arcata 1105 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution lines.

Additional vegetation management work was identified during the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) or 2nd patrol. CEMA vegetation management work will be performed along PG&E's Arcata 1122, Trinidad 1102, Big Lagoon 1101 and Orick 1102 12 kV distribution lines. CEMA or 2nd patrol conducts a secondary inspection in the designated High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3 areas on distribution lines to address any vegetation which poses an imminent threat to overhead electrical facilities. The emphasis being on dead/dying trees due to drought and beetle infestation.

The proposed scope of work includes the removal of 27 trees at 27 locations (refer to Attachments 1, 3 and 13 for further information on the work locations). These locations are all on land within the Coastal Zone (CZ) managed by the Humboldt County Local Coastal Program (LCP) within Humboldt County. Equipment to be utilized for this project will include hand and gas-powered tools (chainsaws, hand saws, pruners, chipper, and lift truck where accessible). No ground disturbance in the form of excavation is associated with this work. No herbicide has been prescribed for this scope of work. Debris will either be lopped and scattered to reduce fire risk, stacked and left on-site, or removed from the job site when wood management takes place. Tree crews will access the location via existing roadways, driveways, and hiking trails as appropriate.

An analysis of the habitats and species of special concern potentially impacted by this project is included in the Biological Constraints Report (BCR) as Attachment 5. A summary of the cultural resources in the vicinity of the project is included as Attachment 6; *this summary is not for general distribution*. A table listing the tree data including species and location information is included as Attachment 1.

PG&E will implement their standard Vegetation Management (VM) best management practices (BMPs) and avoidance and mitigation measures (AMMs) in accordance with the Multi-Region Habitat Conservation Plan (MRHCP) as noted in the BCR and included as Attachment 12: MRHCP Field Protocol. These practices will minimize impacts such that no risk of substantial adverse impacts are anticipated.

Work areas are within a variety of habitats including; oak woodland, mixed conifer, redwood forest, riparian habitat, freshwater wetlands, ruderal or landscaped area, and other (ie paved roadways, etc). Several vegetation types and plan communities are found at the work areas including north coastal forest, closed-cone pine forest, riparian woodland, and freshwater marsh. Following the vegetation management activities, the temporary work areas will retain their habitat and visual characteristics.