

Attachment 1: Project Description

Need For Project and Interested Agencies

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 (VM) along several 12 kilovolt distribution lines.

The proposed scope of work includes the removal of 79 trees at 75 locations, and the removal of 62 brush units at 7 locations for a total of 82 locations.

These locations are all on land within the Coastal Zone (CZ) managed by the Humboldt County Local Coastal Program (LCP) within Humboldt County. Locations 1 through 21, 80 and 81 are within the LCP's Eel River Segment. Locations 22 through 35, 41 through 43, and 82 are within the Humboldt Bay Segment. Locations 36 through 40, and 50 through 53 are within the McKinleyville Segment. Locations 44, 45, 47 through 49, and 73 through 79 are within the North Coast Segment, and Locations 46 and 54 through 72 are within the Trinidad Segment. These locations are subject to the requirements of PG&E's Multiple Region Habitat Conservation Plan (MRHCP).

A summary of PG&E's Land Rights to perform this proposed scope of work and associated Land Documents can be found as **Attachment 8**.

A subset of this work is within either Sue-meg State Park (Locations 46 through 49) or Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area (Locations 44, 45, and 79), which are operated by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR). Work conducted on CDPR property will be conducted in compliance with the Near-Term Process for Utility Right of Way (ROW) Maintenance Activities between PG&E and CDPR.

The representative CDPR parks have been notified of the proposed scope of work. The CDPR was notified of the scope of work proposed at Locations 46 through 49 on April 25, 2024, and CDPR approved of the work on May 9, 2024. CDPR was notified of the scope of work proposed at Locations 44 and 45 on June 28, 2024, and approved of the work on July 12, 2024. CDPR was notified of the scope of work proposed at Location 79 on July 30, 2024, and approved of the work on August 13, 2024.

Location 51 through 53 are on land managed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) within the ROW of Highway 101. PG&E is coordinating with Caltrans to obtain a site-specific permit for the scope of work proposed at those locations.

Permit Application Attachments

The following attachments are included with this Coastal Development Permit Application:

- **Attachment 1:** Project Description
- **Attachment 2:** Tree Data Table; Work Areas and Scope of Work
- **Attachment 3:** Tree Data Table; Parcel APNs and Addresses
- **Attachment 4:** Figure Map Sets
 - o Topographic Map
 - o Project Aerial Maps, with State Park Boundaries, Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) Coastal Zone Jurisdiction and National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Data

- **Attachment 5:** Project Location Google Earth KMZ
- **Attachment 6:** Project Biological Constraints Report (BCR)
- **Attachment 7:** Project Cultural Resources Constraints Report (CRCR) Summary (**Not for General Distribution**)
- **Attachment 8A through 8C:** Summary of PG&E's Land Rights (with associated Land Documents)
- **Attachment 9:** PG&E's Vegetation Management Activity Specific Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (A-ESCP)
- **Attachment 10:** MRHCP General Field Protocols and Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- **Attachment 11:** County of Humboldt Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Scope of Work and Equipment

See **Attachments 2 and 3** for data tables with further information on the scope of work and affected parcels. See **Attachment 4** for Topographic and Aerial Maps depicting the work locations. **Attachment 5** is digital and is a Google Earth KMZ for all work locations.

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.

Tree crews will use existing roads to bring vehicles and equipment close to the work areas. Vehicles and equipment will remain on existing roads and trees will be accessed on foot.

PG&E shall promptly chip and haul away or lop and scatter all less than 4-inch diameter material from the project site. Wood greater than 4 inches in diameter shall be left for private use unless removal is requested and authorized by the property owner. On site chipping and grinding activities, including land application of processed materials, are acceptable for management of wood waste provided they do not create a nuisance, or public health and safety hazard. On site burial of wood waste and slash is not permitted by state and local regulations. There may be situations where PG&E is unable to relocate or haul wood due to safety, environmental or accessibility concerns.

Environmental Reviews

A biological constraints review performed for this project by a qualified biologist is included in **Attachment 6:** Project BCR. An analysis of cultural resources in the vicinity of the project is included in **Attachment 7:** Project CRCR Summary. The cultural summary is confidential and not for general distribution.

Per the BCR (**Attachment 6**), work areas are within a variety of habitats including annual grassland, perennial grassland, oak woodland, mixed conifer, chaparral, riparian habitat, freshwater wetland, agricultural areas, ruderal or landscaped areas, urban environments, and other (i.e. paved roadways, etc.).

Several vegetation types and plant communities are found at the work areas including coastal prairie, north coastal forest, riparian woodland, northern coastal scrub, and freshwater marsh. Following the vegetation management activities, the temporary work areas will retain their habitat and visual characteristics.

PG&E performs the VM scope of work under the guidelines of the PG&E's VM A-ESCP which is included as **Attachment 9**. The A-ESCP is utilized to prevent the discharge of pollutants, including sediment, and the contamination of soil during VM activities to limit negative impacts to the environment and aquatic life.

PG&E will implement their standard VM BMPs and avoidance and mitigation measures in accordance with the MRHCP as noted in the BCR and included as **Attachment 10**. These practices will minimize impacts such that no risk of substantial adverse impacts is anticipated.