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Liza

Basically yes. It's my understanding that the standard itself would apply to distribution mains as it does transmission pipelines.

The standard, which is still relatively new, calls out both vegetation and structures. In the Pipeline Pathways Program, our focus is on our transmission pipeline and the management of both structures and vegetation.

I'm told that we have in the past addressed some ROW management issues around structures near distribution mains, but that we have not yet had to address vegetation management issues.

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Thank you, this helps. Do I understand correctly that you treat distribution mains the same as transmission pipelines? Anything over 60psig basically falls under the "10 feet on either side of the pipe" rule?

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Liza

Starting with your last question first, vegetation is allowed around distribution pipelines that provide service to a residence.

We don't have a ROW standard for small distribution lines that is similar to our standard for transmission. [Note that the standard we sent you earlier today includes "distribution mains" and those may be in public rights of way, e.g., in city streets or public lands, and they would be subject to the standard. In Walnut Creek however, the current focus is on the transmission pipelines.]

We do have easements in which we are able to install distribution lines to provide local service to customers, but those rights of way are not required to be maintained in the way that the transmission lines are.

This is the quick and short answer. Let us know if you need more detail.

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- What's the standard for pipelines under 60 psig? Are there any clearance requirements?
- Do the utilities have easement rights over distribution lines as well? How are those ROWs maintained?

//Questions are coming from trying to understand "if I have a distribution pipeline in my yard, does it mean I can't have anything growing there".

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