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Subject: FW: Wood removal question

Mike – I ask our vegetation management folks about common practices for tree debris removal. See the response below. I was heartened to hear that we do provide grants and support for local Fire Safe Councils for people in need. Perhaps we can get our public affairs people to work with you folks at the Commission to make sure these services are mentioned on the PUC website when you get inquiries ?

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Meredith,

Thanks for The context. The cost for our contractors to remove wood is going to be at least double what it would cost from a local debris hauler - IBEW, OSHA line clearance qualified workers with high cost equipment vs. no/low skill workers in a pickup. Note - We do chip all brush for routine trimming operations where chipper accessible. This was not routine work, hazard removal.

That said, in most cases, this one included, there are various ways to get the wood removed low cost or free and we often help facilitate those options. There are lots of woodcutters that will haul it off for free or just putting up a sign "free wood" often does the trick. We also work closely with local Fire Safe Councils across our service area (about 20 of my folks are members an/or officers) providing grants and support for activities like this for people in need. We even sponsor dozens of "chipper days" (free chipping stations) across the service area

in conjunction with fire safe councils.

Bottom line is there are many options available and in this particular instance he was put in touch with the fire safe council and I understand they helped.

Hope that helps, let me know if you need more.

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