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Subject: PG&E: Drought Emergency Vegetation Management Compliance Report, Quarter 2,

2014

Dear Mr. Daye,

As requested in Ms. Denise Tyrrell's February 18, 2014 letter regarding the reduction of the risk of fire during drought conditions, the updated instructions in the Raffy Stepanian May 6, 2014 communication and the additional direction we received in the Denise Tyrrell July 18, 2014 letter, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is submitting its first quarterly summary report of vegetation management (VM) activities PG&E has conducted to reduce the risk of possible vegetation-related fires.

## **Inspection and Patrol Data**

The table below contains data on PG&E's inspection and patrol activities, which are designed to ensure compliance with VM standards and clearance regulations required by the Commission, FERC and CalFire, along with Fire Risk Reduction activities (included in our GRC balancing account) and additional initiatives in response to the Drought State of Emergency and Commission Resolution ESRB-4. Specifically, this summary table provides a breakdown by PG&E Division of numbers of trees inspected for compliance and listed for work, and those trees actually worked by PG&E's VM program for the second quarter of 2014.

**PG&E Vegetation Activities** 

**Quarter 2, 2014** 

Division	Trees Inspected and Listed for Work	Trees Worked[1]
Central Coast	22,973	24,014
De Anza	6,195	6,879
Diablo	5,369	5,345
East Bay	2,773	2,779
Fresno	9,595	9,599
Kern	4,908	4,911
Los Padres	6,150	6,094
Mission	4,405	4,414
North Bay	24,802	25,890
North Coast	31,582	32,017
North Valley	38,325	38,815
Peninsula	7,392	7,366
Sacramento	18,741	18,813
San Francisco	408	413
San Jose	4,376	4,552
Sierra	34,765	34,560
Stockton	18,980	18,205
Yosemite	23,232	23,370
TOTAL:	264,971	268,036

## **Quality Assurance/Control and Remedial Action Summary**

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In addition, the VM program conducts ongoing Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) audits that review the work and the program, respectively. As circuits are inspected and tree work is completed, PG&E's QC contractor reviews work sites based on a random sample of completed work. If there are any deviations from expectations, the pre\_inspection and/or tree contractor makes all corrections, without affecting PG&E's annual circuit schedule. QA audits are performed throughout the year, independent of pre\_inspection and tree work. An annual plan is created to identify areas of higher potential risk for VM, as well as to ensure that each VM Program manager area is audited at least once per year. Randomly selected portions of PG&E's electric distribution facilities are also audited to confirm compliance with GO 95 Rule 35, PRCs 4292 and 4293. The auditors perform root\_cause analyses on observed compliance issues, identify trends, and report the results. If a recurring or systemic issue is identified, PG&E develops action plans for its contractors to prevent recurrence.

PG&E will continue to provide the quarterly summary within 30 days from the end of each quarter, or as requested, until the State of Emergency is lifted.
I am available to respond to any questions you may have about this notification and can be reached at Redacted
Sincerely,
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Manager
Vegetation Management
[1] "Trees Worked" is different from "Trees Inspected and Listed for Work" because the process allows time for the work to be scheduled and completed by the tree crews. PG&E schedules work by circuit and typically targets 30 days for inspection and 30 days for work completion.