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SUBJECT: REGARDING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

QUESTION 004

On page 415 of its 2026-2028 WMP, PG&E states that it discontinued its Field Quality Control (FQC) because it is redundant to "ongoing knowledge checks."

a. Describe the similarities and differences between FQC and "ongoing knowledge checks."

b. List the redundancies between FQC and "ongoing knowledge checks."

c. For non-redundant aspects:

   i.   Explain whether and how PG&E accounts for these aspects in other ways (e.g., other QA/QC programs).

   ii. If PG&E does not account for these aspects in other ways, explain why PG&E discontinued these non-redundant aspects of FQC.

Answer 004

a. Vegetation Management (VM) Knowledge Checks

   i.   VM operations new hire check-ins – required monthly

   ii.   VM construction management development of a Vegetation Management Inspector (VMI) assessment yard with both field and desk review components

   iii. Periodic field visits of VMI from their PG&E leadership team or delegates

   Field Quality Control (FQC) Assessments

   i.   Performs on-site knowledge assessments of VMI using a defined checklist applicable to specific VM work scopes

   ii.   FQC scope required annual assessment of at least 90% of the eligible population

      iii.   FQC scope included direct observation of VMI inspection work behaviors and adherence/non-adherence to applicable guidance documentation

b. FQC performs on-site knowledge assessments of VMI using a standardized checklist. The VMI assessment yard will perform knowledge assessments of VMI using standardized testing methods.

    FQC performs on-site field observations of VMI. The existing Vegetation Operation Inspection (VOI) team and internal operations field leadership perform periodic field visits with VMI.

c. For non-redundant aspects:

      i.   FQC captures VMI adherence to applicable regulatory requirements and internal guidance documentation and publishes the results in a reporting space. QA/QC can be used as an analog for VMI performance by auditing the VMI work product.

      ii.   N/A