There are **two kinds of PG&E tree cutting/removal** happening in Napa.

1) PG&E cutting (but not removal) – so-called "whack and stack" (little stacking in Napa County, though) of almost 18,000 trees[1] proximate to portions of their Middletown/Calistoga/St. Helena circuit lines in Glass Fire burn area. This work began in October and is almost complete.

2) PG&E vegetation management program – cutting and removal (unless homeowner wants to retain wood). This began in early 2019. There is active advance contact with property owners and weekly advance notice to County [system I helped develop a couple of years ago]. This is ongoing/forever, although will lessen in intensity as PG&E catches up with 3 decades of deferred vegetation management. The procise is well-documented at the PG&E website - Vegetation management and wildfires (pge.com).

PG&E Whacking: there's been quite a bit in local media, Press Democrat, and Santa Cruz newspapers about this issue in last several months.

Santa Cruz issue has two unique aspects not applicable in Napa County. First, PG&E appears to have not obtained some necessary permit for emergency whacking that it did obtain in our area (it does so annually). Second, the Coastal Commission can and is weighing in on Santa Cruz area.

2020 Oct – after hearing from constituents about PG&E whacking and complaining to PG&E to no avail …

2020 Nov 8 – I called out the PG&E whacking program in a newsletter to constituents regarding PG&E tree-cutting and asking for photos to be sent.

2020 Nov 10 – I requested a PG&E presentation to Board of Supervisors on the issue. 9F.pdf (countyofnapa.org) All meetings are recorded and you can see presentation at BOS website. It was pretty much the standard PG&E response: we have authority to cut, and we aren't required to remove what we cut.

2020 Dec 11 – I requested that we start whatever action was required at CPUC. Thereafter, Napa County (together with Sonoma County & City of Santa Rosa) filed "Comments" at CPUC. Some photos submitted by Napa County residents in response to my November 8 newsletter were included. Please read: 355068431.PDF (ca.gov)

[1] PG&E has shown the County charts indicating ~1,000 P1 trees and 14,000 P2 trees – but on phone call 3/24/2021 PG&E rep said it was 18,000 trees. P1 and P2 are terms related to the markings put on trees.

2021 Jan 15 - I had ex parte meeting with CPUC President's Chief of Staff on this issue. Because we are engaged (parties) at CPUC on numerous wildfire related proceedings, we are not allowed to have direct communication with CPUC Commissioners. The report of my meeting is quite detailed and should be helpful to understanding our ask of CPUC: Ex parte notice: https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M360/K609/360609099.PDF

2021 Mar 15 – Napa, Sonoma, Santa Rosa had a field tour of Napa and Sonoma for interested State representatives.