

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
NOTIFYING PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
INFORMATION NEEDED PRIOR TO A PUBLIC SAFETY
POWER SHUTDOWN AND OF THE NEED TO ADHERE TO
BEST PRACTICES IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION**

WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) provides gas and electricity to residents of Napa County; and

WHEREAS, due to the 2017 North Bay Fires and the continued and growing threat of wildfires, PG&E is being required by State legislation (SB 901) and by the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) to submit a proposed Wildfire Mitigation Plan (“WMP”) for approval and is expanding its Community Wildfire Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, the CPUC is conducting proceedings that relate to the WMP, Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) procedure (which is the intentional de-energization of electrical power lines in designated areas, with restoration occurring, depending on the circumstances, hours or even days later), PG&E’s request to increase rates to cover the costs of its Community Wildfire Safety Program and other issues related to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Napa County has been granted “party” status by the CPUC and is actively participating in the following five CPUC proceedings pertaining to PG&E and wildfire safety:

- R.17-05-010—Rule 20A Undergrounding
- R.18-10-007—SB 901 Wildfire Mitigation Plans
- R.18-12-005—De-energization (PSPS)
- R.19-01-006—SB 901 financial stress test
- A.18-12-009—PG&E 2020 general rate case

WHEREAS, PG&E initiated its first-ever PSPS on Sunday, October 14, 2018, which ended on October 17, 2018, with power outages occurring throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, County officials and residents experienced poor communication from PG&E, and residents were adversely affected by the way the PSPS was implemented; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, PG&E filed with the CPUC its WMP; and

WHEREAS, the County has submitted and will continue to submit detailed suggestions and comments to the CPUC in all of the proceedings above, including comments in response to PG&E’s proposed WMP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Napa County Board of Supervisors hereby requests PG&E to take, and requests the CPUC to ensure implementation of, the following steps in response to the comments of the County and others in the above-referenced proceedings:

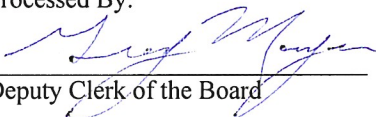
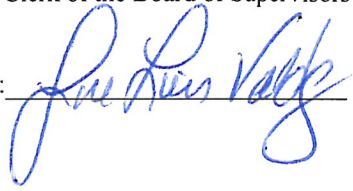
1. Implement the WMP in a way that it will be effective and will benefit PG&E's customers.
2. Adhere to vegetation management practices that avoid clear-cutting, over-zealous tree and vegetation removal that creates erosion/flood risk or harms the environment, and burdening private property owners with piles of dead trees/debris.
3. Implement situational awareness enhancements to promote information-sharing with state and local first responders and other local government officials, and provide greater access to shared information in order to prevent confusion and miscommunication during emergencies.
4. Expand the practice of granting fire agencies access to and control of wildfire cameras, as San Diego Gas & Electric does, by extending such access to weather and fire-threat modeling developed by PG&E's internal programs.
5. Prepare and implement an acceptable, clear and CPUC-approved PSPS plan to ensure a consistent and effective set of practices.
6. Provide County emergency services staff, law enforcement, and health department officials with the following prior to any PSPS occurrence:
 - a. Planned outage area(s);
 - b. Number of customers in the outage area(s);
 - c. Time of outage;
 - d. Projected duration of outage and time of restoration;
 - e. Prompt updates of any changes to the time or duration of the planned outage ;
 - f. Identification of all impacted medical baseline and other medically vulnerable customers; and
 - g. Identification of all other impacted Critical Customers (hospitals, fire stations, police stations, water/irrigation districts, waste water treatment plans, telecom facilities, and schools).
7. Strong, clear, and frequent communication with the County, customers and communities is crucial during emergency situations. The 2018 PSPS events and 2017 wildfires demonstrated that there is a disconnect between PG&E's protocols and best practices as they exist on paper and what PG&E is actually capable of delivering in an emergency. PG&E must ensure that it is able to make its plans a reality, and the CPUC must hold PG&E to its commitments and best practices.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 12th day of March, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	PEDROZA, WAGENKNECHT, DILLON, RAMOS and GREGORY
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	NONE
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS	NONE
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	NONE

NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of
the State of California

By: 
RYAN GREGORY, Chair of the
Board of Supervisors

<p>APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel</p> <p>By: <u>Jeffrey M. Richard</u> Chief Deputy County Counsel (via e-signature)</p> <p>Date: <u>March 6, 2019</u></p>	<p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Date: March 12, 2019 Processed By:  Deputy Clerk of the Board</p>	<p>ATTEST: JOSE LUIS VALDEZ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>By: </p>
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