



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdown Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests adoption of a resolution notifying Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) of information needed prior to a Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the growing threat of wildfire, PG&E is expanding its Community Wildfire Safety Program. One component is the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) procedure, which is the intentional de-energization of electrical power lines in designated area of high fire danger.

On October 14 - 17, 2018 PG&E initiated its first ever PSPS with power outages throughout the County. On November 6-8, 2018 PG&E notified its customers of another PSPS but that alert was cancelled on November 8, 2018 with no power shut-off.

During these events County officials experienced poor communication from PG&E creating numerous challenges for County staff to prepare for and respond to the emergency that the power shut-off created.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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Today's resolution will serve to request the following from PG&E prior to PSPS event:

1. Planned outage area (s);
2. Number of customers in the outage area(s);
3. Time of outage;
4. Projected duration of outage and time of restoration;
5. Prompt updates when and if the time of the planned outage or its duration change;
6. Identification of all impacted medical baseline and other medically vulnerable customers; and
7. Identification of all other impacted Critical Customers (hospitals, fire stations, police stations, water/irrigation districts, waste water treatment plans, telecom facilities, and schools)

Staff is recommending that the executed resolution be sent to California Public Utility Commission with the hope that as a regulator of the utility they would require PG&E to provide this critical information to ensure the public safety and well being during a PSPS event.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . PSPS Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi