

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JASON NUTT, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC
WORKS

SUBJECT: PG&E COMMUNITY PIPELINE SAFETY INITIATIVE

AGENDA ACTION: NONE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that Council receive the presentation and provide direction and feedback to staff.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PG&E will provide a presentation regarding their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative and ongoing gas safety efforts within the City of Santa Rosa.

BACKGROUND

Recently we met with Pacific Gas and Electric Company on their new gas safety program, Community Pipeline Safety Initiative. This program is to help ensure safety crews have immediate access to natural gas transmission pipelines in case of an emergency.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) top priority is the safety of customers and communities. As part of this commitment to safety, they are checking the area above and around our natural gas transmission pipelines to help ensure immediate access for emergency response crews and prevent damage to the pipe.

PG&E is working with customers and community leaders to share what we know about the safety risks and, together, develop plans that preserve the unique characters of our communities while protecting public safety. This important safety work involves reviewing structures, trees and brush located near the gas pipeline within Santa Rosa that could block emergency access for safety crews or damage the pipeline. For any tree or structure that needs to be replaced for safety reasons on private property, PG&E will work with the owner to develop a plan that protects public safety while preserving the character and natural beauty of the community. For items on franchise/city-owned

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property, the Transportation & Public Works Department will continue to work with PG&E on tree replacement and restoration. When a tree or structure needs to be replaced for safety reasons, we work together to replace the item at a safe distance from the pipeline and restore the area all at PG&E's expense. Please note that we will not move forward with any planned work on private property without a mutual agreement in place.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Outreach information letter to City of Santa Rosa, dated April 5, 2016
- Attachment 2 – Example Public Outreach Letter
- Attachment 3 – Community Pipeline Safety Initiative, 2016 Outreach Plan
- Attachment 4 – Community Pipeline Safety Initiative FAQ, dated April 2016

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