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May 18, 2018

Mr. Marvin Nushwat  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Community Pipeline Safety Initiative  
6121 Bollinger Canyon Road  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Dear Mr. Nushwat:

This letter serves to confirm and clarify our mutual understanding regarding the status of PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative (CPSI) tree removal project, and outline commitments and next steps for work within the limits of the City of Lafayette. I also wanted to thank you for PG&E's recent informational workshop and for working with affected property owners and concerned citizens as the project moves forward.

Last year PG&E committed to attending a City Council meeting to address all of the questions, alternative approaches, and general safety concerns submitted by the residents of the City; this must occur prior to the commencement of any tree removal work. Last spring PG&E and the City of Lafayette also executed a Letter Agreement wherein it was agreed that, before any tree trimming would occur, "PG&E shall provide all information required by the City's Tree Protection Regulations in the form specified by staff." This information must be provided by the utility to the City ten days in advance of the Council meeting so that we can publish a staff report that informs both the public and the decision making process.

So as to avoid any confusion, I have attached my letter to Agnus Coyle dated June 7, 2017 that documents the commitment by PG&E to: answer in writing those items submitted by residents; provide maps and evaluations of the trees along the pipelines; and deliver documentation demonstrating the health and safety risks that the CPSI tree removal program is intended to address.

The next steps, as set forth in the March 27, 2017 City Council staff report, are for PG&E to submit information required by the City's Tree Protection Ordinance including, but not limited to:

- PDF and interactive maps showing the location, assessment, ownership (public/private), and disposition of the trees.
- Site plan(s) with property lines, parcel numbers/addresses, showing the trees proposed for removal (driplines, species, and size).

- A mitigation plan showing the location of proposed trees to be planted (driplines, species, and size). The mitigation plan can be put together by PG&E or the property owner; however, it must be signed/authorized by the property owner.
- For trees proposed for removal in the City's right-of-way or on the City's property, PG&E will work with the City to prepare an acceptable restoration plan for those areas that maintains aesthetics in public areas throughout town.

Attached please find the Letter Agreement, Tree Protection Ordinance, Application for Tree Permit and the March 27, 2017 City Council staff report for your reference. I am happy to meet if you have any questions regarding the information required.

The City Clerk will place the matter on an upcoming City Council agenda once the information indicated in the bullet points above is received, reviewed and deemed complete by City staff. **In the meantime, this letter once again confirms that neither PG&E nor its contractors will remove any trees in the City of Lafayette, as part of the CPSI program, until such time that PG&E has met its obligations as outlined above.**

Most sincerely,



Michael Anderson  
Councilmember

- Enc. Letter Agreement executed by PG&E and the City of Lafayette  
Tree Protection Ordinance  
Application for Tree Permit  
March 27, 2017 City Council Staff Report  
June 17, 2017 Letter to PG&E
- C: Cam Burks, Vice Mayor  
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