

We deserve safety, not tree stumps



Why is PG&E not focusing on enhanced inspections and safety valves?

In Lafayette, PG&E plans to cut 272 trees, including 216 protected trees, without any environmental CEQA or EIR review or evidence regarding their safety claims.

Without scientific evidence that natural gas pipelines will be made safer, PG&E is prioritizing cutting trees over implementing important safety improvements such as automatic shut off valves and up-to-date pipeline integrity testing in our cities.

Save Lafayette Trees, a grass-roots organization, believes tree cutting is unnecessarily destructive and wants PG&E to stop their misguided tree cutting initiative. On June 26, Save Lafayette Trees petitioned the Contra Costa County Superior Court to rescind the City of Lafayette's unlawful agreement with PG&E and block the cutting before it is too late.

FACT: Cutting trees is not proven to reduce pipeline safety incidents according to PG&E's own 2014 pipeline study¹

FACT: Trees do not impede first responder access to a pipeline emergency, as gas flow at damaged pipelines should first be shut off by PG&E before first responders can safely enter the area to protect human life and property²

FACT: On 6/9/11, the CPUC required all gas transmission operators to test or replace all pipelines that do not have complete test records, expand the use of in-line inspection tools, and automatic gas shutoff valves *but no requirement for tree removal*³

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Sign the petition and get more information at

www.savelafayettetrees.org

¹ "Tree Root Interference Assessment" prepared for PG&E by Dynamic Risk Assessments Inc. 1/17/14

² Contra Costa Fire Chief, Palo Alto Fire Chief, Contra Costa Fire Department personnel, April-May 2017

³ "PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Program Review", presented by PG&E to CCC Hazardous Materials

