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Contra Costa County Prepares for a Possible PG&E Power Shutoff Event

(Contra Costa County, CA) – The County is preparing to respond to the impacts of a possible power shutoff conducted by PG&E. The agency informed County officials that Contra Costa County is under a “Public Safety Shutoff Watch,” and current weather conditions may lead to a de-energization event starting tonight, as early as 12 midnight on Wednesday, October 9th, 2019.

PG&E estimates that 40,000 customers in Contra Costa County could lose power. The potential shutdown is expected to affect large parts of the County, including Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Pinole, Richmond, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek. Residents in those areas should prepare for the possibility of losing power from early morning Wednesday, October 9th, through Thursday, October 10th, at 12:00 noon. PG&E expects to start restoring power on Thursday, October 10th. PG&E notes that Contra Costa County is one of 29 counties in the state that may undergo a Public Safety Power Shutoff. The agency says that complete restoration of power may take one to five days.

Contra Costa County is working to ensure that the public is aware of this possible PG&E power shutoff event. In an abundance of caution, the County is also working to ensure we are ready with our own internal operation and response to this potential event.

“Our staff has been diligently planning to adequately respond to the effects of this event,” said Board Chair, Supervisor John Gioia. “However, we want to remind our residents that the decision to turn off the power and the speed at which it is restored is planned and managed solely by PG&E.”

“Preparation is key. Residents should plan ahead for their family’s needs,” said Susan Shiu, the County’s Director of Communications and Media. “We encourage residents to check pge.com for the latest updates. Visit the County’s website www.contracosta.ca.gov for alert information, which includes a map of the areas likely to be impacted and ways to prepare now.”

Go to Contra Costa [County's Safety & Emergency Info](#) webpage for ways to prepare before, during and after a power outage. Check www.pge.com to register for wildfire alerts and for customer updates.

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