



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) Plan	Board Meeting Date August 13, 2019	Agenda Number 25
Dept: Administrative Office Div: OES Contact: John Osbourn Phone: 209/754-6676	Supervisorial District Number Countywide	Regular Agenda
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No		Estimated Time: 25 Minutes
Type of Document? Informational Item PowerPoint Presentation Included? Yes Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on Calaveras County’s preparedness activities regarding PG&E’s Public Safety Power Shutdown program.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The risk of wildfire increases when several factors combine—these include high temperatures, high sustained and peak winds, as well as critically low humidity. During these conditions, electrical transmission and distribution lines may ignite fires if winds and/or trees down them. To reduce the chance of accidental fire ignition in certain areas, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) has stated that they may de-energize electrical grids or block off an area(s) in advance of or during periods of heightened risk conditions.

De-energization of electrical systems in affected areas may pose a life-safety risk to residents and affect other infrastructure systems. De-energization may also affect the capabilities of local agencies to respond to wildfire due to loss of Alert & Warning and public information communications systems, including internet and cellular towers, inability to monitor or maintain water supplies, and a loss of traffic control systems that could support evacuation.

To prepare for and to mitigate the effects of a de-energization event, the Office of Emergency Services collaborated with internal, as well as external stakeholders to build a response plan. This Plan is intended to provide guidance to local stakeholders, county departments, and public safety agencies and to develop a cohesive response to these events. This presentation will provide an overview of the collaborative process, and document the County’s preparedness for a de-energization event.

FINANCING:

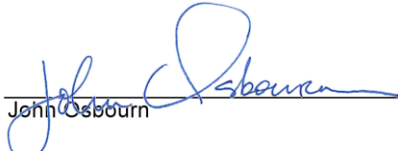
This update is informational only.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to hear the update.

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John Osbourn

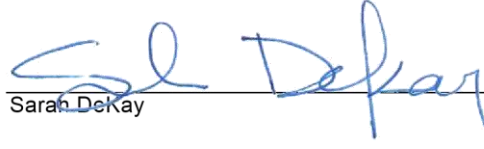
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