



ITEM NO.: 3c

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2016

AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC REGARDING COMMUNITY PIPELINE SAFETY INITIATIVE

Summary: In 2012 as part of its statewide gas transmission safety program portfolio, PG&E started the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative to prevent damage to the integrity of gas pipelines or remove natural and manmade structures that can block safety crews from getting to pipelines in an emergency or natural disaster. PG&E is proposing the removal of obstructions above its major underground gas transmission lines throughout the state including easements on city-owned property (and/or right of way) in Ukiah.

Background: Employees of the City of Ukiah and the members of the Tree Advisory Group met with PG&E staff in June. PG&E staff presented information on the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative. During these presentations, PG&E explained how they categorized the tree and woody vegetation as unacceptable or manageable. During the presentation PG&E included a picture of the affected areas on City-owned property and answered questions. At this presentation, staff requested PG&E provide a tour of the affected areas and an Arborist who could confirm how and why the tree was categorized.

One Tree Advisory Group member and two City Staff members along with PG&E staff and a tree arborist toured the gas line easements on City-owned property (and/or right of way). PG&E pointed out what trees and woody vegetation were unacceptable and manageable. Amongst the 133 tree assessment completed by PG&E, 19 trees, and 46 woody vegetations will be removed. Many of the trees identified for removal are near the airport and are the same trees that the Federal Aviation Administration has been requesting the Airport Manager remove due to aviation requirements. Staff located easement documentation that was granted to PG&E by the City. The easement includes PG&E having the right to trim or cut down trees or other vegetation.

PG&E offers mitigation for the removal of trees or woody vegetation. The goal of mitigation is to replace the vegetation removed by providing funds to replace and care for new plantings of trees and vegetation. Mitigation to the City will include \$20,000 that will be used for replacement of vegetation at Riverside park and \$2,500 that will be used for the new gardens at Grace Hudson Museum. The funds will be utilized to comply with the 2 for 1 replacement policy in the City's Tree Management Guidelines.

On September 13, 2016, PG&E held an open house in which the community was able to learn more about how PG&E has been working with the City of Ukiah and local residents to check the area above natural gas transmission pipeline for the tree, brush and other items that could pose a safety concern.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): Receive Report.

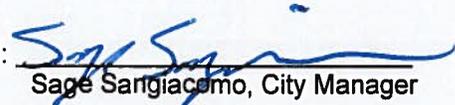
ALTERNATIVES:

Citizens advised: N/A
Requested by: Ukiah City Council
Prepared by/Contact: Tami Bartolomei, Community Services Administrator
Coordinated with: N/A
Presenters: PG&E Staff
Attachments: N/A

COUNCIL ACTION DATE: _____ : Approved Continued to _____ Other _____

RECORDS APPROVED: Agreement: _____ Resolution: _____ Ordinance: _____

Note: Please write Agreement No. in upper right corner of agreement when drafted.

Approved: 
Sage San Giacomo, City Manager

Discussion: PG&E will be presenting information regarding their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative. Information provided will include tree replacement and restoration, community partnership and outreach.

FISCAL IMPACT:				
Budgeted Amount in 16-17 FY	New Appropriation Source of Funds (Title & No.)	Account Number	Budget Amendment Required	Previous Contract or Purchase Order No.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A