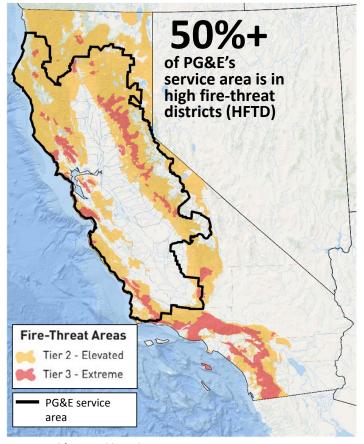
# Community Wildfire Safety Program 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF READINESS UPDATE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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### Wildfire Risks Across PG&E's Service Area



Source: California Public Utilities Commission

Total electric customers served	5.1M
Electric metered customers in HFTD	505,600
Counties served (electric)	47
Counties with high fire-threat districts	42
Overhead distribution line miles (total)	81,000
Overhead distribution line miles in HFTD	25,500
Overhead transmission miles (total)	18,200
Overhead transmission miles in HFTD	5,500

Numbers are approximate



### **Public Safety Power Shutoff 2020 Goals**

### **SMALLER**

## **33%** FEWER IMPACTED CUSTOMERS

- Secured over 450 megawatts of temporary generation to support substations and critical customers
- Adding ~600 sectionalizing devices and line switches to limit the size of outages
- Increased weather model resolution for more precise events

### **SHORTER**

## **50%** FASTER RESTORATION TIMES

- Secured 30 additional aircraft, for faster and around-the-clock patrols
- Using infrared equipment to enable night inspections
- Expanded mutual assistance program

### **SMARTER**

## BETTER COMMUNICATIONS, RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A PSPS EVENT

- Improved coordination with local agencies and critical service providers
- Improved and strengthened PSPS event website
- Enhanced customer notifications with more detailed information
- Coordinated county-specific and COVID-19 CRC plans

- Increased support for customers with Access and Functional Needs
- Using AI to improve data collection and analysis for better event management and situation reports
- Trained leadership and EOC staff in Standard Emergency Management System











## **2020 PSPS Readiness: System Improvements**

### YEAR-TO-DATE 2020 PROGRESS RELATIVE TO 2020 GOALS (AS OF 8/5)

TEMPORARY GENERATION Securing backup generation for microgrids, Community Resource Centers and critical facilities	458 MEGAWATTS (MW)  — 300 TOTAL MW BY 9/1/20 ————————————————————————————————————
SUBSTATION GENERATION READINESS Readying substations for backup power and positioning temporary generation to keep customers energized	51 OPERATIONALLY READY 62 TOTAL LOCATIONS BY 9/1/20 ready
SECTIONALIZING DEVICES Separating the distribution grid into smaller sections for more targeted PSPS events	507 DEVICES 86% commissioned
TRANSMISSION LINE SWITCHES Installing switches to redirect high-voltage power and keep communities energized	☐ 23 TOTAL SWITCHES BY 6/1/20 ☐ 157% complete
IMPROVED WEATHER MODELING Improved ability to pinpoint severe weather and shrink outage areas	New Outage Producing Winds (OPW) Model 2.0: COMPLETE  New Fire Potential Index (FPI) Resolution (9km² → 4km² granularity): 9/1/20
WEATHER STATIONS Adding additional stations to enhance weather forecasting and tracking; 808 total stations installed to date	182 STATIONS  235 TOTAL STATIONS BY 9/1/20  installed
HIGH-DEFINITION CAMERAS Improving real-time monitoring of high-risk areas and conditions; 224 total cameras installed to date	82 CAMERAS  100 TOTAL CAMERAS BY 9/1/20  installed





### **2020 PSPS Readiness: Restoration Resources**

## We will take the following steps to restore power to customers faster:



Nearly doubling our exclusive-use helicopter fleet from 35 to 65



Using two airplanes with infrared cameras capable of inspecting transmission lines at night



Deploying more PG&E crews and contractors



Expanding mutual assistance support from other utility companies





## 2020 PSPS Readiness: Enhanced Customer Support

### **Improved CRC Plans**

- Locally coordinated locations
- Expanded resources and multiple delivery models
- > COVID-19 precautions



### **Upgraded PSPS Website**

- > Increased capacity
- → ADA accessible
- → Improved maps
- > Available in 13 languages



### **Expanded Customer Outreach**

- → 16 Customer Webinars (~3,800 attendees)
- → **12** Postcards/Mailers/Brochures
  - **24** Customer Emails
- 308M average monthly advertising impressions (July/Aug.)



### **Critical Customer Support**

- Ongoing critical customer list updates in coordination with counties
- > Support for COVID-19 essential hospitals in high fire-risk areas
- Ongoing engagement with telecommunications providers (including multiple notification tests)
- Listening sessions and webinars with large customers and critical service providers
- > Resiliency plans for vote tabulation centers



### **Enhanced Customer Notifications**

Detailed info up to 2 days in advance (including restoration times and links to customer resources)

- 2 DAYS BEFORE power is turned off
- **1 DAY BEFORE** power is turned off
- JUST BEFORE power is turned off
- **DURING** the PSPS event (weather all clear and ETOR)
- ONCE power is restored





### **2020 PSPS Readiness: AFN Support**



## Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

- Set up partnerships with ~250
   Community-Based
   Organizations to expand
   communications reach
- Established councils to engage and solicit feedback from community leaders
- Expanded resource partnerships



## Medical Baseline Customers

- Expanded Medical Baseline
   Program to provide additional
   communications benefits
- Responding to COVID-19, eased process for enrolling and recertification
- Conducted extensive outreach to encourage potentially eligible to enroll



## California Foundation for Independent Living (CFILC)

- Working with the CFILC to fund resources to help prepare for disasters and extended power outages
- > Resources include:
  - Portable backup power
  - Emergency preparedness assistance
  - Accessible transportation
  - Hotel vouchers and food stipends
  - Medical Baseline application assistance





## **2020 PSPS Readiness: Working with County, Tribal, City Governments**



PSPS Listening Sessions

Regional Working Groups

**PSPS Exercises** 

PSPS Advisory Committee

Wildfire Safety Working Sessions

**Status: Complete** 

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**Status: Complete** 

**Status:** Ongoing

**Status:** In Progress

#### **OUTREACH**

COMPLETE
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Meetings with agency stakeholders to share information.

#### **PSPS Listening Sessions**

Meetings with local and tribal governments to gather feedback on the 2019 PSPS events and identify opportunities for improvement.

#### **Regional Working Groups**

Sessions with public safety partners to solicit input and recommendations on PSPS-related items.

#### **PSPS Exercises**

Regionally-based PSPS exercises with PG&E staff and external stakeholders to test PSPS processes and procedures.

#### **Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) Training**

All EOC staff trained in the system that State and local governments use for managing emergencies.

#### **PSPS Advisory Committee**

Ad hoc meetings with local and tribal governments to obtain input on updates to PSPS processes and procedures.

#### **Wildfire Safety Working Sessions**

Localized discussions with counties, tribes and other key stakeholders to review wildfire safety work in the county.

Some of the measures included in this presentation are contemplated as additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce the risk of wildfires.

200+

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**550** 

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**DATA AS OF 8/12** 

8



## SMARTER FOR CUSTOMERS

### **2020 PSPS Readiness: COVID-19 Mitigations**

As COVID-19 continues, we are focused on actions that reduce the impact of Public Safety Power Shutoff events on customers and communities.

In response to COVID-19, we are taking the following actions:



Coordinating with the California Hospital Association, the Hospital Council of Northern and Southern California and directly with hospitals to ensure that ALL COVID-19 critical hospitals in high fire-threat areas can continue operating effectively during a PSPS event.



Working with county governments and local Offices of Emergency Services (OES) to ensure that current and potential future auxiliary medical facilities and temporary pandemic-care facilities will be protected from disruptive de-energization.



Updating Medical Baseline enrollment and renewal so customers can self-certify without a physician's note. Medical Baseline enrollments have increased by roughly 25,000 customers (13%) over the last three months.



Offering micro Community Resource Centers (smaller, open air tents) and mobile CRCs (vans) to supplement indoor CRCs if shelter-at-home and physical distancing requirements are in place during PSPS events.



**Using temporary generation and grid-based solutions** to support some communities and societally important facilities to limit the number of areas that we must de-energize in PSPS events.



**Updating work processes and procedures** to ensure the safety of customers and employees during essential wildfire safety work.

## **Thank You**

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## 2020 PSPS Readiness: Enhanced Customer Outreach & Communications

In order to be prepared for wildfire season and the potential for PSPS, PG&E customers will receive communications through a variety of channels.







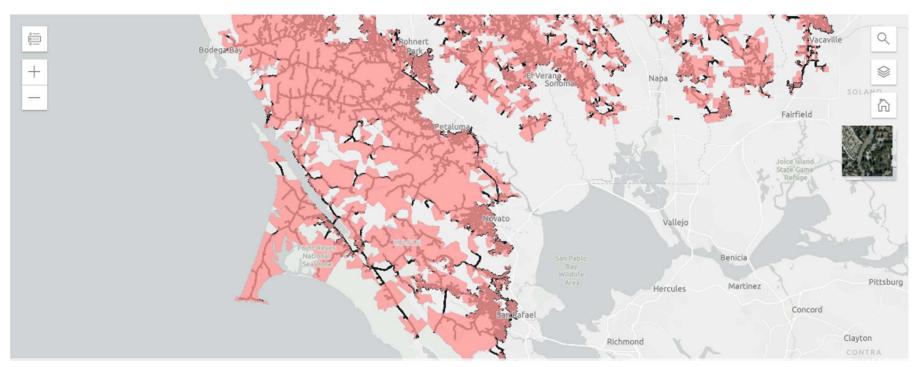
## **Sample PSPS Event Map Refinement**

### SAMPLE PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNER MAP FOR REFERENCE



Public Safety Power Shutoff Portal

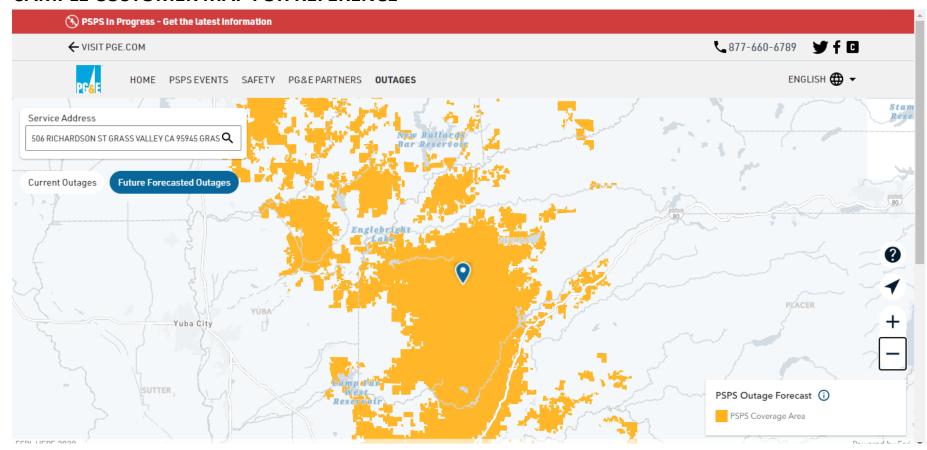
Overview PSPS planning PSPS events





### **Sample Customer Outage Map**

### SAMPLE CUSTOMER MAP FOR REFERENCE

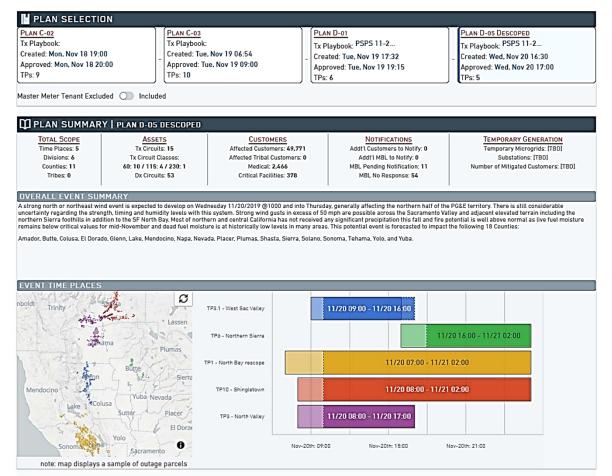




### **Sample Situation Report**

## The Situation Report is created during a PSPS event to provide a high-level overview of the event.

- This includes potential shutoff and restoration times, counties currently in scope and the potential customer impacts by County.
- This report is posted on the PSPS Portal at 0730 and 1430 each day.





### **CRC Resources and COVID-19 Considerations**

Given the current COVID-19 environment, in addition to continuing to establish indoor CRCs, we are implementing outdoor contingencies including Micro and Mobile CRCs.

- Indoor and outdoor CRC locations developed in consultation with local and tribal governments.
- In PSPS events, actual deployment locations and preferred CRC type will be coordinated with local and tribal governments.
- During a PSPS event, CRC locations will be shared on pge.com/pspsupdates and via social media.
- Operating hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- CRCs will be professionally staffed rather than employee volunteers.



<sup>\*</sup>Bag contains device charger, water, snacks and info card. \*\*On-site charging for medical devices only.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Tables and chairs for customers charging medical devices.