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**Subject:** A new comment has been posted to your Web Portal

The user Flamebuoyant has posted a comment on [Legislative File 2357: Direct the Public Works and Planning Department staff to draft guidelines for the review of trees in the county public right-of-way identified by PG&E for removal; direct County Counsel and the Department of Public Works to work with PG&E to draft an agreement with specific guidelines for the removal and mitigation of any trees in the public right-of-way, as recommended by Supervisor McPherson and Supervisor Leopold.](#)

**Comment:** The only environmental assessment of this massive tree removal (that amounts to a full forest of trees) was done internally by PG&E. Any other project in the County with such a huge environmental impact (including the danger of significant erosion along Graham Hill) would require a published environmental report that includes public input. These trees are on County property. The City of Palo Alto responded to this same issue by requiring PG&E to submit all trees proposed for removal for their review so the City could assess the environmental impact and minimize trees removed to only those that present a clear and verified safety concern that cannot otherwise be mitigated. Please to assure Santa Cruz County has this same consideration from PG&E! Please direct County Counsel to create specific guidelines that include a separate independent and thorough environmental review and considers all environmental issues (including the effects on wildlife habitat) and erosion issues before removal of any tree on County property. Thank you for assuring that the environment and safety and beauty of our community are maintained to the greatest extent possible and that this (and any future) proposed cutting of trees by PG&E will be properly and carefully evaluated and minimized to the greatest extent possible.

**Link to the Discussion:** [http://SantaCruzCountyCA.IQM2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_LegiFile.aspx?ID=2357](http://SantaCruzCountyCA.IQM2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?ID=2357)