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**Subject:** Re: PG&E Community Pipeline Safety Initiative - Community Resistance

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

My husband and I own property approximately 8 miles north of Boulder Creek bordering Castle Rock SP and have lived in the San Lorenzo Valley permanently since 2002. Our ~28 acre property is part of the protected Coastal Redwood Forest. We are blessed with varied and beautiful forested terrain, trees and vegetation including second growth Redwoods and some beautiful old growth trees. We are proud to be part of responsible land stewardship in our County.

As such, we are absolutely and fully in support of Collette Streight's efforts and like minded community members working towards a sounder approach to ensuring the public's safety along PG&E's high pressure transmission lines. We are opposed to PG&E's current plans to remove trees along the Graham Hill corridor, unless absolutely warranted, as well as elsewhere in our county and state. Their plans are ill advised for a multitude of credible and fully supported reasons including fragile soil types, earthquake risks, rare and endangered species of trees, other native vegetation and unique animals throughout this area.

Please support our efforts and engage in this process to ensure that a more reasonable approach to ensuring the public's safety can be realized.

Regards,

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**Subject:** PG&E Community Pipeline Safety Initiative - Community Resistance

Dear County Supervisors, City Council Members, and City and County staff,

I live on a property through which a PG&E natural gas transmission line runs. The transmission line, as with all transmission lines in Santa Cruz County, has been recently tested by PG&E and is in great working order. Despite this, PG&E wants to kill four of our trees (along with thousands of others throughout the County) that grow close to the line as a way to ensure our health and safety.

My many conversations with PG&E and the research I've read about this have demonstrated that trees have *never* significantly damaged transmission lines nor have they *ever* inhibited access to transmission lines in any significant way during an emergency throughout PG&E's history.

I am not alone in my *deep* concern about the negative impacts that PG&E's misguided actions will have on our community, wildlife, water, air, and long-term health and safety, especially during this time of intensifying climate change.

I would love to see the County and the four cities within the County coordinate to create a framework agreement with PG&E that makes sure our needs and our local and state

environmental laws/ordinances are met. PG&E is legally required to meet these laws/ordinances, despite what they may say!

PG&E plans to start killing our community's tree within the next month so the need to act now is urgent.

As you may be aware, the City of Palo Alto is working on such a framework agreement, modeled after one that a cooperative of East Bay cities created. This is how things have gone in Palo Alto so far, according to Catherine Martineau, the Executive Director of the nonprofit Canopy:

“There was a lot of activity at the end of last year which culminated with a community meeting where PG&E gave a presentation to neighbors and other stakeholders, City of Palo Alto elected officials and staff, and Canopy representatives. Following that meeting the City told PG&E to:

1. Not cut any trees
2. Stop entering into separate agreements with private property owners
3. Cancel any prior agreement they had signed
4. Work with City staff on a model agreement that would incorporate specific guidelines for potential removal and mitigation”

I recommend that you do the same thing asap and then work on creating an agreement that will meet our community's needs.

Here is a brief synopsis, from Walter Passmore, the City of Palo Alto's Urban Forester, of what their agreement will do:

“All the trees proposed for removal (public and private) will be reviewed by the City of Palo Alto with the intent to minimize the number to only those that present a clear and verified safety concern that cannot be otherwise mitigated. The framework agreement describes the level of proof or justification PG&E needs to provide.”

Walter has let me know that you can be in touch with Jessica Mullan ([Jessica.Mullan@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Jessica.Mullan@CityofPaloAlto.org)) to request a copy of their draft agreement to see what it entails. If she is not able to provide a copy, then I recommend asking the City of Walnut Creek or the City of Hayward folks to see their agreements. I also recommend being in touch with their attorneys for guidance on how we can proceed efficiently and effectively.

Supervisors Leopold and McPherson are in conversation about this as is County Counsel, Dana McRae, so the ball has already begun to roll.

Please let me know how you plan to move forward and if there is anyway I (and my fellow concerned and impacted residents) may be of help.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

~ Collette Streight

P.S. I was unable to get email addresses for City of Watsonville council members and staff. Please forward this to them since they need to be included.

