CITY OF
CLOVERDALE

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
JOINT MEETING OF THE CLOVERDALE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

PUBLIC BUSINESS SESSION: 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC BUSINESS SESSION LOCATION: CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
124 N. CLOVERDALE BLVD. CLOVERDALE, CA 95425

CONVENE OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

OPENING:

- Call to Order: Vice Mayor Wolter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- Roll Call: Present- Councilmember Russell, Councilmember Cox, and Vice Mayor Wolter; Absent- Councilmember Palla and Mayor Brigham
- Conflict of Interest Declaration: None
- Agenda Review (Changes and/or Deletions): None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1. Tour of trees recommended for removal by PG&E along gas transmission main pipeline

PG&E has submitted an encroachment permit application (EP 29-2016) requesting the removal of approximately 75 street trees within the City limits. The Council will be taking a tour with representatives from PG&E to view and discuss the trees recommended for removal.

Public Works Director, Mark Rincon opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming PG&E Government Relations representative, Brian Bottari. Mr. Bottari introduced Darin Cline, manager of the Pipeline Safety Initiative Program, and Jason Warshawer, Forester for the program. Mr. Cline disturbed and discussed a Community Pipeline Safety Initiative pamphlet (attached), which included discussion on pipeline safety, working with first responders, and safe landscaping. Specific trees were discussed with PG&E reporting that 39 trees recommended for removal are street trees that are considered manageable risks and 9 trees are on private property and are designated as unmanageable and need to be replaced. Mr. Cline explained that there are also 27 manageable trees on private property within 14 feet of the PG&E pipeline but the property owners have elected to keep the trees with PG&E coming back each to monitor the safety of the trees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jimmy Halliday, Cloverdale, asked for clarification that it is not critical to remove any of the 39 trees discussed. Mr. Cline confirmed that the 39 trees are manageable and do not have to be removed at this time but added that if the trees are removed within the next 17 months, PG&E will replace the trees. If the tree becomes unmanageable (over mature or has soil instability) and needs to be removed after the mitigation period ends in December of 2017, PG&E will still come and remove the tree, but it becomes a rate payer funded program and PG&E may not replace the trees. Mr. Cline reported that under the current program PG&E will replace trees removed, even if that replacement cannot be made at the same location.

Discussion ensued regarding which trees the Council wished to view. Councilmembers, City staff, public member, and PG&E representatives carpooled to tree locations and viewed selected trees. After viewing and discussing the trees, Councilmembers agreed to make a recommendation to the full Council to approve the removal of the 10 franchise trees between Shady Lane and the Furber Shopping Center to accommodate the Safe-Route-to-School Project, but recommended the remaining 29 trees stay unless the property owners chose to remove the trees on their property. PG&E agreed to supply the name and contact information of the property owners to the City to make contact to determine if the trees shall be removed. Councilmembers also recommended the removal and replacement of trees be conducted in phases that match the Safe-Route-to-School Project. PG&E agreed but suggested an encroachment permit be issued for all of the trees to be removed to allow for better preparation.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Mayor Wolter adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m., to the next regular meeting of the City Council and Cloverdale Community Development Successor Agency scheduled Tuesday, September 13, 2016, for Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. (at the City Hall Conference Room 124 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA 95425) and Public Business Session at 6:30 p.m. (at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center 209 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA 95425).

These minutes were approved at the September 13, 2016, City Council meeting by the following voice vote (Ayes-4; Noes-0; Absent-1).

Ayes: Councilmember Russell, Councilmember Cox, Vice Mayor Wolter, and Mayor Brigham
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Palla
Recuse: None

Approved:

Mary Ann Brigham, Mayor

Attested:

Linda Moore, Deputy City Clerk

Community Pipeline Safety Initiative

Cloverdale

August 30, 2016

Improving Pipeline Safety and Reliability

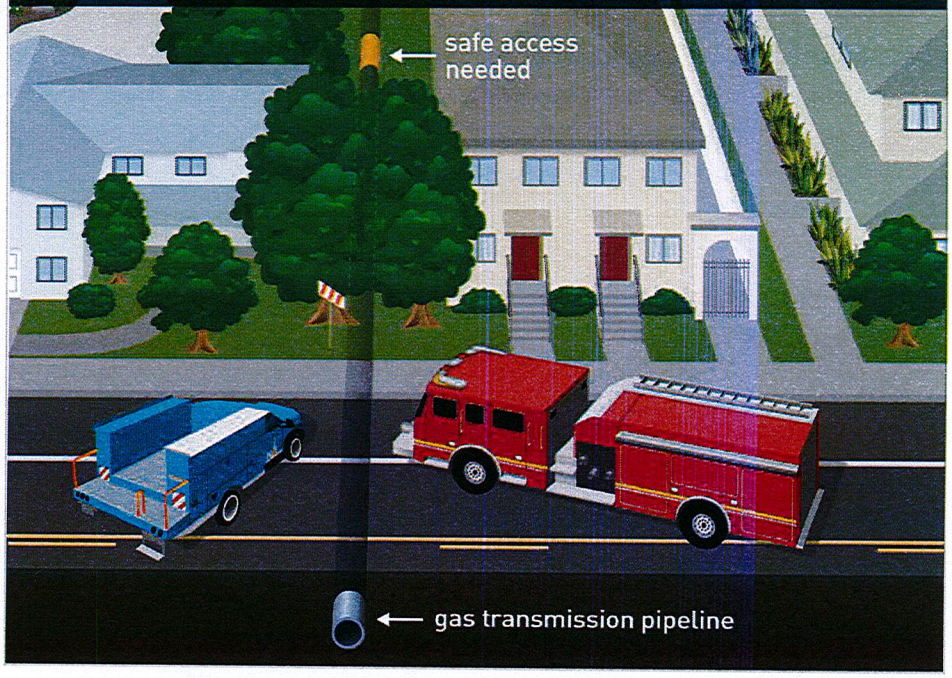
- PG&E's top priority is the safety of our customers and communities – we are testing, studying and upgrading our gas system, including:
  - **Hydrostatic pressure testing** which verifies the pipeline's strength and safe operating pressure
  - **Internal pipe inspection robots** to check for signs of corrosion
  - **Valve automation** to allow faster response during gas emergencies
  - **Leak survey** of our entire gas pipeline system more frequently
  - **Aerial and ground patrols** to identify any excavations, signs of construction and other potential safety concerns

Program at a Glance

WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Checking the area above the gas transmission pipeline for trees and structures that pose an emergency access or safety concern
- Helping to ensure immediate access for safety crews, and preventing potential damage to the pipe
- Working with our customers and communities where a safety risk has been identified to develop shared solutions
- Planting new trees at a safe distance from the pipeline and restoring the area to preserve the natural beauty of our communities

Trees can block safety crews from getting to gas pipelines in an emergency or natural disaster, when every second counts.



Working with First Responders

"Working with PG&E and supporting the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative is vital to ensuring our community stays safe by having critical pipeline information available to our fire fighters."

Leonard Thompson, Fire Chief, Petaluma Fire Department

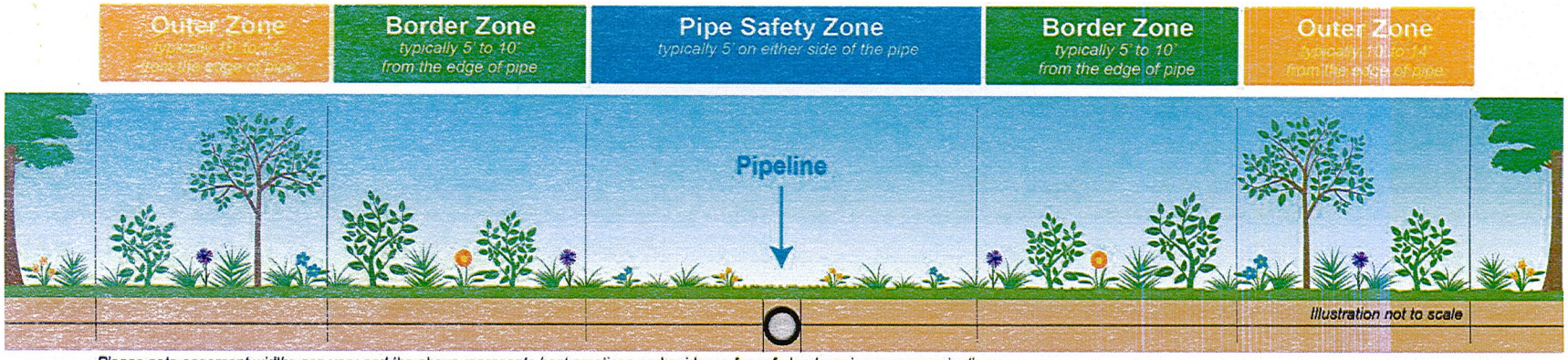
"PG&E is a partner in helping my department keep this community safe by safely maintaining our energy infrastructure, providing easy access to gas pipelines and training our first responders so they can respond effectively to emergency situations near utilities."

Mark Heine, Fire Chief, Novato Fire Protection District

First responders depend on immediate access in an emergency

Guide to Safe Landscaping

Making sure the right plants and trees are located in the right location adds to the safety and natural beauty of your community



Please note easement widths can vary and the above represents best practices and guidance for safe landscaping near gas pipelines.

Pipe Safety Zone	Lawns, flowers, low-profile grasses and low-growing herbaceous plants work well within the Pipe Safety Zone.
Border Zone	Small to medium shrubs with a trunk or main branch less than 8" in diameter at full maturity work well within the Border Zone. Diameter is measured 4.5 feet above the ground.
Outer Zone	Large shrubs and small trees with a trunk or main branch less than 36" in diameter at full maturity work well within the Outer Zone. Diameter is measured 4.5 feet above the ground.

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Tree-by-Tree Review

- We understand how important trees are to your community and the environment
- To ensure we are only replacing trees that pose an emergency access or safety concern, we conduct a review of all trees near the gas pipelines
- The review is completed by gas safety experts and involves analyzing such factors as tree height, species and distance from the pipe
- We share the results with the county or property owner and, together, work to develop a path forward

Overview of Vegetation Work in Cloverdale

Proposed Franchise/City-Owned Work	
Tree Assessments	39
Manageable Risk	*39*
Unacceptable Risk	*0*

Proposed Private Property Work	
Tree Replacements	9

We have reached agreements with 100% of property owners in the city of Cloverdale

Proposed Safety Work Overview

Tree Proposed for Removal - Manageable Risk - Franchise

City Boundary

Community Pipeline Safety Initiative
Cloverdale, Calif.
Overview

Manageable risk trees may potentially remain in place with ongoing monitoring.

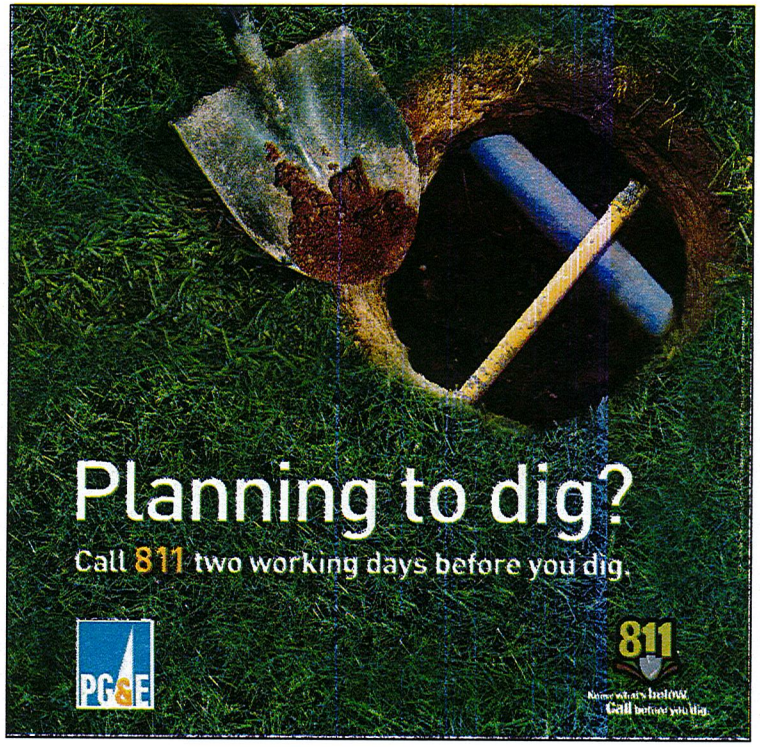
Facilities to be operated by PG&E personnel only.
Point and boundary locations are approximate and for illustrative purposes only.
Data subject to updates. Call 811 before you dig. Map Created: 8/24/2016

Community Partnership and Outreach

- It is important to us that our customers get answers to their questions and support this critical safety work
- Our outreach includes:
  - Meeting with city officials and staff to discuss the safety risks and work together to plan for gas safety work in public areas
  - Communicating about gas pipeline safety to all residents within 500-feet of the safety work
  - Notifying nearby residents before any safety work takes place
  - Hosting answer centers near work areas
  - Contacting private property owners regarding any safety work proposed for their property
- We will not move forward with any planned work until we have a signed agreement in place with the customer

Contact Information

- For questions regarding the upcoming pipeline safety work, please contact Brian Bottari, Public Affairs Representative, at **1-707-577-7122** or by email at **brian.bottari@pge.com**
- For more information, visit us at **pge.com/GasSafety**
- To view an online map of our natural gas transmission pipelines, please go to **pge.com/pipelinelocations**



Thank You