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## **Forecasts Indicate Potential for Historic Wind Event This Weekend**

### **Approximately 850,000 Customers Notified that They May Be Impacted Beginning Saturday Evening**

*May Need to Proactively Turn Off Power for Safety in Portions of 36 Counties*

*Mutual Aid Request for 1,000 Personnel for Restoration Phase*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.**—Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) today said it continues to monitor a potentially powerful and widespread dry, hot and windy weather event expected to begin impacting the service area Saturday between 6 and 10 p.m. and lasting until midday Monday.

PG&E will need to turn off power for safety several hours before the potentially damaging winds arrive. It's important to note that as this weather system sweeps from north to south over a period of two days, PG&E customers across Northern and Central California will feel the effects of hot, dry winds at different times, which means outage times will vary, as well.

The potential Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is expected to affect approximately 850,000 customers and may impact portions of 36 counties across portions of Humboldt, the Sierra foothills, Western Sacramento Valley, North Bay, and across the greater Bay area, Monterey Bay and northern Central Coast on Saturday, Oct. 26. Customers in the southern-most portion of PG&E's service area in Kern County could have power shut off for safety on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Predictive data models indicate the weather event could be the most powerful in California in decades, with widespread dry Northeast winds between 45-60 miles per hour (mph) and peak gusts of 60-70 mph in the higher elevations.

Winds of this magnitude pose a higher risk of damage and sparks on the electric system and rapid wildfire spread. The fire risk is even higher because vegetation on the ground has been dried out by recent wind events.

Given the forecast and conditions, PG&E is advising its customers of the potential for a widespread PSPS lasting several days, intended to prevent a catastrophic wildfire. As this intense weather event approaches the service area in the next 24 hours, PG&E's forecasts will offer sharper detail, noting that the scope may continue to change on the number of customers who will be affected.

**Counties Potentially Impacted**

<b>County</b>	<b>Customers</b>	<b>Cities or unincorporated areas with some customers potentially impacted</b>
Alameda	Total: 57,360 Medical Baseline: 1,302	Albany, Berkeley, Canyon, Castro Valley Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol
Alpine	Total: 66 Medical Baseline: 0	Bear Valley
Amador	Total: 19,909 Medical Baseline: 974	Amador City, Drytown, Fiddletown, Lone, Jackson, Martell, Pine Grove, Pioneer, Plymouth, River Pines, Sutter Creek, Volcano
Butte	Total: 19,152 Medical Baseline: 1,398	Bangor, Berry Creek, Brush Creek, Butte Meadows, Chico, Clipper Mills, Cohasset, Feather Falls, Forbestown, Forest Ranch, Magalia, Oroville, Palermo, Paradise, Rackerby, Stirling City, Yankee Hill
Calaveras	Total: 30,396 Medical Baseline: 1,370	Angels Camp, Arnold, Avery, Burson, Camp Connell, Campo Seco, Copperopolis, Dorrington, Douglas Flat, Glencoe, Hathaway Pines, Mokelumne Hill, Mountain Ranch, Murphys, Rail Road Flat, San Andreas, Sheep Ranch, Tamarack, Vallecito, Valley Springs, Wallace, West Point, White Pines, Wilseyville
Colusa	Total: 64 Medical Baseline: 2	Arbuckle, Maxwell, Sites, Williams
Contra Costa	Total: 48,824 Medical Baseline: 1,610	Alamo, Antioch, Brentwood, Byron, Canyon, Clayton, Concord, Crockett, Danville, Diablo, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Kensington, Knightsen, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Port Costa, Richmond, Rodeo, San Pablo, San Ramon, Walnut Creek
El Dorado	Total: 56,643 Medical Baseline: 2,774	Cameron Park, Camino, Cold Springs, Coloma, Cool, Diamond Springs, El Dorado Hills, Fair Play, Garden Valley, Georgetown Greenwood, Grizzly Flats, Kelsey, Kyburz, Lotus, Mount Aukum, Pacific House, Pilot Hill, Placerville, Pollock Pines, Rescue, Shingle Springs, Somerset, Twin Bridges
Glenn	Total: 43 Medical Baseline: 2	Orland, Willows
Humboldt	Total: 64,710 Medical Baseline: 2,057	Alderpoint, Alton, Arcata, Bayside, Blocksburg Blue Lake, Bridgeville, Carlotta, Eureka, Fernbridge, Ferndale, Fieldbrook, Fields, Landing, Fortuna, Garberville, Honeydew, Hoopa, Hydesville, Kneeland, Korbel, Loleta Manila, Mckinleyville, Miranda, Myers Flat, Orick, Orleans, Phillipsville, Redcrest, Rio

		Dell, Samoa, Scotia, Trinidad, Weitchpec, Weott, Willow Creek
Kern	Total: 842 Medical Baseline: 27	Arvin, Bakersfield, Lebec, Grapevine
Lake	Total: 37,441 Medical Baseline: 2,170	Clearlake, Clearlake Oaks, Clearlake Park, Cobb, Finley, Glenhaven, Hidden Valley Lake, Kelseyville, Lakeport, Loch Lomond, Lower Lake, Lucerne, Middletown, Nice, Upper Lake, Witter Springs
Marin	Total: 86,813 Medical Baseline: 1,574	Belvedere, Bolinas, Corte Madera, Dillon Beach, Fairfax, Fallon, Forest Knolls, Greenbrae, Inverness, Kentfield, Lagunitas, Larkspur, Marshall, Mill Valley, Muir Beach, Nicasio, Novato, Olema, Point Reyes Station, Ross, San Anselmo, San Geronimo, San Rafael, Sausalito, Stinson Beach, Tiburon, Tomales, Woodacre
Mariposa	Total: 809 Medical Baseline: 42	Coulterville, Greeley Hill
Mendocino	Total: 12,755 Medical Baseline: 408	Albion, Boonville, Branscomb, Cummings, Dos Rios, Elk, Gualala, Hopland, Laytonville, Leggett, Little River, Manchester, Philo, Piercy, Point Arena, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Ukiah, Westport, Willits, Yorkville
Monterey	Total: 993 Medical Baseline: 49	Aromas, Salinas
Napa	Total: 11,294 Medical Baseline: 248	Angwin, Calistoga, Deer Park, Lake Berryessa, Oakville, Pope Valley, Rutherford, St Helena, Yountville
Nevada	Total: 43,211 Medical Baseline: 1,822	Chicago Park, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Norden, North San Juan, Penn Valley, Rough And Ready, Smartsville, Soda Springs, Washington
Placer	Total: 31,277 Medical Baseline: 1,275	Alta, Applegate, Auburn, Baxter, Emigrant Gap, Foresthill, Gold Run, Granite Bay, Loomis, Meadow Vista, Newcastle, Penryn, Weimar
Plumas	Total: 785 Medical Baseline: 6	Belden, La Porte, Quincy, Storrie, Twain
San Benito	Total: 1,369 Medical Baseline: 39	Aromas, Hollister, San Juan Bautista
San Joaquin	Total: 372 Medical Baseline: 5	Linden
San Mateo	Total: 64,932 Medical Baseline: 1,293	Belmont, Burlingame, Daly City, El Granada, Emerald Hills, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, La Honda, Loma Mar, Montara, Moss Beach, Pacifica, Pescadero, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Gregorio, San Mateo, South San Francisco, Woodside, Unincorporated Communities in Southwest San Mateo County

Santa Clara	Total: 27,093 Medical Baseline: 823	Coyote, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Redwood Estates, San Jose, San Martin
Santa Cruz	Total: 44,945 Medical Baseline: 2,095	Aptos, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, Capitola, Corralitos, Felton, Freedom, La Selva Beach, Mount Hermon, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Soquel
Shasta	Total: 28,460 Medical Baseline: 1,663	Anderson, Bella Vista, Big Bend, Cottonwood, French Gulch, Igo, Lakehead, Millville, Montgomery Creek, Oak Run, Ono, Palo Cedro, Platina, Round Mountain, Shingletown, Whiskeytown, Whitmore
Sierra	Total: 1,159 Medical Baseline: 14	Alleghany, Downieville, Goodyears Bar, Pike City, Sierra City
Siskiyou	Total: 51 Medical Baseline: 0	Somes Bar
Solano	Total: 10,232 Medical Baseline: 545	Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo
Sonoma	Total: 92,877 Medical Baseline: 2,695	Annapolis, Bodega, Bodega Bay, Camp Meeker, Cazadero, Cloverdale, Cotati, Duncans Mills, Forestville, Freestone, Geyserville, Glen Ellen, Graton, Guerneville, Healdsburg, Jenner, Kenwood, Larkfield, Monte Rio, Occidental, Penngrove, Petaluma, Rio Nido, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Stewarts Point, Valley Ford, Villa Grande, Windsor
Stanislaus	Total: 163 Medical Baseline: 2	Knights Ferry, Oakdale, Patterson, Westley
Tehama	Total: 19,238 Medical Baseline: 1,218	Corning, Fournoy, Gerber, Los Molinos, Manton, Mill Creek, Mineral, Paskenta, Paynes Creek, Proberta, Red Bluff, Vina
Trinity	Total: 1,046 Medical Baseline: 39	Del Loma, Hawkins Bar
Tuolumne	Total: 29,454 Medical Baseline: 1,476	Big Oak Flat, Chinese Camp, Columbia, Groveland, Jamestown, Long Barn, Mi Wuk Village, Pinecrest, Sonora, Soulsbyville, Strawberry, Twain Harte
Yolo	Total: 530 Medical Baseline: 15	Brooks, Capay, Esparto, Guinda, Rumsey, Winters
Yuba	Total: 5,502 Medical Baseline: 313	Browns Valley, Camptonville, Dobbins, Loma Rica, Oregon House, Strawberry Valley, Wheatland

### Shutoffs Could be Widespread and Extended

As experienced earlier in October, portions of most counties in PG&E's 70,000-square-mile service area could be temporarily de-energized, potentially including all Tier 2 and Tier 3 fire risk regions. Customers can view the fire threat maps on the [California Public Utilities Commission website](#) to know whether they live in one of these high fire-risk regions.

Customers should prepare for a shutoff lasting 48 hours or longer, given the long duration of the wind event. Power cannot be restored until the dangerous weather has passed, safety inspections of de-energized lines are complete, and damage to the system has been repaired.

“We understand that a longer shutoff would be very difficult for our customers. We are already working to minimize the length, including amassing a force of field personnel from PG&E, plus contractors and other utility companies, to be ready to tackle the inspection, repair and restoration process as soon as the weather passes,” said PG&E Corporation CEO and President Bill Johnson.

### **Customer Notifications**

The company provides direct notifications to affected customers who have given their contact information to PG&E 48 hours in advance of the potential shutoff, and again at 24 hours and four hours before shutoff.

PG&E has not determined whether to move forward with a shutoff, but will continue to monitor weather conditions and provide more definitive information on the potential timing and scale of shutoffs as weather models are updated.

### **Forecasts and Criteria for Shutoff**

“The upcoming wind event has the potential to be one of the strongest in the last several years. It’s also likely to be longer than recent wind events, which have lasted about 12 hours or less,” said Scott Strenfel, Principal Meteorologist with PG&E.

PG&E’s meteorology team is part of a group of fire weather experts and data scientists at the company who work closely with the National Weather Service and the National Interagency Fire Center’s (NIFC) Geographic Area Coordination Center.

The company carefully reviews a combination of many criteria before taking steps to shut off power for safety, including but not limited to:

- Low humidity levels, generally 20 percent and below.
- Forecasted sustained winds generally above 25 mph and wind gusts in excess of approximately 45 mph, depending on location and site-specific conditions such as temperature, terrain, vegetation and local climate.
- Moisture content: Condition of dry fuel on the ground and live vegetation (dead and live fuel moistures).
- On-the-ground, real-time observations from PG&E’s Wildfire Safety Operations Center and field crews.
- A Red Flag Warning declared by the National Weather Service.
- Information from the NIFC and National Weather Service, including high risk days and locations considered “critical burn environments.”

### **Working to Minimize the Shutoffs**

To help speed inspections and repairs, the company has requested mutual aid of 1,000 workers from other energy companies, including ATCO Energy in Alberta, Xcel Energy in Minnesota and Florida Power & Light. These crews are expected to be staged and briefed on the restoration plan by Sunday evening. If weather progresses as expected, restoration could begin in some portions of the affected area as early as Monday afternoon.

The company and its mutual aid partners will prioritize areas that can be safely restored to bring the maximum number of customers back online as quickly as possible.

PG&E is also working to minimize customer impact wherever possible through a combination of sectionalizing the grid and providing emergency backup power generation resources that will be able to quickly re-energize customers in portions of some cities.

## How Customers Can Prepare

As part of PSPS preparedness efforts, PG&E is asking customers to:

- Update their contact information by calling [1-866-743-6589](tel:1-866-743-6589) during normal business hours. PG&E will use this information to alert customers through automated calls, texts, and emails, when possible, prior to, and during, a Public Safety Power Shutoff.
- Plan for medical needs like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.
- Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers.
- Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash.
- Keep in mind family members who are elderly, younger children and pets.
- Learn more about wildfire risk and what to do before, during and after an emergency to keep your family safe at PG&E's Safety Action Center.

To support customers in the affected areas, PG&E will open Community Resource Centers which provide restrooms, bottled water, electronic device charging and air-conditioned seating. Mobile resource stations (vans), when available, will provide bottled water, phone-charging and latest information for customers. PG&E is working with counties and cities on locations and will provide the list including operating hours prior to initiating the PSPS.

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