



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Karen Pinkos, City Manager
DATE: March 7, 2019
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Thanks, once again, to the City Council and community members who attended this week's Special and Regular City Council meetings. As I've said before, it makes me very proud to be a part of a community that is respectful and cares about one another. Of course, one more shout out to Aissia Ashoori, Housing Analyst and Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director for their consistently hard work. Thanks, as well, to City Clerk Holly Charléty who helped us prepare for a large audience and who worked on the sound system, since the last meeting. We are still working with specialists to address the sound challenges.

Our goal is to make sure everyone can comfortably see and hear meetings at City Hall. If members of the public can't attend in person, please remember the City has multiple ways for anyone to view City Council meetings. The City streams Council meetings live online at el-cerrito.org/streamingmedia, and recordings of past meetings are archived to watch anytime. Residents can also watch Council meetings live on Cable TV - KCRT-Channel 28 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. We even broadcast the meetings live on FM Radio, KECG – 88.1 and 97.7 FM.

Last week, I had the privilege of speaking at the inaugural Alabama Women Leading Government Conference and was able to share with over 130 women about my own career path and how El Cerrito has shaped me as a leader. Next, I attended the ICMA Southeast Regional Conference in Greenville, SC with over 200 local government leaders, discussed innovation & technology, and how to make our organizations more diverse and inclusive. I was interviewed by SCETV, the NPR and PBS network in South Carolina, on the future of local government and how cities are using technology to serve the public. I was also honored to be able to meet with the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, Pamela Evette. We had a great conversation about the importance of a good relationship between state and local government. Even though I have responsibilities as ICMA President at these conferences, I always learn more than I teach, and I am very fortunate to be able to share these experiences with my co-workers. My next stop won't be too far. I'm on to Reno, Nevada for the ICMA West Coast Regional Conference, March 20-22.

Best,

Karen Pinkos

CITY MANAGEMENT

New Opportunity to Serve the City of El Cerrito

Are you interested in public health, public policy, wetlands, farming, community education, finance, personnel or land development? If so, the City is seeking a resident to represent the City of El Cerrito on the Contra Costa County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) Board of Trustees. The District is responsible for countywide control of mosquitoes, rats, skunks and ground nesting yellowjackets. Trustees assist the District in making decisions that shape and mold its public health programs. The Board meets on the second Monday of every other month in Concord at 7:00 p.m. You must be a resident of El Cerrito and a Contra Costa County taxpayer, and at least 18 years old to apply. Initial term would be two years. For more information and to apply, please visit the City's website at el-cerrito.org/commissions. Applications can be submitted via e-mail to CityClerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Expanded Passport Processing Hours

City Hall has expanded its passport hours to better serve our customers. We began accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. For more information please visit the City's website or contact the City Clerk department at CityClerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 215-4371.

Reminder about Dog Leashes in the Hillside Natural Area

The City Manager's Office wants to remind users that dogs are only allowed in the Hillside Natural Area when on leashes. No off-leash dogs please.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Village 29

Lafferty Communities is underway on construction of 29 new townhomes on El Dorado Street. The developer is beginning marketing efforts to generate an interest of prospective homebuyers. More information at laffertycommunities.com/find-your-home/village-29. The project was approved by the City in 2017 will be the largest collection of new homes built in El Cerrito in decades.

Affordable Housing Waitlist Opportunities

The Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa will be opening Site-Based Waiting Lists for four properties located in Antioch, Richmond and Walnut Creek that are contracted to provide units receiving rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration Program. These four waiting lists will ONLY serve the individual properties listed on the flyer. Households interested in living at one or more of these four properties, would need to register for the waiting list(s) when they open from **April 1st at 10 a.m. to April 5th at 4 p.m.** by visiting contracostahousing.org.

Continuation of Tenant Protection Study Session

On February 19th, the City Council held a Study Session to discuss several tenant protection policies, including: 1) Tenant Relocation Assistance; 2) Just Cause for Evictions; and 3) Rent Registry. There were over 150 attendees and many hours of public testimony. The Council continued the Study Session on March 5. At that session, the Council passed a series of motions directing staff to:

- Return with a proposed Rent Registry ordinance that will allow the City to collect data regarding rents for all residential rental properties;
- Return with a proposed *Just Cause for Eviction* ordinance that applies to buildings with five or more units, built prior to January 1, 2015, including looking at definition of property owner;
- Research whether the existing minimum lease ordinance voted on in December needs revision in association with other ordinances, and bring back for consideration; and,
- Return with possible options for a multi-stakeholder “task force”, to collaborate and identify good El Cerrito-specific options to 1) address the City’s Affordable Housing Strategy policy and to 2) reduce the risk of displacement and help stabilize at-risk populations. The options are to include potentially using an independent collaborator, with associated costs. The group should be equally made of landlords and tenants with multitude of building sizes, with a goal of presenting a series of recommendation that would be desirable by both as a working model.

For more information, please visit el-cerrito.org/tenantprotections.

FIRE

Fire Department Assists in Delivery of Baby Boy

On Friday, February 22 at approximately 2:30 a.m., the Fire Department responded to the 3300 block of Santa Clara for a mother in labor. Engine 71 arrived on scene to find the patient in full labor and first stages of delivery. Engine 71’s paramedic and crew assisted the mother with the delivery of a boy without complications. The paramedic assisted the ambulance with transport to Kaiser Oakland Hospital where both the boy and his mother were doing great.

POLICE

Auto burglary awareness operation

On Monday, February 25, 2019, patrol personnel coordinated an auto burglary awareness operation. Patrol officers, community service officers and Volunteers in Policing (VIPS) participated in the operation. The operation was focused in the area of El Cerrito Plaza and Peet’s coffee. The ECPD goal was to provide education to community members on auto burglary prevention in city shopping areas. ECPD Staff contacted community members who parked their vehicles in the shopping centers. Staff members advised the community members about the common ways in which auto burglaries occur and gave them information on safer practices they

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could utilize to proactively protect their property. ECPD Staff also placed contact cards on parked vehicles to provide additional information on auto burglary prevention.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Tree Maintenance Program Update

The City street tree maintenance program continues in February with strategic pruning of selected tree species that are more prone to limb failure (i.e., Chinese Elm) or branch die back (i.e., Camphor), and trees from a prioritized service request list. As part of the program, Operations & Environmental Services staff has initiated a cyclical, proactive, pruning schedule for mature Chinese Elm trees (*Ulmus parvifolia*). This year, for example, all the trees lining Rockway Avenue will be pruned, as well as individual Chinese Elm trees at various locations throughout the community. Camphor trees (*Cinnamomum camphora*) at various locations with heightened levels of branch die back and service request pruning of a variety of tree species and locations will also be completed in March. For more information, please contact Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager, at spree@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 559-7685.

Encroachment Permit for Stege Sanitary District Pipeline Replacement and Rehabilitation Projects

Each year the Stege Sanitary District schedules pipeline replacement and rehabilitation projects throughout its sanitary sewer collection system. Projects are selected based on pipeline condition information obtained from video inspections, field maintenance reports, economic analysis and on the financial resources of the District. This year Stege's contractors have been scheduled to replace the sewer mains on the following streets:

- Tulare Ave between Barret Ave and Charles Ave
- Yuba St between Barret Ave and Zara Ave
- Tuller Ave between Barrett Ave and Silva Ave
- Yuba St between Barret Ave and Hillside Ave
- Sewer main easement between Alta Punta Ave and Ludwig Ave from MacDonald Ave to Jordan Ave

Engineering staff will soon be issuing its permit for this work, which is anticipated to be completed in late May 2019, weather permitting. The work hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. During this time, heavy equipment will be parked at on-street locations and some streets will be closed to through traffic, so access to driveways and parking may be temporarily affected by the construction. Stege's contractor will post notices on barricades 72 hours prior to any parking restrictions and hang notices on doors prior to the start of construction. For more information about the sewer replacement and rehabilitation projects, please contact Stege's project manager, Paul Soo, at Paul@steges.com or 524-4668. For more information on the City's permit, please contact Ana Bernardes, Engineering Manager, at abernardes@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 215-4385.

Waste Reduction Legislation

Operations & Environmental Services staff has been conducting site visits and providing technical assistance to businesses that produce at least four cubic yards of solid waste to ensure they follow new legislation that requires them to recycle materials and, more recently, to recycle organics. AB 341 requires materials recycling and AB 1826 requires organics recycling (composting). Additionally, technical assistance is being provided to businesses that are new to El Cerrito or in response to information about a business that may be in violation of the City's single-use bag and polystyrene foam ordinances. These ordinances prohibit the use of expanded polystyrene foam food ware by food providers in El Cerrito and prohibits retailers from distributing single-use plastic bags at the point of sale.

In partnership with RecycleMore and East Bay Sanitary, staff have provided concentrated outreach to El Cerrito Plaza businesses, not only to ensure applicable businesses follow all pertinent legislation but also to ensure that trash enclosures are rendered fully functional and accessible for all three material streams: recycling, composting, and trash. Site visits to the Plaza have also included education on AB 1884, which now requires sit-down restaurants to only provide straws upon request. For more information, please contact the City's Waste Prevention Specialist, Laureteen Brazil, at lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 559-7686.

Increased Sorting of Recyclables

In response to the volatile global recycling markets, Operations & Environmental Services staff is encouraging the public to sort and drop-off many recyclables at the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (RERC), instead of dropping them in their comingled curbside recycling container. Members of the public can bring beverage containers, plastics #1 and #2 containers, and other materials directly to the RERC. The City can obtain higher revenues for clean and sorted materials and is using these adjustments to help offset the losses in other recycling markets.

Operations & Environmental Services staff has also provided containers and education to four City facilities to increase sorting, so that bottles, cans, and white office paper generated at work are kept separate from the curbside recycling program. These materials will be sold as homogenous loads to recycling manufacturers, which are the most profitable within the recycling industry. These changes will help fund the operations and programs offered at the RERC. For more information, please contact the City's Waste Prevention Specialist, Laureteen Brazil, at green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 559-7686.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Update

Engineering staff has been working with the neighborhood on Junction Avenue block between Cutting Boulevard and Knott Avenue to address traffic concerns in accordance with the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). The NTMP process to date has consisted of a neighborhood petition demonstrating at least 60 percent support from households on this block, traffic data collection, an initial neighborhood traffic meeting in October 2018, and engineering evaluations.

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Over the last few months, Engineering staff and our consultants have conducted additional evaluations to identify a specific location for a speed hump based on the street geometry, presence of driveways and utilities, as well as, develop specific recommendations for crosswalk enhancements, traffic signs and pavement marking modifications. Engineering staff is inviting neighborhood residents and owners to attend a second neighborhood meeting to discuss details of these proposed measures, and present cost estimates, next steps, and anticipated timeline for the installation. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Hillside Conference Room.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Ana Bernardes, Engineering Manager at abernardes@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 215-4385 and visit the City's website at el-cerrito.org/NeighborhoodTraffic.

PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program Update

PG&E is continuing with its Community Wildfire Safety Program here in El Cerrito by conducting accelerated safety inspections of electric infrastructure in areas at higher risk of wildfire. PG&E and its contractors have already begun detailed inspections of transmission towers and poles and, starting as early as the end of February, crews will be conducting inspections of distribution poles and substations.

Substations are facilities that deliver electric service between the transmission and distribution systems. During inspections, PG&E will be evaluating electrical equipment and facilities as well as assessing the area with 100 feet of each substation to ensure there is a safe distance between trees and/or vegetation and critical infrastructure. PG&E will be delivering doorhanger notices/postcards to affected neighboring properties.

PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program is implementing additional precautionary measure following the recent wildfires to further reduce the risk of wildfire and keep customers and communities safe. PG&E encourages residents to contact them at 1-800-PGE-5000 or wildfiresafety@pge.com if they have any questions about these inspections. For additional program information, please see the attached fact sheets.

I-80 Central Avenue Interchange Improvements – Phase 2 Local Roads Realignment – Community Meeting

On February 7th, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and City of Richmond consultants hosted a community meeting at the El Cerrito Council Chambers to discuss Phase 2 of the I-80 Central Avenue improvements. Phase 2 will provide additional improvements to local roads to reduce congestion along Central Avenue. The project will improve signalized intersection spacing along Central Avenue by connecting Pierce Street and San Mateo Street, converting Pierce Street access at Central Avenue to 'right-in, right-out,' and relocating the traffic signal at Pierce Street/Central Avenue to the San Mateo Street/Central Avenue intersection. Other project amenities will include new lighting, sidewalks, landscaping with

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stormwater retention areas, bus stops, and shared bicycle route striping. About 15 members of the public attended the meeting and had several questions and concerns regarding bike facilities along Central Avenue, access to and from St. Luis Street (on the north leg of the Pierce Street/Central Avenue intersection), and time-of-day left-turn restrictions instead of permanent restrictions. The consultant team will be reviewing issues raised at the meeting. Additional outreach meetings will be held in the City of Richmond.

For a copy of the meeting presentation, please visit www.el-cerrito.org/517/I-80Central-Ave-Interchange-Improvements.

RECREATION

El Cerrito Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan

The public draft of the Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan is now online at www.el-cerrito.org/parksmp. The plan is scheduled for possible adoption at the April 2nd City Council meeting. An Initial Study Checklist has also been submitted to the State of California for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The review period is March 1-30th. Councilmembers will receive copies of the document during the week of March 4th. Hard copies for public review will also be available during this week at the Community Center, City Hall, and the El Cerrito Library. For more information, please contact Recreation Director Chris Jones at cjones@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Summer Camp rECexpo

Recreation Department kicked-off summer camp registration on February 9th at the rECexpo. The rECexpo was a one-day opportunity to get a sneak peak of 2019 Summer Camps. Anyone who attended the expo received a 10% discount on camps. This special event featured table demonstrations and opportunities to engage with staff and instructors. As a result, on 2/9, 404 unique participants were enrolled in our summer camp programs and 40 camps filled. The event attracted many more customers than in the past. Next year staff plans to separate the Expo Camp Fair from the registration process and utilize online registration, so customers do not have to wait in long lines.

FREE AARP Tax-Aide Income Tax Preparation

Trained volunteers will be available to help low and moderate-income seniors with their State & Federal forms at Hana Gardens Senior Center. There is no charge for this service, donations to the El Cerrito Midtown Activity Center are welcome. Call 559-7677 or email bmartinez-campos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us to schedule an appointment. Appointments take place on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 1:45 p.m.

Spring Break Camp

Grades TK-6, Monday-Friday, April 1-5 at the Harding Clubhouse grades K-2, Fairmont Clubhouse grades 3-6. This camp features a fabulous array of activities, healthy physical endeavors, and lovely art projects. Registration is now open and available online.

Swim Lesson Registration open!

Session 1 of our Spring Swim Lesson program started the week of February 25, 2019. Swim classes for toddlers to adults are available. Session 2 of Spring lessons begins in early April. Registration is open online el-cerrito.org/onlinereg. Classes fill quickly!

Lifeguard Training and Junior Lifeguard Camp

Are you at least 15 and interested in working as a lifeguard this summer? Sign up for one of our American Red Cross Lifeguard Training classes. Applications are being accepted for Spring/Summer Seasonal employment.

If you are at least 13, you can take our Spring Break Junior Lifeguard Camp . It is an accelerated camp designed to introduce potential future lifeguards ages 13-14 to the prerequisites of the American Red Cross Lifeguard training course. Participants who attend all class sessions and successfully complete all written and practical skill assessments may apply to volunteer at the El Cerrito Swim Center during the Summer 2019 Season. Certifications include: Basic Water Rescue, First Aid and CPR. Go online or contact us for the deets!

Healthy Aging & Healthy Brain Presentation at Hana Gardens.

How can we keep our brain strong and healthy? What are some strategies recommended by neurologists? What is the relationship between heart and brain? These are some questions that a researcher from the UCSF Institute for Health & Aging will address. Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 1:15pm at Hana Gardens Senior Center, 10870 San Pablo Ave. RSVP by calling 559-7677 or email bmartinez-campos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us for more information.

Senior Day Trip to Hilltop 1892 (Novato)

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Cost: \$40

In 1892, Daniel Hayden completed the construction of his family home atop a hill with sweeping views of Marin County's mountains and the San Francisco Bay. Today the historic estate celebrates its heritage with the name Hilltop 1892. The estate, which has a long history as a restaurant, coffee shop and café over the years, has been fully restored. It still has a timeless appearance and welcomes guests to enjoy the views and a California Country menu. Go online or contact us at 559-7677 to sign-up. (Activity 155801-05)

iPhone class for 50+ Starts in March

This class taught by Julian Kaye, starts at the beginning and will cover how to buy an iPhone and how to use an iPhone. It teaches all the aspects of an iPhone including using the built-in camera and storing and sharing photos, using your phone for music, video, emails, apps and just having fun. The class runs once a week for three weeks. You do not need to have an iPhone to take this class. Class takes place at the Midtown Activity Center – 10940 San Pablo Ave. Register online [el-](#)

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cerrito.org/onlinereg or 559-7677. Mondays: March 18-April 8, 2019 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Subscribe & Follow

March's rECnews is online, please go to conta.cc/2E5Gc8B. For Recreation Department information, please subscribe to our email newsletter rECnews at el-cerrito.org/143/Get-Involved. Follow us: Instagram - @ecrecreation | Facebook - @ecrecreation | Twitter - @ElCerritoREC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 9 (Saturday) – Arbor Week Volunteer Work Day with the Urban Forest Committee, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Hillside Natural Area Quarry Hill Eucalyptus Grove (King Court)

Contact: Stephen Prée, spree@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, 559-7685

The Urban Forest Committee will host a public volunteer work event in the Quarry Hill Eucalyptus Grove west of King Court. The work will focus on the removal of eucalyptus litter and French broom plants. Participants should wear long sleeves, long pants and close-toed-shoes.

March 9 (Saturday) – City Hall Gallery Space Reception: “From destruction grow a garden of the soul” by J.M. Golding, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

Contact: Maya Williams, mwilliams@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, 215-4318

The City of El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission is pleased to present "From destruction grows a garden of the soul" from March 4 through April 12, 2019, in the Gallery Space on the second floor of City Hall. See attached flyer.

March 10 (Sunday) – Green Teams Cleanup-Baxter Creek Work Party, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Meet at Baxter Creek Park, Key Blvd. at Conlon Ave.

Contact: Public Works Operations & Environmental Services, green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, 215-4350

Volunteer at a Green Teams Cleanup at Baxter Creek. All ages welcome (under 18 with guardian).

March 10 (Sunday) – Arbor Week Tree Planting & Dedication with the Urban Forest Committee, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Poinsett Park , 5611 Poinsett Avenue

Contact: Stephen Prée, spree@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, 559-7685

The UFC will plant and dedicate an Arbor Day tree. The public is invited to this ceremonial event.

March 15 (Friday) - Live Performance! Technology Meets the Performing Arts: Music & Lecture, 1:5pm

Location: El Cerrito Midtown Activity Center, 10940 San Pablo Ave

Contact: Blanca Martinez-Campos, bmartinez-campos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, 559-7677

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Join us as Steve Lipson, coordinator of the Eldertech program and member of the Committee on Aging, presents how today's technology meets the performing arts. Steve's presentation will include information about his instrument and type of music he performs. Light refreshments served.

March 17 (Sunday) - Messy Art Day, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative, 7200 Moeser Lane

Contact: Daniel Barth, marketing@ecpckids.com

Come celebrate play and creativity, where kids young and old can explore colors, textures and a variety of media in a safe and fun environment. Free event for the public is hosted by El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative and sponsored by the City of El Cerrito Arts & Culture Commission.

March 21 (Thursday) - Community Meeting: Update to the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, 7 p.m.

Location: El Cerrito City Hall Council Chambers

Contact: el-cerrito.org/SPASP

The San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, adopted in 2014, laid the groundwork for development and increased economic activity along the San Pablo Avenue corridor. The City is currently working to update components of the plan and invites members of the community to participate and provide input.

March 31 (Sunday) - El Cerrito Urban Forest: Past, Present, and Future, 2:00 p.m.

Location: Arlington Clubhouse at 1120 Arlington Blvd.

Contact: David Weinstein, 524-1737, davidsweinstein@yahoo.com, elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/upcomingevents

Journey through time with us as we survey El Cerrito's urban forest and how the ever-changing values of El Cerrito's residents influence its structure and composition. This public event is free and light refreshments will be served.

April 13 (Saturday) Earth Day Celebration, Work parties, 9 a.m. to noon; Lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Work parties at various locations; lunch at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane

Contact: earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us, 559-7686, www.el-cerrito.org/earthday

The City celebrates Earth Day with a morning of volunteerism and work parties followed by our Volunteer Appreciation lunch. Register to host or participate in a work party!

PERSONNEL UPDATES

New Hire - *Elizabeth Frazer* will begin work for El Cerrito on Monday, March 4th as the *Recreation Supervisor* responsible for Aquatics and Facilities. Beth comes to us from the City of Fairfield where she was the Recreation Supervisor responsible for Aquatics, Facility Rentals, Mobile Recreation, and Customer Service. She is an accomplished professional who can't wait to get to work!

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Attachments: Community Wildfire Safety Program - Electric System Safety Maintenance and Repairs Fact Sheet; Community Wildfire Safety Program - Electric System Safety Inspections Fact Sheet; City Hall Gallery Space Reception J.M. Golding



Given the continued and growing threat of extreme weather and wildfire, we are evolving and expanding our Community Wildfire Safety Program as an additional precautionary measure to further reduce wildfire risks and help keep our customers and communities safe. As part of these efforts, we are conducting accelerated safety inspections of electric towers and poles in areas at higher risk of wildfire.

What We Are Doing

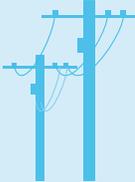
We are inspecting electric towers and poles from top to bottom in high fire-threat areas (Tier 2 and Tier 3), as designated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) High Fire-Threat District Map. Inspections will include both visual and aerial inspections, where possible. We will use aerial imagery captured by helicopter and, in some cases, drones for certain portions of the structures, like the top of the tower or poles or the ends of the tower arms, to complement and further enhance the visual inspections. This work is in addition to our routine inspection and maintenance programs.

When Inspections Will Take Place

We are working now to complete inspections before next fire season, dependent on weather and other factors. We will take action right away to address any immediate risk to public safety found during the accelerated inspections.

Working Together

We want to work together to answer any questions customers may have about this safety work. For inspections on residential property, we will leave a doorhanger with more information about the work, when applicable. Anyone with questions can reach us by calling **1-800-743-5000** or emailing us at **wildfiresafety@pge.com**.

QUICK FACTS	
	We will be inspecting approximately 50,000 structures across more than 5,500 miles of transmission lines . This includes ground inspections of poles and climbing of towers.
	We will be inspecting approximately 685,000 structures across more than 25,000 miles of distribution lines in high fire-threat areas. This includes ground inspections and climbing of poles, as needed.
	Work will be performed by crews of up to 4 people and may take up to 2 hours per structure to complete.
	Aerial inspections by drones will complement and further enhance visual inspections for transmission structures.
	Helicopters may also be used for inspections or to deliver crews to remote locations.

Learn more about our Community Wildfire Safety Program by visiting pge.com/wildfiresafety.

Some of the measures included in this document are contemplated as additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce the risk of future wildfire threats following the 2018 Camp wildfire. "PG&E" refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. ©2018 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved. CCC-1218-0715



As part of our enhanced wildfire safety efforts, implemented following the recent wildfires as additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce wildfire risk, we are conducting accelerated inspections of electric towers and poles in areas at higher risk of wildfire.

What We Are Doing

We are performing both visual and aerial inspections, including using technology such as drones to further enhance and complement the visual inspections. We will evaluate inspection results to determine repair needs and associated timing.

If any issues are found during the accelerated inspections that pose an immediate risk to public safety, we will take action right away to address the issue. When inspections determine that repairs are needed, but there is not an immediate safety risk, we apply California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) guidelines for high fire-threat areas to determine timing.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is this different from your routine maintenance program?

We regularly inspect and maintain all our electric infrastructure, and we take action right away to address any immediate risk to public safety identified through our inspections. In light of the growing wildfire threat, we have enhanced the review criteria we are using for inspections based on a risk-based approach to identify components on electric towers and poles that have an increased risk of potential wildfire ignition.

What type of repairs are you making and how are you determining the timing of necessary repairs?

Repairs will depend on what we observe in the field but could range from installing new signs or electric components to replacing poles or towers. For conditions that do not require immediate action, we will complete the repairs in a timeframe consistent with state standards for high fire-threat areas, which range from 3 to 12 months depending on the nature of the condition and the location.

How will you notify customers if outages are required for repairs?

In many cases, we anticipate being able to plan our work in a way that minimizes customer impacts. This includes performing repair work without de-energizing lines when it is safe to do so, and bundling work that does require maintenance outages. If we need to turn off a line to safely complete the work, we will notify customers via letter seven days prior to any maintenance outages. In some instances, we may need to complete expedited repairs in a shorter timeframe. In these cases, we will aim to notify customers with as much advance warning as possible, through an automated phone call or doorhanger.

REPAIR TYPE

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TIMING OF REPAIRS

If any issues pose an immediate risk to public safety, we will take action right away to address it. When there is not an immediate safety risk, we will follow state standards for high fire-threat areas, which **range from 3 to 12 months.**

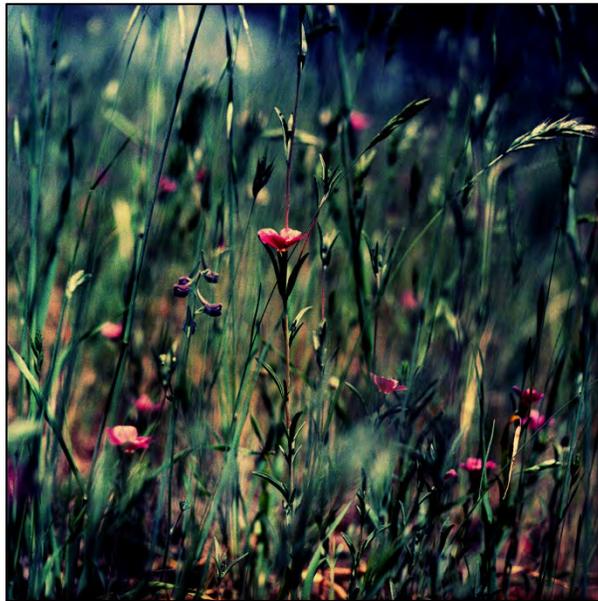
MAINTENANCE OUTAGES

We will aim to notify customers with as much advance warning as possible through **letter, automated phone call or doorhanger.**

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PGE.COM/WILDFIREINSPECTIONS**

CITY HALL GALLERY SPACE

*From destruction grows
a garden of the soul*
by J.M. Golding



March 4 through April 12, 2019

Artist's Reception:

Saturday, March 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall Gallery Space 2nd floor - 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Hours: Mon-Wed: 8am-4pm Tues-Thurs: 8am-6pm

Friday, March 15 and 29; April 12: 8am-4pm

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