

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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## Press Release

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## PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF LIKELY

Pacific Gas & Electric is planning for a widespread Public Safety Power Shutoff affected numerous Northern California counties, including Santa Cruz County. Power shutoffs are likely this evening between 8 p.m.-10 p.m., with more than 6,000 local customers potentially impacted.

Dry fuel conditions and anticipated high winds have placed parts of Santa Cruz County at critical risk for fire, and a Red Flag Warning is in effect. The scope of the Public Safety Power shutoff includes part of the Summit Area between Castle Rock State Park and the upper Corralitos area, the upper San Lorenzo Valley including parts of Boulder Creek, and the Davenport/Swanton Road area. To see if your address could be impacted, visit <u>https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/addresslookup/</u>.

Full restoration is expected Friday, Oct. 16 at 10 p.m. See <u>pge.com/psps</u> for more.

PG&E is establishing several Community Resource Centers in the area, allowing residents to charge devices including communications and medical equipment. The Centers will open from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. thereafter through restoration. The locations of the Resource Centers are:

- Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos
- St. Michael's Church, 13005 Pine Street, Boulder Creek
- Highlands Park, 8500 Highway 9, Ben Lomond
- Enterprise Technology Center, 100 Enterprise Way, Scotts Valley.

In addition, PG&E is working to establish a possible fifth Resource Center, with details forthcoming once finalized. Please follow the county on social media for updates. (Twitter, @sccounty or Facebook, www.facebook.com/countyofsantacruz).

PG&E is directly contacting customers enrolled in PG&E's medical baseline program. For those with medical issues or equipment that depend on power and don't have a backup plan during the Public Safety Power Shutoff, please reach out to the Central Coast Center for Independent Living for immediate assistance. Visit cccil.org or call (831) 757-2968. Medically vulnerable individuals may also access services by visiting disabilitydisasteraccess.org.