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PRESS RELEASE – *For Immediate Release*

Update Public Safety Power Shut Off

(San Andreas, CA)— At 1015AM Calaveras County OES received notice from PG&E that the “weather all clear” has been received, line inspection began shortly thereafter. PG&E is expecting a 1:00PM total restoration for Friday (new time due to receiving an early all clear). CRC’s remain open with 8AM-8PM business hours.

At the time of writing this Press Release, Calaveras County OES was made aware that a second PSPS event is likely to happen beginning sometime late Saturday October 26, 2019 or early AM Sunday morning October 27, 2019. Limited amounts of details have been received. PG&E has shared with Calaveras County that they are estimating a similar footprint as the 10-8-19 PSPS event. Numbers of customers are to be determined, exact area affected are to be determined and locations of CRC’s are to be determined. To re-iterate, if the event does transpire it will begin late Saturday early Sunday morning and last until approximately Monday mid-day.

PREPARATION TIPS FOR EXTENDED OUTAGES

During a power outage, conserve water. Minimize water usage to only critical health and safety needs. Uninterrupted power is required to operate water and sewer treatment plants along with the water distribution and sewer collection system 24/7. **Importantly, all County residents must be prepared to respond to the call for water conservation efforts.**

- Keep vehicles fueled in preparation for extended outages. Gas station pumps will not work during power outages.
- Plan for medical needs such as medications that may 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 food, water, necessary medication, flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, and cash. Enough supplies for one week. Remember that retail stores (grocery, pharmacy, etc.) and restaurants may be closed during prolonged outages.
- Sign up for safety information on Nixle at nixle.com or by texting your zip code to Nixle at 888777

- Make sure you can receive updated information from PG&E by updating your contact information at [pge.com/mywildfirealerts](https://www.pge.com/mywildfirealerts).

PG&E RESOURCES

Go to [pge.com](https://www.pge.com) for:

- [Public Safety Power Shutoff Program](#)
- [Wildfire Safety](#)
- [Sign up for PG&E Wildfire Alerts](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Kit](#)
- [Prepare for a Power Outage](#)
- [Public Safety Power Shutoff Fact Sheet](#)
- [PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Policies and Procedures](#)

ADDITIONAL PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

- [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) – Disaster preparedness information from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org) – CAL FIRE’s wildfire preparedness website
- [cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo) – Information on the CPUC’s wildfire safety efforts
- [caloes.ca.gov](https://www.caloes.ca.gov) – California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services website
- [cafiresafecouncil.org](https://www.cafiresafecouncil.org) – California Fire Safe Council website

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