



**REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**C. V. Starr Community Center**  
**300 South Lincoln Street**  
**Fort Bragg, CA 95437**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.
- Committee members present: Bob Bushansky, Sarah Huff, Kirk Marshall
- Committee members absent: John Huff

**2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

A maximum of 3 minutes is reserved for members of the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda and a total time for public input on a particular issue is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54954.3). The Board is prohibited from discussion or taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may briefly respond or ask a question for clarification (Government Code 54954.2).

- None

**3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**3.1 PG&E Fuel Break**

- Dan Keyes introduced the agenda item and welcomed the representatives of PG&E, of whom were identified as Joshua Pust, Caroline Stringer and Cliff Kennedy.
- Cliff Kennedy described the project and informed the committee that the proposed project was part of a longer term maintenance plan which started three years ago. Cliff went on to describe past similar projects and said the power line in question had the third highest rating for outages. He indicated the total project was scheduled to go into 2021. The number one priority for the entire scope of work was based on safety and reliability. The tree's to be targeted will be high risk trees, as a means to reduce fire hazard. The five year scope of work will require a greater effort on the behalf of PG&E to obtain and maintain access for inspection.
- Bob Bushansky asked if PG&E had to go through an EIR process.
- Cliff Kennedy responded by saying no but projects do follow a list of prescribed best management practices.
- Bob Bushansky had questions regarding how PG&E handles objections from environmental groups.
- Cliff Kennedy said PG&E works closely with environmental groups to try and mitigate the issues.
- Bob Bushansky expressed concerns regarding the degradation of existing easements and asked if PG&E was planning on making any improvements to the access.
- Cliff Kennedy responded by saying that there were no existing plans to improve the access.
- Sarah Huff described the existing eroded area.
- Cliff Kennedy said he as familiar with the area and won't work when the ground is wet. Realized that repairs may need to be made on access roads as required. Underscored the statement by saying the access repair crews are a separate division of PG&E.

- Sarah Huff described the vegetation map for this area as produced by the State and discussed the abundance of both sensitive and highly sensitive areas throughout the property.
- Jennifer Garrison described sensitive plant types that are within the property boundaries.
- Cliff Kennedy described how these sensitive area would be managed by saying that in these areas only high risk trees are addressed but the vegetation would not be cleared.
- Sarah Huff agrees with the idea behind the proposed project but wants to ensure that compliance with all environmental regulations is addressed.
- Bob Bushansky believes unaddressed environmental concerns could cause a delay in the proposed project.
- Cliff Kennedy described a PG&E work team whose job it is to analyze the environment prior to conducting work and went to describe the exemption process.
- Bob Bushansky asked if there were any other questions.
- Sarah Huff asked about the permit process.
- Cliff Kennedy will take scope of work through a formal environmental review process.
- Bob Bushansky agreed this was a good idea.
- Sarah Huff agreed as well.
- Kirk Marshall said that protecting the environment and being in compliance was important.
- Dan Keyes had a question about the review process and if the District would receive any type of written notification from PG&E notifying the District that in fact PG&E was in compliance.
- Caroline Stringer explained the review process.
- Jennifer Garrison described regulatory review process and emphasized the potential culpability of 3<sup>rd</sup> parties for the additional footage beyond the right of way.
- Bob Bushansky said the environmental review process is vital.
- Jennifer Garrison asked what responsibility the District has with a CEQA review of PG&E work on District property. She knows PG&E has exemptions in the right of way and wanted to know if the exemptions were extended beyond the right of way.
- Sarah Huff said PG&E would have to follow the environmental review process for all work outside of the right of way.
- Jennifer Garrison said CEQA and environmental review requirements would need to be followed.
- Dan Keyes asked about the timeline associated with this project.
- Cliff Kennedy said this was no quick process as a PGE environmental review process can take six weeks. Believes the project could begin to move forward in May or June, 2019.
- Sarah Huff explained that last year the property did not dry out until late July.
- Dan Keyes asked what communications could be expected from PG&E.
- Caroline Stringer responded by saying, she will obtain information regarding culpability of the owner for PG&E work out of the right of way.
- Bob Bushansky asked if PG&E is planning any other public meetings.
- Caroline Stringer responded by saying that public meetings are not part of the process but looks to agencies to establish public meetings and PG&E reps are more than willing to return.
- Bob Bushansky expressed final concerns with compliance.

#### **4.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- Sarah Huff requested rezoning to be on the next meeting agenda.
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

\*Minutes recorded and submitted by Danny L. Keyes, District Administrator MCRPD/CV Starr Community Center.