

RESOLUTION NO. 8674

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 TO CUT OFF POWER TO CITIZENS, BUSINESSES
AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
THAT DID NOT POSE A FIRE RISK**

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville City Council recognizes fire risks in the City as well as the surrounding area and supports the need to reduce fire risk where possible through all potential actions and procedures; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) de-energized power to citizens, businesses and public facilities throughout a large area of El Dorado County under their Community Wildlife Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, PG&E's decisions to de-energizing functioning power distribution facilities located in the City, well away from their designated "Extreme Fire Safety Zones" caused unacceptable risks and disruptions to thousands of citizens and dozens of businesses across the City; and

WHEREAS, PG&E's failure to consider impacts beyond their need to reduce wildfire threats created dangerous delays in City wide emergency service response and created an unnecessary drain on police, fire and public work resources; and

WHEREAS, the actions of PG&E placed the water delivery system in Placerville and the surrounding area at risk during a multi-day Red Flag Warning issued by NOAA; and

WHEREAS, as a result of PG&E's actions many emergency and essential services facilities were needlessly without power for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, Town Hall, a designated evacuation center, the Placerville Police Station and Dispatch Center along with County Fire Station #26, all located on urban city streets, well removed from PG&E's Extreme Fire Safety Zone, were without power, putting public safety at risk; and

WHEREAS, wastewater facilities in the City of Placerville, also located outside the boundary of PG&E's Extreme Fire Safety Zone were without power for extended periods of time, putting the area at risk for an environmental spill hazard; and

WHEREAS, PG&E's communication and notification with local government and private agencies, before and during the event, was reckless and inadequate,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Placerville condemns the actions of PG&E on October 14, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Placerville City Council calls on PG&E, the Public Utilities Commission, and the California State Legislature to review and modify procedures, processes and notification for any future proposed plans to de-energize facilities in Extreme Fire Safety Zones.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on October 23, 2018 by Mayor Thomas who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Borelli. The motion was passed by the following vote:


AYES: Acuna, Borelli, Clerici, Thomas, Saragosa
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

There being a majority of votes "AYE", motion carried and was so ordered.



Mayor Wendy Thomas

ATTEST:



Regina O'Connell, City Clerk