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Th17

Prepared July 6, 2021 for July 8, 2021 Hearing

To: Commissioners and Interested Persons

From: Susan Craig, Central Coast District Manager
Alexandra McCoy, Coastal Planner

**Subject: Additional hearing materials for Th17
CDP Waiver Number 3-21-0262-W (PG&E Vegetation Management)**

This package includes additional materials related to the above-referenced hearing item as follows:

Additional correspondence received in the time since the staff report was distributed

Sharp, Kelsey@Coastal

From: Kathie Yoshiyama <yoshiyamakat@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Alexandra.McCoy@coastal.ca.gov
Subject: Hi!

Ms. McCoy,

Please ask the forester to contact me two weeks in advance of the work to be done to trim, remove trees rather than the day before or the day of.

I would appreciate their consideration of this request.

Kathleen Yoshiyama
30 Castanada Place
Monterey, CA
831 372-5913



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Sharp, Kelsey@Coastal

From: Kathie Yoshiyama <yoshiyamakat@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Alexandra.McCoy@coastal.ca.gov
Subject: Notice of Proposed permit waiver Monterey, CA

Ms. McCoy,

I received a letter from Jason Higginbotham, 1455 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710, with the California Coastal Commission return address and California state seal. The letter addresses a notice of proposed permit waiver for vegetation management, bush and tree removal near the powerlines.

From reading the letter I would like clarification as to where and what this project involves. I live next to the electrical substation in Monterey.

Is there a possibility that you can call me and explain the proposal in more detail?

If necessary, I am willing to meet with personnel from your agency to outline the specifics of this project. If a staff member can visit our home to personally outline the project, I would appreciate it.

Frankly I do not want any trees removed from our property. If trees need to be trimmed or pruned, I would like to know specifically which trees are involved and how much will be trimmed.

I would appreciate your feedback.

My landline is 831 372-5913.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Yoshiyama
30 Castanada Place
Monterey, CA 93940



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From: RICK LAWLOR <ricklawlor@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:20 PM
To: alexandra.mccoy@coastal.ca.gov
Cc: Justin Prouty; johnewald@montereybay.com
Subject: Coastal Development Permit Waiver 3-21-0262-W
Attachments: Forest 1.jpg; Forest 2.jpg; Forest 3.jpg; Forest 4.jpg

Dear Ms. McCoy,

We are home owners and residents at 36 Linda Vista Place in Monterey. We are in receipt of your Notice of Proposed Permit Waiver dated June 23, 2021, as referenced above.

We have some concerns about PG&E's plans and their request for a waiver. We are, of course, concerned about fire danger. We have made efforts, at our own expense, to keep foliage and vegetation trimmed and cut back from our residence and we have the weeds trimmed well out into the forest yearly, before they have a chance to become dry. We have worked in concert with the City Forester of Monterey to replant trees to replace any that had to be removed (sometimes due to improper trimming at the hands of PG&E crews). We are good stewards of the forest and want it to remain vibrant and healthy. We have never observed any concern for the ecology or preservation of the forest by PG&E. They seem to only care that their power lines are unencumbered.

Our experience with PG&E and the tree services that they employ (usually Davey's), is that they are big on inspection, but short on action. Several times a year they have crews tromp through the forest tagging certain trees with ribbons or paint, and that is usually as far as it goes. They did a bit of trimming earlier this year. As in the past, when they DO trim or fell a tree, they do not take any action to remove the dead wood from the forest. There is quite an accumulation of dead wood laying on the ground, which, it seems to us, is much greater fodder for fire than living trees. We do understand the need to keep the tree branches away from the power wires, but their planned approach seems to be over-reaching. Based on the way they have mismanaged any removal of debris in the past, we are concerned that the proposed extensive trimming/felling of trees would only serve to add to the easily ignitable material with which they have already littered the forest floor (see attached images). We see nothing in the proposed plan that addresses removing said debris. Additionally, this area is home to an abundance of wildlife: birds, including raptors, bobcats, deer, squirrels and other woodland creatures that would be displaced and/or disturbed by this project. Consequently, we would like to register our objection to the scope of this plan and request A) that it be scaled back, and B) that it address the removal of all debris as a more useful way to ameliorate the danger of fire.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this matter or require additional input.

Sincerely,

Rick Lawlor and Steve Schleusener
831-392-7401 / 831-241-4697









Sharp, Kelsey@Coastal

From: johnewald@montereybay.com
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:53 PM
To: alexandra.mccoy@coastal.ca.gov
Subject: proposed PGE tree clearing

Alexandra,

I just received your notice of proposed permit waiver regarding PG&E tree clearing in my neighborhood, in Monterey.

I am very concerned! Please call me as soon as possible. ----John Ewald home 831-372-8504
cell: 831-277-2484

CDP Waiver 3.21.0262-W



Thomas Halwachs <halwachs@pacbell.net>

Mon 6/28/2021 8:42 AM

To: McCoy, Alexandra@Coastal

I am a home owner adjacent to the power lines discussed in this waiver request.

Receiving notice of this meeting a mere 7 working days prior is unsatisfactory.

Additionally, it would be extremely helpful (for all concerned) to see the proposed 'take out' trees and 'more to trim' trees on a map. Simply stating the number of trees is worthless in identification of potential impact.

For the above reasons I must object to the waiver at this time.

Tom Halwachs
38 Linda Vista PL
Monterey, CA 93940

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