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## **County of Sonoma and City of Santa Rosa Preparing to Respond to a Potential PG&E Power Shutoff**

**SANTA ROSA, CA** – The County of Sonoma and City of Santa Rosa are preparing to respond to the impacts of a possible PG&E Power Shutoff. PG&E informed County and City officials that Sonoma County is under a “Public Safety Power Shutoff Watch,” and current weather conditions may lead to a de-energization event within the next 36 to 48 hours.

In response to this announcement, the City of Santa Rosa activated their Emergency Operation Center (EOC) on October 7 at 3:00 p.m. the County will activate their EOC tomorrow, October 8, at 9:00 a.m. Both EOCs will remain activated as long as necessary to support any impacts to the community as a result of an actual shutoff event.

The County and the City have both declared proclamations of local emergency, so that both agencies may be better prepared to quickly respond to the needs of the community in the event of a widespread shutdown.

Although City and County are taking action to respond to the potential impacts of an extended loss of power should it occur, the decision to shut down the power and the speed at which it is restored comes solely from PG&E.

PG&E currently reports that the power shutoff would start early Wednesday, October 9th and would expand through Thursday of this week, October 10, 2019. Residents should prepare for the possibility of losing power early Wednesday morning. Re-energization would begin on Thursday, and PG&E anticipates it will take up to five days to completely restore power to all customers once the restoration process begins.

For updates and to identify service areas that may be affected by a potential power outage, residents should visit [www.pge.com/psps](http://www.pge.com/psps) and check individual addresses on PG&E’s interactive [potential outage map](#).

To learn more about a PG&E's power shutoff, visit [www.PGE.com/weather](http://www.PGE.com/weather) or call PG&E's 24-hour power outage information center at 1-800-743-5002.

For updates and emergency information from the City of Santa Rosa, visit [www.srcity.org/emergency](http://www.srcity.org/emergency).

For updates and emergency information from the County of Sonoma, visit [www.socoemergency.org](http://www.socoemergency.org).

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