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In accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission's Decision (D.) 21-06-034 Phase 3 OIR Decision Guidelines, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) respectfully submits this 2024 Access and Functional Needs Plan for Public Safety Power Shutoff Support regarding its efforts designed to support people and communities with access and functional needs (AFN) during Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) de-energization events (AFN Plan).

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Quarterly Progress Report of Activities between April 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024



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#### **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with D.20-05-051 and D.21-06-034, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) provides this quarterly update regarding our progress toward meeting our 2024 PSPS Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Plan and the impact of our efforts to support the AFN and vulnerable population during proactive de-energization (also known as Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)). This update addresses our efforts between April 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024.

Since last reporting progress on PG&E's AFN activities on March 31, 2024 PG&E has achieved the following significant milestones to help serve our most vulnerable customers before, during, and after a PSPS.

- PG&E held a Full-Scale Exercise from April 15 19 including our Community Based Organization (CBO) resource partners as players.
- PG&E hosted a table at the 2024 California Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Annual Conference<sup>1</sup> in San Jose and presented information on our Prepare for Power Down website and PSPS CBO partnership opportunities.
- PG&E sponsored, attended, and presented at the California Association of Food Banks annual Food Access conference May 16 – 17. We were able to explore ways to enhance our partnerships with a variety of food banks throughout the state.
- PG&E's AFN specific webpage updates went live in Q2. Updates included hotel discount information, easier access to preparedness information, updated program details, and better navigation to our PSPS program support services and power outage resources.
- Joint IOUs <sup>2</sup> completed Phase 2 of the Prepare for Power Down website and initiated preparations for a Statewide Launch in Q3 2024.
- PG&E hosted 42 other utilities across North and South America on May 16 17 for an inaugural "Near-Term, Risk Informed Wildfire Mitigation Conference".
   Topics covered included considerations in communicating with AFN customers before, during and after wildfire safety outages, preparation campaigns, and how to structure AFN programs within a utility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The C4A Annual Conference brings together aging and disability network leaders, advocates, and policymakers from all across California to discuss recent national and state aging and disability policy development, programs, advocacy, and innovative solution with diminishing budget. Over 500 leaders and professionals within the aging and disability network throughout California participate in this annual conference each year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE)

• Joint IOU Senior Management team and Executive Leadership of the Collaborative Council continued their development of the JIOU AFN Blueprint for best practices, with final edits from internal stakeholders due in July.

For a full list of PG&E's accomplishments towards meeting the Key Objectives identified in the 2024 AFN Plan please see Appendix H.1.

## 1 CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS | HOW

#### 1.1 Preparedness/Readiness (Before Power Shutoff)

#### 1.1.1 Emergency Operations Center

In Q2, PG&E did not activate our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for PSPS.

#### 1.1.1.1 Preparation Exercises

In Q2, PG&E completed a full-scale exercise from April 15-19 including Community Based Organization (CBO) resource partners as players. Centers from both the California Network of 211 and the California Center for Independent Living, Disability Disaster Access and Resources (CFILC- DDAR) program participated in both exercises. Following the full-scale exercise PG&E offered an After-Action Review to obtain feedback and gather best practices from CBO players. Both the tabletop exercise and the full-scale exercise allowed the DDAR Centers and 211 to improve and enhance their coordination with PG&E.

During the full-scale exercise PG&E also set up a full outdoor CRC and invited our CBO partners to tour the site and provide feedback. PG&E helped CFILC- DDAR create a video of the CRC tour for them to use as a training aid with their other DDAR centers.

#### **1.1.1.2 Training**

In Q2, PG&E held robust trainings for our EOC staff in May, as well as role-specific training for each team in the Customer Care organization. PG&E will provide its dedicated AFN EOC team with additional PSPS training next quarter ahead of wildfire season.

#### 1.1.1.3 AFN Liaison

In Q2, PG&E did not hold any PSPS specific training for AFN Liaison in neither the AFN Strategy Lead nor AFN Advisor roles. Additional trainings are being developed in 2024.

#### 1.1.1.4 Customer Care

In Q2, PG&E did not experience a PSPS. PG&E's Customer Service Representatives (CSR) continue to confirm contact information, assist customers with an application for the Medical Baseline (MBL) Program, indicate language preference, self-identifying as

vulnerable<sup>3</sup>, and/or self-identifying that a person in their household has a disability<sup>4</sup>.

#### 1.2 AFN Identification Outreach

PG&E continues to conduct outreach campaigns to customers who self-identified as AFN in 2024. This outreach includes a refresh of our CBO toolkit, direct mail and email campaigns to the AFN Community, as well as a paid media campaign.

See Section 1.5.2 for customer enrollments by month in the MBL program. The CPUC Phase 3 PSPS Guidelines stipulate that "persons reliant on electricity to maintain necessary life functions, including durable medical equipment (DME) and assistive technology (AT)" must be included in each electric investor-owned utility's identification efforts, in addition to the existing requirement for each utility from the CPUC Phase 2 PSPS Guidelines<sup>5</sup>.

Table 1 provides the types and counts of customers identified above and beyond the MBL program as of June 30, 2024.

Table 1. Types and Counts of Customers Above and Beyond MBL Program<sup>6</sup>

Types of Customers Above and Beyond MBL Program	Number of Customers (through June 30, 2024)
Self-identify to receive an in-person visit before disconnection for non-payment (e.g., vulnerable) <sup>7</sup>	42,430
Self-identify as having a person with a disability in	21,401

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In accordance with D.12-03-054, customers that are not enrolled or do not qualify for the MBL Program can "self-identify that they have a serious illness or condition that could become life-threatening if service is disconnected" and enroll in PG&E's Vulnerable Customer Status. PG&E uses this designation to make an in-person visit prior to disconnection for non-payment. This designation remains on their account temporarily for 90 days and can be extended to 12 months if the customer submits an application. The customer characteristic, vulnerable senior, is no longer included in the Disconnect OIR based on CPUC D. 20-06-003 (pg. 14) and therefore, not included in this metric.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Customers can self-identify with PG&E that they have a person in the household with a disability. This customer designation currently has no end date. In accordance with D.12-03-054, for customers who have previously been identified as disabled and who have identified a preferred form of communication, the utility shall provide all information concerning the risk of disconnection in the customer's preferred format (e.g., phone, text, email, TDD/TTY).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> D.20-05-051, Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Counts of customers are not mutually exclusive. Customers may self-identify under multiple types.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In accordance with D.12-03-054, customers that are not enrolled or do not qualify for the MBL Program can "self-identify that they have a serious illness or condition that could become life-threatening if service is disconnected" and enroll in PG&E's Vulnerable Customer Status. PG&E uses this designation to make an in-person visit prior to disconnection for non-payment. This designation remains on their account temporarily for 90 days and can be extended to 12 months if the customer submits an application. The customer characteristic, vulnerable senior, is no longer included in the Disconnect OIR based on CPUC D. 20-06-003 (pg. 14) and therefore, not included in this metric.

Types of Customers Above and Beyond MBL Program	Number of Customers (through June 30, 2024)
the household (e.g., "disabled") <sup>8</sup>	
Preference to receive utility communications in non- standard format (e.g., in Braille or large print)	1,153
Durable Medical Equipment (DME) <sup>9</sup>	8,558
Assistive Technology (AT)	266,672

#### **1.3 AFN Support Resources**

To support and prepare customers with AFN, PG&E provides a broad range of programs and resources before, during, and after PSPS. PG&E is committed to continuously identifying improvements and new opportunities. A progress update on PG&E's programs and available resources are below. For additional information about PG&E's programs and available resources, see the 2024 AFN Plan for PSPS Support.

**1.3.1 California 211 Providers Network (211) Care Coordination & Referral Service** PG&E's partnership with 211 connects customers with approximately 11,000 CBOs and government agencies across PG&E's service area. 211 provides PSPS needs screening via incoming calls and texts, outbound efforts, and in-person visits to identify the needs of households before, during, and after PSPS activations. Needs screening efforts also help identify households with AFN who may need assistance preparing for emergencies. In addition to these calls and texts, 211 provides Care Coordination.

Through the Care Coordination process, individuals will undergo an intake assessment with a 211 Care Coordinator, including their current household situation, electricity needs, and medication and/or assistive technology usage to determine their needs before and during a PSPS. Care Coordination provides a personalized safety plan that will list the individual's emergency contacts, local emergency or customer organizations' contact information, health, and medical information, etc. During a PSPS, 211 Care Coordinators will contact the individual customer to check whether they require additional support.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Customers can self-identify with PG&E that they have a person in the household with a disability. This customer designation currently has no end date. In accordance with D.12-03-054, for customers who have previously been identified as disabled and who have identified a preferred form of communication, the utility shall provide all information concerning the risk of disconnection in the customer's preferred format (e.g., phone, text, email, TDD/TTY).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Self-Identify as reliant on DME and AT

In Q2, PG&E continued to have regular working meetings with 211 to provide guidance, review quarterly reports, and discuss program enhancements. We also continue to hold a bi-weekly meeting with 211 and Southern California Edison to align on offerings and program support.

In April, PG&E conducted an in-person meeting and tour at the Butte-Glenn Chico 211 office to gain a better understanding of their overall operation. We had participation from six additional 211 field offices, PG&E's Sierra/North Valley Regional Vice President, PG&E's Vice President of Customer Channels & Services, PG&E's ADA Coordinator, and PG&E's Senior Manager of Emergency Planning and Operations. We were provided an overview of the customer experience, reviewed customer support options and staff development, reviewed past activation support and feedback, as well as discuss opportunities for enhanced collaboration.

## 1.3.2 Resource Planning and Partnerships

PG&E has established a robust assistance model through agreements with several CBOs and will continue to explore opportunities to provide customer support before, during, and after PSPS.

# 1.4 Customer Resiliency Programs and Continuous Power Solutions

PG&E offers solutions to reduce adverse impacts from PSPS on customers, including those most vulnerable. In Q2 2024, PG&E continued to work with partner organizations to provide outreach and support to customers with AFN. Below is a progress update on our customer resiliency programs and continuous power solutions. For additional information about our customer resiliency programs and continuous power solutions, see our 2024 AFN Plan for PSPS Support. 1.4.1 Disability Disaster Access and Resources (DDAR) Program

In 2024, PG&E continued its partnership with the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) through the DDAR Program to deliver a readiness program that supports people with disabilities, older adults, and customers using durable medical equipment and assistive technology that is required to live independently.

In 2024, PG&E anticipates the DDAR Program will continue to offer a variety of resources to qualified customers in High Fire Threat Districts or who reside in areas that are likely to be impacted by PSPS. Resources will include batteries, hotel stays, food vouchers, gas cards, transportation, and other resources. The DDAR program plans to deliver at least 500 batteries to qualified customers in 2024.

Table 2 includes the number of customer energy assessments and resources provided to customers through DDAR. PG&E will continue to provide these resources to customers through DDAR before, during, and after future PSPS.

**Table 2. 2024 DDAR Program Resources Provided to Customers** 

Resources/Engagement	Re	sources Provid	led to Customo	ers
with Customers Before, During, and After PSPS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Customer Energy	476	318		
Assessments	470	318		
Batteries Delivered	82	80		
Food Vouchers	0	0		
Hotel Stays	0	0		
Gas Cards	0	0		
Transportation	0	0		

## 1.4.2 Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

The CPUC's statewide SGIP provides incentives for permanent battery systems that can provide whole-home backup power during PSPS and deliver grid and customer benefits. The SGIP Equity Resiliency Budget (ERB) provides incentives for MBL customers, well-pump, and critical non-residential customers in HFTDs.

In 2024, PG&E will continue to focus on the SGIP Program and expects significant, positive changes to be made to the program as the result of Assembly Bill 209, which should benefit vulnerable customers in PG&E territory by providing additional funding for energy storage and solar.

See Table 3 for an overview of relevant SGIP ERB application and interconnection metrics as of June 30, 2024.

**Table 3. SGIP ERB and Interconnection Metrics** 

	5,714 Equity Resiliency Budgets paid (\$239M) as of June 2024 9,951 applications received inception to date since SGIP Equity
	Resiliency Budgets opened in May 2020, including submitted and
Vov Application	cancelled applications.
Key Application	<ul> <li>5,124 MBL (including 133 waitlisted)</li> </ul>
Metrics	<ul> <li>4,094 well pump (including 15 waitlisted)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>183 commercial, educational, small business, and multi-</li> </ul>
	family (including 2 waitlisted)
	158 waitlisted

	<ul> <li>98% residential versus 2% commercial, educational, small business, and multi-family</li> <li>Total allocated: \$101.7M MBL, \$68.5M well pumps, \$35.9M commercial and multi-family</li> </ul>
Key Interconnection Metrics	June 2024 inception-to-date 5,872 projects interconnected to grid:  • 3,350 MBL  • 2,291 well pump

#### 1.4.3 Portable Battery Program (PBP)

The PBP offers direct-to-customer outreach, assessments, and battery deliveries. The program relaunched this year with a target population of MBL and SIV customers who have experienced at least one PSPS since 2021 or at least 5 EPSS outages since 2022.

In 2024, PG&E and partner organizations plan to continue delivering portable batteries to qualifying customers. Since 2020, the PBP partners have delivered approximately 23,500 portable batteries to MBL and Self-Identified Vulnerable customers at risk of being impacted by PSPS. In addition, more than 1,400 mini-fridges and more 780 insulin coolers were provided since 2022.

In 2024, PG&E will continue to focus on serving frequently impacted MBL and SIV customers that use durable medical equipment or assistive technology who have not previously participated in a resiliency program. In addition to the batteries already delivered, PG&E plans to provide at least 4,000 portable batteries to qualified customers in 2024 and to continue offering mini-fridges and insulin coolers to keep medications cool during PSPS outages.

Table 4. includes PG&E's quarterly progress on outreach and batteries delivered to customers before, during, and after 2024 PSPS.

Table 4. 2024 PBP Outreach

Outreach and Batteries Delivered to Customers Before, During, and After PSPS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Customers Reached	394	1,287		
Customers Assessed	44	851		

Batteries Delivered	586	585	
Mini Fridges Delivered	5	58	
Insulin Cooler Wallets Delivered	20	34	
Extension Cords delivered	83	29	

# 1.4.4 Generator and Battery Rebate Program (GBRP) & Backup Power Transfer Meter (BPTM)

PG&E's GBRP provides a \$300 rebate to customers located in Tiers 2 or 3 HFTDs or are serviced by an Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) circuit. Customers are eligible for a \$200 additional rebate if the customer is on PG&E's CARE or FERA program, so long as the rebate does not exceed the price of the product. Eligible customers must submit their rebate application within 12 months from their purchase date of the qualifying product or by December 31, 2024, whichever date is sooner.

In 2021, PG&E launched the Backup Power Transfer Meter (BPTM) pilot to install BPTMs for customers who participated in the GBRP and had compatible generators. The BPTM device is a meter that is also a transfer switch that will automatically switch power to a connected generator when it detects the grid is offline and switch back to the utility once the grid is back on. Since 2021, the BPTM program has installed more than 6,000 meters.

In 2024, PG&E will expand the BPTM program to 4,000 eligible customers who are in need of a backup power solution.

Table 5 includes PG&E's quarterly progress on the number of rebates PG&E paid to customers and the number of customers with BPTM devices installed.

Table 5. 2024 GBRP Rebates and BPTM Devices Installed

GBRP Rebates and BPTM Devices Provided to Customers Before, During, and After PSPS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of GBRP Rebates Paid to Customers	743	511		
Number of Customers who had BPTM Devices	481	1,369		

Installed <sup>10</sup>				
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#### 1.4.5 Residential Storage Initiative

In 2022, PG&E launched the pilot phase of the Residential Storage Initiative (RSI), a home battery energy storage program to support low-income customers vulnerable to EPSS wildfire safety outages. In 2023, the program was expanded to also include MBL customers and others facing a significant number of EPSS outages.

Since the program launched, PG&E has provided permanent battery systems at no cost to over 1,100 residential customers (increasing daily) who had been frequently impacted by outages because of PG&E's EPSS program, with over 400 of those installed in Q2 2024. Eligible customers were enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program, Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), the Medical Baseline program, or are Self-identified as Vulnerable with an assistive technology or durable medical equipment; did not already have a customer resiliency solution (such as a battery or permanently installed generator); and had experienced a significant number of safety-related outages.

PG&E is scaling up the offering in 2024 and beyond to help ensure that the risks of EPSS outages continue to be minimized for the most impacted customers.

# **1.5 Customer Assistance Programs**

For general information about PG&E's customer assistance programs, see our 2024 AFN Plan for PSPS Support.

# 1.5.1 Food Replacement Options and Other CBO Resources

Table 6 includes the quarterly update on our partnerships associated with food bank programs, meals on wheels providers, and other food resources. A full list of Food Bank Partners can be found in <u>Appendix D.1</u>, Meals on Wheels Providers in <u>Appendix E.1</u>, CBO Resource Partners with active agreements for PSPS Support in <u>Appendix F.1</u>, and Accessible Transportation Partners in <u>Appendix G.1</u>.

**Table 6. Food Resource Partnerships Agreements Executed** 

	Food Banks		Meals on Wheels		Other Food Replacement/Other	
Quarter	Number of Partnerships	Number of New Agreements Executed	Number of Partnerships	Number of New Agreements Executed	Number of Partnerships	Number of New Agreements Executed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In Q1 2024 PG&E processed and attempted to install 563 BPTM customer installs of which 481 were installed and 65 were cancelled due to customer installation issues.

Q1	25	0	25	0	7	0
Q2	25	0	25	0	7	0
Q3						
Q4						

#### 1.5.1.1 Community Food Bank Support

PG&E recognizes food replacement is a critical need for some individuals with AFN, particularly those with low income. PG&E has an existing relationship with the California Association of Food Banks and county food banks throughout our service area and will provide grants from Q2-Q3. PG&E also continues to establish agreements with food banks throughout its service area to seek additional support for customers experiencing food loss resulting from PSPS. For a full list of Food Bank Resource Partners with active agreements see <u>Appendix D.1</u>.

PG&E continued to explore opportunities for additional partnerships. Additionally, PG&E will continue to offer grants to affected food banks within our service territory to provide critical services to vulnerable customers during emergencies, including wildfires, power outages, and PSPS.

In Q2, Food Bank services were not provided since there was no PSPS.

#### 1.5.1.2 Meals on Wheels Partnerships

PG&E has partnered with Meals on Wheels providers throughout the service area to provide seniors impacted by a PSPS with one or two additional meal(s) per day for the duration of the power shutoff. In addition to the meal, the provider completes an inperson wellness visit that includes messaging about the potential PSPS and guidance on additional resources available through PG&E. For a full list of Meals on Wheels Partners with active agreements see Appendix E.1.

In Q2, Meals on Wheels services were not provided since there was no PSPS.

# 1.5.1.3 Grocery Delivery Services

Food for Thought, based in Sonoma County, provides groceries to customers impacted by a PSPS and homebound due to advanced medical conditions (e.g., COVID-19, congestive heart failure, HIV/AIDS). Groceries provide the participating individual with enough food for three meals a day for a week.

In Q2, grocery delivery services were not provided since there was no PSPS.

#### 1.5.1.4 Family Resource Centers

In 2021, PG&E established partnerships with Cope Family Center, a family resource center, to provide families experiencing food loss with grocery gift cards depending on family size. Cope Family Center provides support in Napa County. PG&E continues to look for opportunities to expand agreements to additional family resource centers throughout the service area.

In Q2, the family resource centers did not provide gift cards since there was no PSPS.

#### 1.5.1.5 Fresh Produce

Lost Sierra Food Project in Plumas County has an agreement with PG&E to provide fresh produce and vegetables from their local farm to customers experiencing food loss due to PSPS.

In Q2, fresh produce was not provided since there was no PSPS.

#### 1.5.1.6 Portable Shower and Laundry Services

Haven of Hope on Wheels in Butte County has partnered with PG&E to deploy portable showers and laundry services in Butte County when customers are without power due to PSPS.

In Q2, portable shower and laundry services were not provided since there was no PSPS.

# 1.5.1.7 Accessible Transportation

PG&E provides accessible transportation for customers to Community Resource Centers (CRC) or hotels through the DDAR Program and 211. In addition, PG&E has established agreements with accessible transportation partners that allow customers to coordinate accessible transportation with the provider directly. Expanded accessible transportation is available in El Dorado, Fresno, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Marin, and San Francisco counties. For a full list of Accessible Transportation Partners with active agreements see <a href="Appendix G.1">Appendix G.1</a>. PG&E continues to explore opportunities to expand these agreements to other providers.

PG&E is also committed to providing proactive notification<sup>11</sup> and impacted zip code information to paratransit agencies that may serve all the known transit-or paratransit-dependent persons that may need access to community resources centers during a PSPS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In accordance with PSPS Phase 3 D.21-06-034.

In Q2, PG&E's accessible transportation providers did not provide services and no proactive notifications were provided since there was no PSPS.

## 1.5.2 Medical Baseline (MBL) Program

The MBL Program is an assistance program for residential customers with extra energy needs due to qualifying medical conditions. PG&E continued to encourage customer participation in the MBL Program (see Section 1.7.1, which describes the outreach we conducted to drive enrollment in the program).

In Q2, Verdant Associates LLC, the newly selected consultant for the Medical Baseline Population study, is spearheading alignment and collaboration efforts. They are currently overseeing the review of study goals and logistics, adjustments to tasks and schedules, discussions on study design and methodologies, planning of the public workshop, scheduling of the initial IOU study team meeting, finalizing check-in meetings, and addressing file sharing methodologies. The study will develop a single, coordinated statewide study plan to produce an initial estimate of eligible Medical Baseline populations for each IOU's electric and gas territories. Estimates of eligible customers resulting from this study will support annual enrollment goals for the MBL program at each IOU.

Following the successful execution of a contract, the Joint IOUs will hold a workshop and file a joint Tier 3 advice letter to seek approval of the study design and budget no later than September 30, 2024.

Additionally, PG&E had 3,324 Master Meter Tenants enrolled in the MBL Program, a decrease of 5.2% since the last reporting enrollment in our Q1 2024.

Table 7 shows the growth in enrollments by month of customers who are enrolled in the MBL Program.

Table 7. MBL Program Customer Enrollments (Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2024)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
Total Start of Month MBL Customers	282,926	264,882	264,983	266,960	268,587	270,679	283,319 <sup>12</sup>
New MBL Customers	3,101	2,209	3,377	3,983	3,946	2,445	19,061
MBL Customers Removed	21,145	2,108	1,750	2,356	1,897	1,780	31,036
Total End of Month MBL Customers	264,882	264,983	266,610	268,587	270,636	271,344	271,344

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Total Start of Year MBL Customers can include additional MBL customers that were posted after previously filed reports.

# 1.5.3 Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program

The ESA program provides free home weatherization, energy-efficient appliances, and energy education services to income-qualified PG&E customers throughout the service territory.

Through the end of Q2 2024, PG&E's ESA contractors continued to share information about emergency preparedness, PSPS, and other financial assistance programs with 24,723 customers through in-home educational activities, following all public safety protocols and some virtually due to health concerns.

Through the ESA Plus Program, PG&E has been providing and distributing coolers to eligible ESA participants who reside in Tier 3 HFTDs, allowing them to keep food cold for an extended duration and possibly prevent perishables spoilage during an outage. Through the end of Q2, ESA Program has provided 9 cold storages to customers.

# 1.5.4 California Alternative Rates for Energy Program (CARE)/Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA)

The CARE and FERA are PG&E discount programs that help eligible customers afford their energy bills. About 1.4 million<sup>13</sup> customers are receiving bill discounts through these two programs. In Q2, PG&E held a CBO training on April 1 on bill savings programs like CARE and FERA as well as supporting programs that can help customers. The training also highlighted emergency preparedness programs and a PSPS overview to be used in holistic customer education about relevant PG&E programs during enrollment.

# 1.6 PSPS Preparedness Outreach and Community Engagements

# 1.6.1 PG&E Advisory Boards/Councils

In 2024, PG&E was committed to ongoing engagement with external stakeholders, Public Safety Partners, and advisory boards/councils to gain feedback on its approaches to serving customers before, during, and after PSPS. The following section describes our Q2 2024 engagement, the feedback we received, and how PG&E plans to incorporate the feedback to enhance the customer experience.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> CARE: 1,369,149 million, FERA: 38,148

**Table 8. Summary of Consultation with Advisory Boards and Councils** 

People with Disabilities and Aging Advisory Council (PWDAAC) <sup>14</sup>					
	<b>Date:</b> May 29, 2024				
	Location: Virtual				
Meeting	<b>Purpose:</b> Bring organizations supporting AFN customers with PG&E's leaders, to connect and collaborate, discuss relevant topics, highlight progress made, and identify areas for improvement in how PG&E's programs support seniors and individuals with disabilities.				
Summary of Engagement	<ul> <li>Preparedness Tips         <ul> <li>Visit safetyactioncenter.pge.com to help prepare for an emergency</li> </ul> </li> <li>Q1 Meeting Survey Recap         <ul> <li>Transportation Service Provider Questions</li> <li>During a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), do transportation services offer round trips to Community Resource Centers (CRCs) or other safe locations?</li></ul></li></ul>				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Appendix C.1 for the PWDAAC Council Participants

- Office of Emergency Services.
- PG&E works closely with the leading agency to confirm if they need PG&E to activate a CRC in addition to the agencies Evacuation or Warming Centers
- For AFN customers, Transportation
   Services are offered through the DDAR
   and 211 programs across all counties,
   even if the ride required is beyond a CRC
- Customers can call PG&E's Contact
   Center, which has direct access to
   PG&E's Emergency Operations Center to
   confirm resources available and connect
   the customer with the lead agency
   resources available
- If PG&E does not have services available, customers can also call 211 for available county or agency services
- How are advanced CBO activation shared during winter storms and do they differ from PSPS activation notifications?
  - During a PSPS all CBO receive the activation information at the same time
  - During a storm, since activations are lead by the leading agency and are based on need, not all CBOs are activated during a storm.
- When PG&E allows support services to be activated, PG&E changes its resource page to an emergency page.
- PG&E will notify customers that support services are activated via notifications, social media, etc.
- The lead agency also receives permission from PG&E to post PG&E information on their social media.
- PG&E also conducts automated phone calls to

- MBL and SIV program enrolled customers, informing these customers what resources are available
- PG&E can direct customer to other resources offered during storm events
- PG&E makes best efforts to share activated agency information as soon as possible with its customers
- o Proposed Future Topics Based on Feedback
  - Presentation from 211 on program offerings
  - Presentation from CFIL on DDAR program offerings
  - Community Resource Center ADA Overview
  - Alternative Print Material Formats
  - Overview of the External Joint IOU Prepare for Power Down Website
- Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program (DDAR)
   Program Overview Serra Rea, DDAR Program Manager
  - Services Provided
    - Emergency Preparedness
    - Community Outreach
    - Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)
  - Disaster Preparedness of California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
    - Founded in part to provide assistance to the AFN community after past wildfires
    - Network of 20 Independent Living Centers throughout California
    - Provide various services to the Access and Functional Needs (AFN) community
    - Provide power dependent individuals with the resources they need during unplanned/planned power outages
      - Help power dependent individuals prepare and remain independent during outages
      - For power dependent individuals that

cannot be sustained with a backup power battery, services are offered to relocate them to a hotel until the power comes back on

- Provide trainings on-line and in person on being prepared during emergency situations or for when the power goes off
- Emergency Preparedness with DDAR
  - Assistance developing an Emergency Plan
  - Home floor plans, escape routes, meet-up spots, etc.
  - Transportation during an emergency considering alternative options in an evacuation scenario
  - Evacuation plans planning for all scenario types
  - List of resources in the community that are valuable during and after an emergency
  - Build a Grab and Go bag or Stay-box access to ability tools
- Community Outreach
  - Community Events
  - Health and Wellness
  - Disability Expos
  - Demonstrate back-up options and ability tool to support people with disabilities
- Public Safety Power Shutoff Events
  - Provide information and preparedness before a PSPS event occurs
  - Sign up for medical baseline offer assistance signing up
  - Back up-battery program application assistance ahead of PSPS season (www.disabilitydisasteraccess.org/application/)
  - Notify consumers in the areas: email, phone calls and social media
  - Provide information and location of CRVs or

#### **CRCs**

- During event provide: hotel stay, food voucher and generator fuel, for qualified consumers
- Weather Replated Events
  - Unplanned Outages e.g., Storms
  - Determined by number of consumers without power in impacted area(s)
  - Once activated we contact impacted areas and service based on needs
  - Services will vary depending on weather event type
- Community Resources Centers Support Overview Jennfer Nerida, ADA Program Manager (PG&E)
  - During Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS),
     Community Resource Centers provide resources and up-to-date information.
  - Customer Resources Include:
    - Personal and medical device charging prioritized by the CRC
    - Mobile battery chargers
    - ADA-accessible restroom
    - Bottled water/non-perishable snacks
    - Seating
    - ASL Video Relay Interpreting PG&E partners with LanguageLine Solutions to utilize their insight application on all the customer lead laptops
    - Translation Services via phone
      - Materials are translated in 15 different languages
    - Cooling/heating indoor locations only
    - Ice indoor locations only
  - Accessibility
    - Visitor Needs CRCs offer accessible services and resources
      - Physical Access All sites are assessed

for accessibility and meet ADA compliance requirements

- PG&E's ensures that all CRC sites are accessible for people with disabilities by conducting top to bottom building reviews and works with external parties to perform the required construction upgrades to bring the CRC site into ADA compliance
- LanguageLine CRC Customer Service Leads can provide Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) for American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation via language line
- In-Language Support and Translators PG&E CRC staffing vendor recruits support for language needs based on demographic data and local feedback. Information cards are available in 15 languages
  - PG&E can also connect with a translator via phone
- Alternative Formats PG&E CRC sites provide all customer print materials onsite in Braille and large print
- ADA Setup
  - PG&E conducts spot checks at activated CRCs to ensure they are ADAcompliant
    - Annual trainings are conducted with Customer Service leads and Logistics personnel or contractors to confirm that they are ready to assist people with disabilities
- Information Available On-site and Online Updated Fact Sheets
  - Fact sheets are in accessible formats for

customers to prepare for outages and access the services they need. Printed versions of these materials are available at CRCs.

- Two new fact sheets that we made available in 2024
  - Updated Food Bank fact sheet which lists all Food Banks that PG&E has a partnership with
  - New accessible transportation fact sheet created
  - Information card is also available with all the links and contact information
- Fact sheets available on-site and online:
  - Food replacement
  - Hotel accommodations and discounts
  - Transportation access
  - Language and assistive resources
  - Backup power options

# Roundtable/Highlights:

- Renee Bauer, North State Regional Manager for State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
  - o 12 regional offices throughout California.
  - Educate community on how to be proactive on how to plan for emergencies.
  - Gather resources and link people to the correct resources
- Julie Eby-McKenzie, North Coast Regional Manager for State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
  - Working with Ronald Lee to get emergency kits out and training for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
  - Seeking to coordinate with ILC to set up coordinated effort to support within the four counties being supported
- Ronald Lee, Redwood Coast Regional Emergency Coordinator State Council on Developmental Disabilities

(SCDD)

- Conducting disaster preparedness huddles with Lake and Mendicino county residents
  - People know their evacuation zones
  - Encourage people to sign up for the automatic alerts with the Office of Emergency Services
  - Handing out go kits
  - Conducting separate back-up battery program
  - Conducted a couple of disaster preparedness fairs both in Lake and Mendicino counties with Pacific Power
  - Upcoming fair is being conducted in June Crescent City and Del Norte County
  - Another fair is scheduled for late June and July for Humboldt County in the Eureka area
- Bobby Wartson, Kings Country Commission on Aging
  - Located in the San Joaquin Valley
  - Providing information Seniors in the community
  - Health Fair was conducted last Friday where 30 vendors were able to provide information
  - June 14 Elder Abuse Day: Pancake breakfast sponsored by the board of supervisors. This event is supported by the county
  - Meals on Wheels program and meal assistance
- Miguel Angel Castanon, Executive Director for Community Organizations Active and Disaster (COAD) in Napa Valley –
  - This month AFN and older adults subcommittee has put together a campaign to inform the community about the resourced available with a focus on disaster preparedness
    - Information has been sent out every week specifically for seniors
  - Calistoga Senior event to provide preparedness resources

	<ul> <li>Celeste Giunta, Executive Director for Community         Organizations Active and Disaster (COAD) in Napa         County     </li> </ul>
	District Attorney's office is conducting a fraud workshop for seniors in June
Feedback	<ul> <li>Extend PWDAAC quarterly meeting as far in advance as possible for scheduling accommodations.</li> </ul>
Action Items Guided by Feedback	<ul> <li>Completed Actions This Quarter:         <ul> <li>Sent out meeting feedback survey to existing PWDAAC council members for feedback on enhancement opportunities</li> </ul> </li> <li>On-Going Actions:         <ul> <li>Continue utilizing the PWDAAC as a forum to receive input and feedback on a broad variety of PG&amp;E programs affecting AFN customers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Future Actions:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>PG&amp;E to re-elevate PWDAAC goals, cadence, and membership</li> <li>Survey to follow every meeting to solicit feedback from council participants</li> </ul>
Future Meeting(s)	Q3 2024 (TBD)

Access and Functional Needs Collaborative Council Meeting <sup>15</sup>				
Meeting	Date: June 7, 2024 Location: San Diego Gas & Electric Office Building 2 EOC - 8315 Century Park Ct., SD 92123; Virtual Attendance Option Purpose: Collaborative discussion on PSPS Customer Notification Plan, Prepare for Power Down and the Best Practices Blueprint updates, understand awareness and utilization of PSPS Mitigation resources, and discuss DDAR and 211 IOU PSPS mitigation resources			
Summary of Engagement	<ul> <li>Q1 Meeting Updates</li> <li>SDG&amp;E shared updates on their PSPS Impact Study.</li> </ul>			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 15}\,{\rm See}$  Appendix A.1 for the AFN Collaborative Council Participants.

<ul> <li>Blueprint for Best Practices Update</li> <li>Council members shared an update on the progress of the Blueprint for Best Practices and</li> </ul>
discussed opportunities for distributing the Blueprint to interested utilities and AFN partners.  Council members discussed connecting their network of AFN partners to the Blueprint.  PSPS Notifications Joint IOUs shared an overview of the timing of PSPS notifications for customer and public safety partners.  Prepare for Power Down Website Phase 3 Overview of the status of Prepare for Power Down website redesign. Joint IOUs shared current proposed stakeholder list and solicited feedback from the Council for additions. Discussion of the need for collaborative tracker that Council members can add contacts to.  PSPS Mitigation Resources Council suggested working with tech companies to include PSPS footprint in maps and tools during activations and partnering with healthcare providers to enroll customers in support programs. Council shared ideas for helping customers with AFN prepare for emergencies.
Blueprint to interested utilities and AFN partners.  Council members discussed connecting their network of AFN partners to the Blueprint.  PSPS Notifications  Joint IOUs shared an overview of the timing of PSPS notifications for customer and public safety partners.  Prepare for Power Down Website Phase 3  Overview of the status of Prepare for Power Down website redesign.  Joint IOUs shared current proposed stakeholder list and solicited feedback from the Council for additions.
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- Joint IOUs hosted a walkthrough session for Council members to review and provide feedback on the beta version of Prepare for Power Down website.
- Collaborative Council members provided feedback on Blueprint for Best Practices.
- Collaborative Council members to contribute potential stakeholder contacts for the Prepare for Power Down website marketing campaign through tracker.
- Provide Medical Baseline Allowance Program materials to the Collaborative Council for amplification.

#### **On-Going Actions:**

- CPUC representative to identify additional opportunities to jointly present the AFN/Joint IOU progress made to the CPUC.
  - Status update: Additional follow up to be conducted in Q3.
- Collaborative Council to coordinate potential guest speaking opportunity during respective upcoming meetings, including:
  - Disability Rights California monthly staff meeting
  - Statewide AFN Community Advisory Committee
  - State Council on Developmental Disabilities meetings
  - Status update: Additional follow up to be conducted in Q3.
- Collaborative Council to provide names of statewide disability leaders with capacity and networks to connect with the IOUs.
  - Status update: Additional follow up to be conducted in O3.

#### **Future Actions:**

 Prepare for Power Down working group to distribute email template for Council members to use for stakeholder communications.

IOU Responsible	Chris Zenner, Vice President Residential Services & Digital
Owner	Channels
Future Meeting(s)	Q3 2024

Statewide Joint IOU Ad	lvisory Council <sup>16</sup>			
Meeting	Date: June 17, 2024 Location: Virtual Purpose: Provide overviews of the PSPS Customer Notification Plan and 2024 Meteorological Outlook, as well as an update on the Prepare for Power Down marketing campaign.			
Summary of Engagement	<ul> <li>Customer Notification Plan         <ul> <li>Joint IOUs shared an overview of the timing of PSPS notifications for customer and public safety partners.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2024 Meteorology Outlook         <ul> <li>Each IOU shared an overview of current conditions and an outlook for wildfire potential during the upcoming 2024 wildfire season.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Prepare for Power Down Website 2024 Marketing Campaign         <ul> <li>IOUs provided an update on the status of the Phase 2 Prepare for Power Down website.</li> <li>IOUs shared a proposed marketing plan and timeline for developing and distributing messaging materials.</li> <li>Council members shared input on proposed stakeholder list.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Feedback	N/A			
Action Items Guided by Feedback	<ul> <li>Completed Actions This Quarter:         <ul> <li>Joint IOUs hosted a walkthrough session for Council members to review and provide feedback on the beta version of Prepare for Power Down website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 16}\,{\rm See}$  Appendix B.1 for the Joint IOU AFN Advisory Council List of Participants.

	On-Going Actions: N/A
	<ul> <li>Schedule meeting to review survey results in-depth with smaller group of Statewide Council members.</li> <li>Status update: Outreach attempts have been made; pending availability from interested</li> </ul>
	parties. Additional follow up to be conducted in Q3.
	<ul> <li>Statewide Council member organizations to send a list of support services offered before, during, and after a PSPS to SCE.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Status update: Additional follow up to be conducted in Q3.</li> </ul>
	Future Actions: N/A
Future Meeting(s)	Q3 2024

Local Government Advisory Councils and Working Groups					
	<b>Date:</b> June 13.2024				
	Location: Microsoft Teams				
Meeting	Purpose: Collect feedback on proposed Community Wildfire				
	Safety Program (CWSP) improvements from a subset of city,				
	county, and tribal emergency managers.				
Summary of Engagement	<ul> <li>Reviewed the Public Safety Power Shutoff Policies and Procedures and requested feedback on key updates. improvements.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Vegetation Management Program and requested feedback.         <ul> <li>Shared an overview of the Tree Removal Inventory, Focused Tree Inspection, and Vegetation Management for Operational Mitigations programs.</li> <li>Highlighted PG&amp;E's, "Right Tree, Right Place" initiative and shared information on how to partner with PG&amp;E in practicing safe planting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Provided an open forum for attendees to share feedback and ask questions</li> </ul>				

Feedback	<ul> <li>A representative from the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Tribe noted inquired if the Microgrid Incentive Program will be re-opened.</li> </ul>		
Action Items Guided by Feedback	Completed Actions This Quarter: A follow up note response was provided to the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Tribe providing the latest information on the Microgrid Incentive Program On-Going Actions: N/A Future Actions: N/A		
Future Meeting(s)	<ul><li>September 12th, 2-3 p.m.</li><li>December 12th, 2-3 p.m.</li></ul>		

Communities of Color Advisory Group		
Meeting	<b>Date:</b> May 8, 2024	
	Location: Virtual meeting	
	<b>Purpose:</b> Solicit input from Communities of Color Advisory	
	Group which assists PG&E in crafting outreach and	
	engagement with communities of color on a broad spectrum	
	of issues impacting diverse communities	
Summary of Engagement	PG&E presented on community engagement in the	
	Central Valley Region	
	PG&E presented on Fixed Charge	
	PG&E presented on REACH-Triple Program that helps	
	income-eligible families pay their energy bills during a	
	crisis, by providing bill credit for qualifying customers	
	with unpaid balances to prevent disconnections.	
	PG&E presented on Wildfire Safety and support for	
	customers with access and functional needs.	
Feedback	The Advisory Panel expressed the importance of	
	affordability especially for seniors.	
	The Advisory Panel shared that social media is important	
	tool in the Central Valley.	
	The Advisory Panel noted the importance of career	
	pathway opportunities in the utility industry and	
	engagement with local communities and students.	

Action Items Guided by Feedback	Completed Actions This Quarter:
	<ul> <li>Completed two meetings for 2024.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>PG&amp;E shared RFP/grant opportunities including the</li> </ul>
	CBO Arrears Case Management Pilot, The Better
	Together Nature Positive Innovation Grant, and
	The Resilience Hubs grant.
	On-Going Actions: n/a
	Future Actions: n/a
Future Meeting(s)	November 6, 2024

Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB)		
Meeting	<b>Date:</b> June 26, 2024	
	Location: Virtual and In-person meeting	
	Purpose: The mission of the LIOB is to advise the	
	Commission on low-income electric, gas and water	
	corporation customer programs and to serve as a liaison for	
	the Commission to low-income customers and	
	representatives.	
Summary of Engagement	<ul> <li>Joint Investor-Owned Utilities Status Reports</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Report of the California Alternative Rates for</li> </ul>	
	Energy (CARE) and Energy Saving Assistance (ESA)	
	Programs	
	<ul> <li>Unspent Funds for the ESA program</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Disconnections and Arrearage Management Plans</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Rates and Bills</li> </ul>	
Feedback	N/A – AFN topics not in scope	
Action Items Guided by Feedback	Completed Actions This Quarter: N/A	
	On-Going Actions: N/A	
	Future Actions: N/A	
Future Meeting(s)	September 5, 2024	
	December 12, 2024	

#### 1.6.2 Statewide Website for AFN Solutions

PrepareforPowerDown.com (P4PD) <sup>17</sup> is a Joint IOU website, created as a centralized resource for statewide CBO and agencies serving AFN communities, providing easy access to IOU information on PSPS preparedness and resources. The website offers downloads, including the Joint IOU CBO training presentations, PSPS social media graphics and utility specific PSPS support materials. While those materials are still available for CBOs, in response to the AFN Collaborative Council's request for a customer-facing website, the Joint IOUs embarked on a website refresh in 2022. In 2022, the Joint IOUs completed Phase 1 of the refresh, which focused on incorporating user-friendly accessibility features and making emergency preparedness tools, such as signing up for utility outage alerts, prominent on the homepage.

In 2023, the Joint IOUs conducted a walk-through of the updated website with the AFN Collaborative Council for additional feedback, prior to beginning Phase 2 of the website refresh, to ensure inclusive design. The Phase 2 update takes a step back to revamp the user journey through the website so that visitors will soon have a utility-customized view of program and resources, customized preparedness checklists, and be encouraged to sign up for outage alerts, enroll in Medical Baseline Program if eligible, and engage with other utility customer support programs. In 2024, the Joint IOUs will continue with Phase 2 updates seeking to launch the new website through Joint IOU and AFN Stakeholder Marketing and Communications.

In Q2, the Joint IOUs completed Phase 2 of the Prepare for Power Down website refresh. This included an accessibility audit, finalized beta testing with CBOs, state agencies and individuals who use assistive technology and implemented all recommended enhancements from both the accessibility audit and beta testing. A Joint IOU marketing and communications strategy is under development in anticipation of an early Q3 statewide launch.

#### 1.7 AFN Public Education and Outreach

PG&E utilizes a multi-pronged approach to communicate with its customers in the AFN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Decision D 19-05-042, dated May, 30, 2019, and issued on June 4, 2019. The California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") directed the IOUs to jointly oversee development and execution of a statewide Public Safety Power Shut-off education campaign, developed in partnership with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

community regarding PSPS awareness, preparedness education, and mitigation services through direct communications, paid media, CBO collaborations, and partnering with State agencies to jointly market solutions.

In Q2, PG&E began rolling out its public education and outreach materials, including a paid media campaign. Our preparedness outreach and community engagement is described below.

#### 1.7.1 MBL Customer Outreach

PG&E encourages customer participation and enrollment in the MBL Program through direct-to-customer outreach, CBO partnerships, and building strong relationships with the health care industry. This outreach aims to help individuals who rely on power for their medical needs prepare for PSPS and connect with relevant resources for support. Table 9 summarizes the MBL acquisition campaign statistics as of June 2024. The outreach campaign is scheduled to end in mid-September 2024.

# **Table 9. 2023 vs. 2024 MBL Program Acquisition Targeting Outcomes**

#### Goal: Increase engagement with prospective MBL Program customers through multi-channel outreach and awareness campaigns **Broad Cast TV Digital Radio Direct Mail Bill Insert Digital Media** Email & Radio Total Total Total Year Channel Avg. Total **Customers** # Total **Customers Customers** Impressions Impressions Count # Touches Click # Touches Conversions Reached Reached Reached **Touches Impressions** (Clicks) Rate 2023 10 108,678 3 1,423,042 2 2% 3,000,000 145,690,262 634,905 10,736,800 1 NA 1 2024 NA NA 1,349,976 1 1.4% NA NA NA NA NA NA

#### 1.7.2 Health Care Industry Strategy

PG&E recognizes that ongoing engagement with health care practitioners, medical associations, and durable medical device suppliers in 2024 is a key opportunity to increase enrollment in the MBL Program and connect individuals with AFN to medical device resources if needed during PSPS.

In Q2, PG&E engaged with two healthcare industry partners in Q2. Our MBL Program Manager and AFN Program Manager met with Regional Leadership with the Partnership HealthPlan of California as well as the team at Health Alliance. We presented an overview of our MBL and PSPS support offerings and collaborated on way we can promote our programs throughout their territory including additional workshops with their extended teams.

PG&E hosted a table at the 2024 California Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Annual Conference<sup>18</sup> in San Jose and presented information on our Prepare for Power Down website and PSPS CBO partnership opportunities.

PG&E continued conversations with the Statewide Councils and among the joint IOU team to look for opportunities to present on PSPS preparedness, AFN Self-Identification and MBL programs will continue through 2024.

# 1.7.3 Outreach and Engagement with Master-Metered Owners, Property Managers, and Multi-Unit Dwelling Account Holders

PG&E conducts outreach to multi-unit dwelling account holders, property managers, and master-meter owners whose residents are not direct PG&E-metered customers that includes information about resiliency programs, PSPS preparedness and resources and reinforces the importance of tenants signing up for direct notifications prior to PSPS via Address Alerts<sup>19</sup>. PG&E continues to promote awareness of Address Alerts in training and webinars. In June 2024, PG&E completed this outreach with the Master Meter Owner Toolkit direct mail and email.

# 1.7.4 Accessibility of Communications

PG&E's online customer communications, including its websites and PSPS customer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The C4A Annual Conference brings together aging and disability network leaders, advocates, and policymakers from all across California to discuss recent national and state aging and disability policy development, programs, advocacy, and innovative solution with diminishing budget. Over 500 leaders and professionals within the aging and disability network throughout California participate in this annual conference each year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> PG&E Address Alerts is a tool designed to provide notifications about a potential PSPS for any address important to an individual, regardless of if they are a customer with PG&E or not. Address Alerts is available in 16 languages via phone or text.

notification emails, have been tested for usability and accessibility to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). As we launch new features and functionality to www.pge.com and to our <a href="Emergency Website">Emergency Website</a>, we test again for compliance with WCAG 2.1AA standards.

In 2023, PG&E began mailing Braille and large print bill customers its PSPS related print outreach materials in their preferred alternative format. Braille and large print versions of the MBL Doorhangers were also produced for distribution to customers who receive their bills in these alternative formats if they fail to acknowledge notifications during an active PSPS event.

PG&E has an agreement with Linguabee, a Deaf-owned and operated sign language interpreting agency, to provide American Sign Language (ASL) PSPS support.

#### 1.7.5 Tribal Engagement

PG&E assists Tribal governments throughout our service area to mitigate the impacts of PSPS on their Tribal members and other emergency situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic, extreme weather storms, wildfires, and rotating outages.

In Q2, PG&E hosted a Tribal grant program review with Tribes (2) as well as distributed the quarterly Tribal Newsletter to all Tribes and Health Clinics in PG&E's service area.

#### 1.7.6 Translations of Communications

PG&E translates Community Wildfire Safety Program (CWSP) and PSPS communications and notifications in 15 non-English languages. <sup>20</sup> This includes the translation of in-event PSPS notifications, as well as PG&E's website and other critical wildfire safety and PSPS preparedness materials. PG&E promotes its in-language options, encouraging customers to select their preferences using various channels including direct mail, email, social media, multi-media partners, and CBOs.

PG&E has a contract with one CBO to provide in-language communications to customers in a variety of Indigenous languages both for preparedness outreach and inevent communications during PSPS. This CBO provides in-language outreach using social media, in-person communications, and one-on-one phone calls in one or more of the following languages: Spanish and Nahuatl.

PG&E continues to offer in-language support through our Contact Center. The Contact

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> These include Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Vietnamese, Korean, Farsi, Arabic, Hmong, Khmer, Punjabi, Japanese, Thai, Portuguese, and Hindi.

Center is equipped to provide translation support in over 240 languages. Further, PG&E partners with 39 multicultural media outlets throughout the year to promote safety initiatives, including PSPS, to monolingual or difficult-to-reach populations that may need access to mainstream television media and/or read/speak English. See Section 1.8.1.6.1 for more information on our multicultural media engagement.

#### 1.7.7 "Wildfire Safety Town Halls," Webinars and other Community Events

PG&E hosts public webinars and town halls throughout the year to foster discussions on how it can better serve its communities while allowing customers to learn more about its wildfire safety efforts and the steps PG&E is taking to improve reliability. Additionally, PG&E participates in regular meetings and workshops with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and provides forums for key tribal, local and agency stakeholders, and Public Safety Partners to provide feedback.

PG&E also hosts and participates in community events focused on AFN customers, including AFN-specific webinars and meetings hosted by CBOs and state agencies. All webinars included ASL interpreters and accessible presentation decks.

Table 10 summarizes PG&E's targeted outreach with AFN and CBO partners. Table 11 summarizes our Wildfire Safety Webinars, Safety Town Halls, Regional Town Halls, Regional Working Group meetings, meetings with key stakeholders and meetings with the CPUC.

Table 10. Summary of AFN and CBO Targeted Outreach Conducted in Q2 2024

Date	Event	Audience
4/1/2024	California Network of 211	California Network of 211
	Meeting	
5/6/2024	California Hospital Association	California Hospital Association
	Meeting	
5/29/2024	People with Disabilities Access	People with Disabilities Access
	and Aging Council (PWDAAC)	and Aging Council
	Quarterly Meeting	

Table 11. CPUC Meetings, PSPS Wildfire Safety Town Halls, and Regional Webinars in Q2 2024

Date	Event	Audience
4/4/2024	CWSP Webinar	Amador, Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tuolumne

Date	Event	Audience
		Counties
4/10/2024	CWSP Webinar	Butte, Sierra and Yuba Counties
4/16/2024	CWSP Webinar	All Customers within PG&E
4/10/2024	CVV3F Webilial	Service Territory
4/24/2024	CWSP Webinar	Tehama, Lassen and Shasta
7/24/2024	CVV31 VVC5IIIai	Counties
		Customers, Local Tribes,
5/7/2024	Regional Town Hall	Agencies and CBOs in the South
		Bay and Central Coast Regions
		Customers, Local Tribes,
5/14/2024	Regional Town Hall	Agencies and CBOs in the Bay
		Area Region
		Customers, Local Tribes,
5/16/2024	Regional Town Hall	Agencies and CBOs in the North
		Valley and Sierra Regions
	Regional Town Hall	Customers, Local Tribes,
5/29/2024		Agencies and CBOs in the North
		Coast Region
	Regional Town Hall	Customers, Local Tribes,
6/4/2024		Agencies and CBOs in the Central
		Valley Region
6/5/2024	CWSP Webinar	Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino
0/3/2024	CVV31 VVCSIIIdi	Counties
6/13/2024	CWSP Webinar	Kern, Tulare and Fresno Counties
6/26/2024	CWSP Webinar	Napa and Marin Counties
6/26/2024	CWSP Webinar	All Customers with Preferred
0/20/2024	CWSP Webinar	Language Identified - Hmong
		Customers with Preferred
6/26/2024	CWSP Webinar	Language Identified in the
		Central Valley Region - Spanish
		All Customers with Preferred
6/27/2024	CWSP Webinar	Language Identified in the North
6/27/2024		Valley and Sierra Region -
		Spanish

# **1.8 PSPS Activation (During – Emergency Operation Center Activated)**

#### 1.8.1 In-Event PSPS Customer Communications

PG&E will continue to use all communication channels available during PSPS, including direct-to-customer notifications sent via phone, text, and email, supplemented by website, call-center support, media engagement (multicultural news outlets, earned and paid media, social media), and collaboration with Public Safety Partners and CBOs. Using the multi-channel communication approach enables PG&E to notify and engage with potentially impacted public safety partners, critical facilities, MBL customers, SIV customers, all other customers, and the general public.

#### 1.8.1.1 PSPS Notifications

PG&E aims to share what it knows about the weather and its equipment as soon as possible, keeping in mind weather conditions can be uncertain. Whenever the forecast will allow, PG&E's goal is to send automated notifications (i.e., calls, texts, and emails) to potentially impacted customers two days ahead, one day ahead, just before shutting off power and when power is shut off. If de-energization is delayed due to changes in weather conditions, customers may receive a pending delay notification to communicate they are still at risk of de-energization. PG&E will provide updates once the weather has passed until power has been restored. PG&E detailed its automated notifications in the 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan filed on March 27, 2023.

# 1.8.1.2 Doorbell Rings for MBL and Self-Identified Vulnerable (SIV) Customers

PG&E's MBL and SIV customers including electricity-dependent individuals who have identified as using Durable Medical Equipment and/or Assistive Technology through PG&E's AFN Self-Identification survey will receive doorbell rings during an active PSPS event if they do not acknowledge notifications. In Q2, approximately 266,672 individuals have self-identified as electricity dependent and are not enrolled in MBL or SIV.

## 1.8.1.3 Engagement with Paratransit Agencies

In accordance with D.21-06-034, PG&E provides proactive notifications and impacted ZIP Code information to paratransit agencies that may serve all the known transit- or paratransit-dependent persons needing access to a CRC during PSPS. In Q2, PG&E did not have a PSPS, therefore, did not provide provided notifications and ZIP Code information.

#### 1.8.1.4 PG&E Contact Center Operations

PG&E operates two contact centers that provide 24/7 emergency live agent service for customers to report emergencies and obtain PSPS-related updates as needed. As an option for in-language support, PG&E's PSPS webpage directs customers to call its contact centers. PG&E's contact centers continue to be equipped to provide

interpretation support in over 240+ languages, including 10 Indigenous languages.

#### 1.8.1.5 Website

PG&E will continue to use its websites pge.com and pgealerts.alerts.pge.com to communicate information during PSPS events. PG&E remains committed to continuously improving its websites to meet the diverse needs of its customers. PG&E is using insights from customer testing to incorporate additional improvements for categorization and usability of pages with content related to outages, safety, and accessibility resources in 2024.

In Q2, our updates to pge.com/afn went live. Updates focused on creating easier access to all our programs and support, regrouping information based on feedback from customer testing, and providing updates to fact sheets and program information. PG&E is also ensuring that all of our other outage pages more easily link to our pge.com/afn page for customer ease of use.

#### 1.8.1.6 Media

PG&E engages with traditional broadcast and digital media outlets, including multicultural news organizations, in one or more of the following ways before and/or during PSPS events: distributing press releases, conducting live streaming news conferences with, taking part in media interviews, and responding to media requests for information, and running paid advertising on digital and multicultural media (only before PSPS events).

To serve non-English speaking customers, PG&E engages multicultural media outlets throughout the year to promote safety initiatives, including PSPS, to monolingual or difficult-to-reach populations that may need access to mainstream television media and/or read/speak English.

PG&E shares news releases and coordinates interview opportunities with media outlets to help educate non-English speaking customers on PG&E programs, including the CWSP, PSPS, emergency preparedness, public safety, consumer protections, and income-qualified programs. PG&E also schedules media visits with these organizations to discuss other partnership opportunities (e.g., Public Service Announcements, advertising, and event sponsorships).

PG&E also staffs bilingual and multilingual employees to serve in the EOC, supporting the Public Information Officer (PIO) multimedia engagement function. These employees provide urgent translation support, such as verifying and approving ad hoc written translations during emergencies. These staff assist PG&E with avoiding delays

when engaging outside vendors for translation needs during an PSPS.

Additionally, PG&E partners with Linguabee to provide ASL translation for EOC Press Conferences held during a PSPS event.

#### 1.8.1.6.1 Multicultural Media Engagement

In addition to the general media engagement described above, PG&E is focused on enhancing coordination with multi-cultural media organizations. PG&E currently partners with 39 multi-cultural media organizations that provide information inlanguage through multiple outlets. PG&E plans to host in-language PSPS webinars with our multicultural media partners.

Table 12 summarizes our multi-cultural media engagement activities.

**Table 12 Multi-Cultural Media Engagement Activities (by Month)** 

Month	Summary of Multi-Cultural Media Engagement Activities		
January 2024	<ul> <li>Compiled the Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Multicultural Media Engagement Campaign Year-end Report</li> </ul>		
February 2024	Confirmed budget for 2024 campaigns including Multicultural Media Engagement Campaign and AFN Multicultural Radio Campaign		
March 2024	<ul> <li>Planning began with potential multicultural media partners</li> <li>Sent out invite to potential multicultural media partners for an information session on April 24</li> </ul>		
April 2024	<ul> <li>Hosted Multicultural Media Engagement Campaign information session on April 24</li> <li>Identified potential multicultural media outlets for the campaign and discussed their scope of work</li> </ul>		
May 2024	<ul> <li>Confirmed budget for each participating multicultural media outlet</li> <li>Hosted online training session with participating multicultural media outlets on May 22</li> </ul>		
June 2024	<ul> <li>Conducted CWSP webinar in Spanish on June 26 targeting customers in Central Valley</li> <li>Conducted CWSP webinar in Hmong on June 26 for systemwide customers</li> <li>Conducted CWSP webinar in Spanish on June 27 targeting customers in North Region and Sierra</li> </ul>		

#### 1.8.1.6.2 Social Media

PG&E regularly provides customer preparedness resources through its official social media channels, including X, Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor. As of June 30, 2024, PG&E holds contracts with 39 multicultural media partners and a CBO to assist with inlanguage communications and share its social media posts before and during PSPS. In Q2, social media posts did not focus on AFN audiences, as PG&E tailored outreach through other medium directly to customers to accommodate their needs in preparation of wildfire season and PSPS outages.

#### 1.8.1.6.3 Paid Media/Advertising

To supplement PG&E's outreach efforts during PSPS, PG&E runs PSPS emergency messages to reach customers via paid media channels when/where channels are available. PG&E purchases a combination of English and in-language radio ads and digital banners in English and multiple languages based on targeted ZIP Codes. To enhance customer outreach efforts, PG&E will run paid media English and Spanish AFN radio ads with messages about PSPS awareness, the MBL Program, and preparedness resources in 2024, along with paid media search and display ads, social media, and pre-roll video ads.

In Q2, PG&E's AFN paid media digital advertising launched.

#### 1.8.2 Community Resource Centers (CRCs)

To minimize impacts during PSPS, PG&E opens CRCs in potentially impacted counties and tribal communities. CRCs provide customers and residents a safe location to meet their basic power needs, such as charging medical equipment and electronic devices. All customer print materials onsite are provided in Braille or large print upon customer request, and ASL Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) is available via customer service lead's laptops.

To support CRC readiness for people with disabilities, PG&E completes ADA reviews at indoor and outdoor CRC sites in coordination with local government agency partners and tribes to identify appropriate CRC locations. From these site reviews, PG&E selected ADA-friendly sites and invested in site improvements to comply with ADA requirements for not only CRC use but for the betterment of the community year-round. In 2024, PG&E will continue to monitor CRC location needs with local county government and tribes to ensure pre-identified CRC locations are well-situated to serve communities and adjust as needed. As of June 2024, PG&E has secured 406 event-ready sites, which include 118 indoor sites and 288 outdoor sites.

In accordance with D.21-06-034, PG&E filed an updated CRC plan as Appendix A within the 2024 Pre-Season Report.

In Q2, PG&E updated several of our CRC fact sheets to now include information for additional AFN support. We will also be providing additional training to CRC staff regarding identifying opportunities to provide additional AFN support offerings to customers using the CRCs.

#### 1.9 Recovery (After – Power has been restored)

### 1.9.1 After Action Reviews and Reports

The After-Action Reviews and Reports (AAR) process is described in detail in our 2024 AFN Plan was not used for PSPS in Q2 as PSPS did not occur during the quarter.

#### 1.9.2 Lessons Learned and Feedback

PG&E leverages feedback from agencies, CBOs, critical facilities, and customers during the PSPS season to focus improvements on key initiatives. PG&E did not receive any direct feedback during Q2 because there was no PSPS.

PG&E will continue applying best practices and leveraging lessons from our 2024 customer outreach experience. PG&E supports a collaborative, data-driven process to define the most effective and appropriate outreach and in-language translation requirements.

#### 1.9.3 Customer Surveys

PG&E concluded the 2023 Post-Season Outreach Effectiveness Survey on Jan 26, 2024. Results were reported in Appendix E of PG&E's 2024 AFN Plan for PSPS Support filed on January 31, 2024. PG&E did not conduct PSPS post-event surveys in Q2 2024 as PSPS did not occur during the quarter. The 2024 Pre-Season Outreach Effectiveness Survey will be conducted in Q3 2024 and reported in Q4 2024.

PG&E will continue research areas for improvement and leverage lessons learned.

#### CONCLUSION

PG&E will continue to provide a quarterly update regarding its progress towards meeting our 2024 AFN Plan and the impact of our efforts to support the AFN and vulnerable population during PSPS to help the CPUC understand where future gaps in addressing this population before, during, and after PSPS.

# APPENDIX A.1 – AFN COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

Name	Organization	Title	Group
Aaron Carruthers	State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)	Executive Director	Collaborative Council
Andy Imparato	Disability Rights California (DRC)	Executive Director	Collaborative Council
Audrey Williams	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Project and Program Supervisor – SPD	Collaborative Council
Brett Eisenberg	California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)	Executive Director	Collaborative Council
Brian Weisel	State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)	Legal Counsel	Collaborative Council 2024 AFN Plan Core Planning Team
Chris Alario	Liberty	President, California	Collaborative Council
Edward Jackson	Liberty	President	Collaborative Council
James Cho	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Program Manager	Collaborative Council
James Dui	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Safety Policy Division	Collaborative Council
Jennifer Guenther	Liberty	Seniro Regional Manager-West	Collaborative Council
Jordan Davis	Disability Rights California (DRC)	Attorney	Collaborative Council
Junaid Rahman	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Senior Regulatory Analyst - SPD	Collaborative Council
Karen Mercado	Disability Rights California (DRC)	Senior Administrative Assistant - Executive Unit	Collaborative Council

Name	Organization	Title	Group
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Matthew McVee	PacifiCorp	Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Operations	Collaborative Council
Moustafa Abou-taleb	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Safety Policy Division	Collaborative Council
Nicholas Raft	Liberty	Regulatory Analyst	Collaborative Council
Nicole Bohn	Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)	Executive Director	Collaborative Council
Paul Marconi	Bear Valley Electric Services (BVES)	President, Treasurer, & Secretary, Board Director	Collaborative Council
Pooja Kishore	PacifiCorp	Renewable Compliance Officer	Collaborative Council
Robert Hand	California Foundation for Independent Living Centers	Interim Executive Director	Collaborative Council
Ron Lee	Redwood Coast Regional Center	Emergency Management Coordinator	2024 AFN Plan Core Planning Team
Sean Matlock	Bear Valley Electric Services (BVES)	Energy Resource Manager / Assistant Corporate Secretary	Collaborative Council
Tamara Rodriguez	California Department of Development Services (DDS)	Officer, Emergency	2024 AFN Plan Core Planning Team

Name	Organization	Title	Group
		Preparedness &	
		Response	
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Tawny Re	Services (BVES)	Program Specialist	
Vance	California Governor's	Chief, Office of	
Vance	Office of Emergency	Access and	Collaborative Council
Taylor	Services (CalOES)	Functional Needs	

# **APPENDIX B.1 – STATEWIDE COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS**

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Dara Mikesell	San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC)	CFO
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Gabby Eshrati	North Los Angeles County Regional Center	Consumer Services Director

Name	Organization	Title
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James Collins	California Council of the Blind (CCB)	Community Educator
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Lauren	Disability Rights California	Executive Director Managing
Giardina	(DRC)	Attorney

Name	Organization	Title
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Maria Jaya	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst - SPD
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**APPENDIX C.1 – PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND AGING COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS** 

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Vance Taylor	CAL OES	Function Needs
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# **APPENDIX D.1 – FOOD BANK RESOURCE PARTNERS**

Below is a list of food banks with active agreements with PG&E for PSPS.

	Food Banks with Active Agreements for PSPS Support
1	Alameda County Community Food Bank
2	Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA) Food Bank
3	Central California Food Bank
4	Clear Lake Gleamers Food Bank
5	Community Action Agency of Butte County-North State Food Bank
6	Community Action Agency of Napa Valley
7	Community Food Bank of San Benito
8	Dignity Health Connected Living
9	Food Bank For Monterey County
10	Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
11	Food Bank of El Dorado County
12	Food For People
13	Interfaith Council of Amador
14	Kings Community Action Organization
15	Merced County Food Bank
16	Nevada County Food Bank
17	Placer Food Bank
18	Redwood Empire Food Bank
19	Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin & Stanislaus
20	Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County
21	Second Harvest Food of Silicon Valley
22	SF Marin Food Bank
23	The Resource Connection
24	Yolo Food Bank
25	Yuba-Sutter Food Bank

# **APPENDIX E.1 – MEALS ON WHEELS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

Below is a list of Meals on Wheels organizations with active agreements with PG&E for PSPS support.

	Meals on Wheels Organizations			
	with Active Agreements for PSPS Support			
1	Chico Meals on Wheels			
2	Clearlake Senior Center			
3	Coastal Seniors			
4	Common Ground Senior Services			
5	Community Action Agency of Napa Valley			
6	Community Bridges			
7	Council on Aging, Sonoma County			
8	Dignity Health Connected Living			
9	Gold Country Community Services			
10	J-Sei			
11	Lakeport Senior Center			
12	Life ElderCare			
13	Liveoak Senior Center			
14	Meals on Wheels Diablo Region			
15	Meals on Wheels Monterey Peninsula			
16	Meals on Wheels Solano County			
17	Middletown Senior Center			
18	Passages			
19	Peninsula Volunteers			
20	Petaluma People Services			
21	Senior Coastsiders			
22	Service Opportunity for Seniors			
23	Spectrum Community Services			
24	Tehama County Community Action Agency			
25	West Contra Costa Meals on Wheels			
26	Agency on Aging, Area 4 (Yuba Sutter Meals on Wheels)			

# APPENDIX F.1 – CBOS WITH ACTIVE AGREEMENTS FOR PSPS SUPPORT

Below is a list of CBOs with active agreements with PG&E for PSPS support.

CI	CBOs with Active Agreements for PSPS Support			
1	California Council of the Blind			
2	California Network of 211s			
3	Cope			
4	Food For Thought			
5	Haven of Hope on Wheels			
6	Lost Sierra Food Project			
7	Open Heart Kitchen			

# **APPENDIX G.1 – ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS**

Below is a list of accessible transportation providers with active agreements with PG&E for PSPS.

Accessible Transportation Providers with Active Agreements for PSPS			
Support			
1	Dignity Health Connected Living		
2	El Dorado Transit Authority		
3	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission		
4	Vivalon		

#### **APPENDIX H.1 – KEY OBJECTIVES**

As stated in PG&E's 2024 PSPS AFN Plan, IOUs are reporting on progress made towards meeting Key Objectives in each AFN Plan Quarterly Update. Below is a table summarizing progress-to-date and recent updates made in the previous quarter. These updates are provided for activities that took place jointly with the other IOUs (i.e., Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric), as well as independently at PG&E.

2024 Key Objectives		Progress to date	Q2 2024 Updates
Increase awareness of IOU programs and services available before, during and after a PSPS	Joint IOUs:	<ul> <li>Prepare for Power Down (P4PD) website created</li> <li>Coordinating and benchmarking with CalFresh for food support for individuals with AFN impacted by PSPS activations</li> <li>Joint IOU presentation to In Home Support Services to increase awareness of PSPS and resources</li> <li>JIOUs updated and remediated the Joint IOU PSPS Fact Sheet</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>JIOU held an overview for feedback on Phase 2 changes of the P4PD website with Collaborative Council</li> <li>PG&amp;E hosted a table at the California Area Agency on Aging (C4A) event, provided information on P4PD website (i.e., JIOU resources) and PSPS CBO partnership opportunities</li> <li>PG&amp;E represented the Joint IOUs at the Food Access Annual Conference providing information on our PSPS food support programs and other PSPS programs and resource</li> </ul>
	PGE:	<ul> <li>AFN CBO targeted webinars</li> <li>Annual mailers to AFN populations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Held a PG&amp;E All-Employee AFN training</li> <li>Finalized pge.com/afn webpage and interlinking to other pages based on customer feedback</li> <li>Mailed our annual outage preparedness letter and email mailer which included information for AFN customers on how</li> </ul>

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			to enroll in MBL or get assistance for 211
Continue to identify individuals who are Electricity	Joint IOUs:	Partnership with IHSS, Regional Centers, Dept of Rehabilitation	<ul> <li>IOUs selected consultant for the Population study, is spearheading alignment and collaboration efforts. They are currently overseeing the review of study goals and logistics, adjustments to tasks and schedules, discussions on study design and methodologies, planning of the public workshop, scheduling of the initial IOU study team meeting, finalizing check-in meetings, and addressing file sharing methodologies</li> </ul>
Dependent	PGE:	<ul> <li>SIV marketing campaign 2022</li> <li>My PGE Portal enhancements to make AFN Self-ID enrollment easier and corresponding mailer</li> <li>Working on customized MBL offerings to customers enrolled in Self-ID during power outages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Met with two healthcare partners,         Health Alliance and Partnership         HealthPlan of California, to discuss ways         to more easily introduce and enroll         customers into MBL and Self-ID</li> <li>First wave of MBL annual direct mailers         went out in June</li> <li>MBL tenant fact sheet was updated this         quarter and mailed in Q2</li> </ul>
Identify new enhancements to programs and	Joint IOUs:	Establishment of the Statewide Collaborative Council and the Statewide JIOU Advisory Council	JIOU and AFN Council reviewed list of possible program modifications or additions based on SDG&E Customer

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resources needed to mitigate the impacts of PSPS		<ul> <li>AFN Plan Core Planning Team to assist with development of annual AFN Plan and development of the Plan's Key Objective areas</li> <li>Reviewed results from the PSPS Pre/Post Season In Language survey during State Joint IOU Advisory Council</li> </ul>	impact Study results for each IOU to consider integrating into their offerings.
	PGE:	<ul> <li>Bi-Annual CBO Survey to be conducted in 2024</li> <li>Incorporated feedback from our CA 211 Providers Network partners to start including insulated medicine bags</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extending our program that allows AFN CRC visitors to leave their medical devices charging unattended during operating hours</li> </ul>
Coordinate and integrate resources with state, community, utility to minimize duplication	Joint IOUs:	<ul> <li>JIOU Blueprint</li> <li>Concurrent Application System (CAS), universal "application"</li> <li>Prepare for Power Down website</li> <li>JIOU External Engagement &amp; Customer Experience Sub-Committee</li> <li>Coordination with CalFresh regarding food support</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Met with Cal Fire to share updates and provide an overview of Prepare for Power Down website</li> <li>Worked with CBO partners and Collaborative Council to improve coordination points between CBOs that support IOUs during PSPS activation to maximize customer experience</li> <li>On-going improvements to Blueprint and P4PD</li> </ul>

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PGE:	<ul> <li>Quarterly updates for impacted county OES from PG&amp;E Public Safety Specialists</li> <li>Quarterly Regional Working Groups</li> <li>PSPS Advisory Board</li> <li>Critical Infrastructure Workshop</li> </ul>	PG&E Emergency Preparedness and Response and Corporate Affairs leaders met with FEMA on March 19 <sup>th</sup> to discuss emergency response coordination