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AGENDA ITEM # 3

**TO:** Parks & Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Christopher Costanzo, Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
**SUBJECT:** PG&E Community Pipeline Safety Initiative Tree Removal at Montclair

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## **BACKGROUND**

After the 2010 pipeline incident in San Bruno, PG&E has made it a priority to address the safety of its gas transmission lines. The Community Pipeline Safety Initiative (CPSI) is a five-year, shareholder-funded program that began in 2013. The goal of the initiative is to identify trees and structures located above gas transmission pipelines that pose an emergency access or safety concern and develop solutions to address those concerns.

On May 16, 2016 City of Los Altos staff and PG&E presented to the City Council on 75 trees that PG&E identified as a risk. Staff negotiated with PG&E to replace the removed trees with 24" box trees at a 3:1 ratio at \$275.00 per tree. PG&E will also restore disturbed areas with appropriate landscaping and plantings. PG&E has since completed most of the tree removal work and restored disturbed areas to the City's satisfaction.

## **DISCUSSION**

Since the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, PG&E has identified three additional City owned Cedar trees at Montclair Park that are in proximity to a pipeline. These trees are located directly on top of the gas transmission line and are required to be removed. Since these trees are more significant to the urban landscape and the park, PG&E has agreed to mitigate at \$2000 per tree. Planting new trees and/or vegetation to the park will be evaluated after PG&E completes the work. The timeline for removals is to be completed by February 2018.

### **Attachments:**

- A. PG&E Pipeline Safety Overview – Stonehaven Drive, Los Altos