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This article was posted on the San Jose Mercury News website a couple hours ago stating:

“Concord joined cities including Lafayette, Danville, Dublin, El Cerrito, Livermore, Walnut Creek, Pleasanton and Sunnyvale in a coalition opposed to PG&E's plan and demanding an alternative.” And “A coalition of cities including Concord, Walnut Creek and Danville hired Oakland-based law firm Meyers Nave, which has rejected PG&E's legal rationale and insists the company obtain local permits before removing any trees. In a March 20 letter to PG&E, Meyers Nave attorney John Bakker asserts local ordinances can't be overridden except by the CPUC, which he says has not done so for this project.”

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_25418841/cities-rail-against-pg-e-plan-that-would

Rob Schroeder (Mayor of Martinez) wrote this article in the Contra Costa times today and seemed to be understanding that some trees must be removed for safety, but they will not approve many of the requests, are requiring the tree ordinance be followed and permits are obtained by PG&E.

He also directed this statement to citizens of Martinez:

“If you are contacted by a PG&E representative to allow them to remove or trim vegetation, trees or structures on your property, hold off signing any documents until we have more information. Call the city and let us know you have been contacted and what they have asked you to agree to. This is a quickly developing situation, and by the time this column is published the information here may be outdated.”

http://www.contracostatimes.com/pleasant-hill/ci_25417118/viewpoints-by-rob-schroder-pg-e-tree-removal