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**Overview: Tonight the Walnut Creek City Council voted unanimously to approve the attached framework that PG&E (Kirk Johnson, Brandon Hernandez and Redacted) negotiated with a subcommittee of East Bay city managers. The council approved the framework without any changes. This approval terminates the interim agreement on vegetation management activities between PG&E and the City that was entered into in May.**

**Comments from Mayor Kristina Lawson and councilmembers were positive and appreciative of PG&E for taking the time to pause the project while we collaborated with the cities. Several residents spoke during the public comment period, all expressing concern around the proposed tree removals and urged the council to proceed with caution on the project. [Redacted] spoke on behalf of PG&E, framing the program as one of several pipeline safety initiatives.**

**Detailed Summary:**

City Manager Ken Nordhoff opened the presentation reviewing the program and potential impacts on the city. He explained that PG&E will provide the City with additional data that will allow them to have a greater understanding of why a tree needs to be removed that will help them in their decision-making process. He also added that the framework does not provide a resolution for a dispute between the City and PG&E over a tree, and that both parties reserve the right to pursue legal remedies. He closed with a recommendation that the council approve the framework.

Resident/customer comments and questions urged the council to make sure they understood the science behind the need for removals and questioned PG&E's claims that the trees posed a danger to the pipeline.

[Redacted] addressed the council, thanking them for their patience and allowing the City staff to work with PG&E to develop the framework. He acknowledged the work the city manager has done to get to arrive at the framework and addressed several points in it. He then discussed the other pipeline safety initiatives we are conducting and stressed that safety is our top priority, which is what led us to be overzealous when initially rolling out the program. He stated that we look forward to continue to work on the project collaboratively with the City.

Tom then called Customer Impact specialist [Redacted] from the

audience to the podium to introduce himself to the council and asked him to provide his contact information to the audience for any private property customer questions or concerns. Following the meeting, two customers spoke with [Redacted]

Councilmember Simmons thanked PG&E for listening to the city and its constituents. Mayor Lawson closed with a summarization of the events that led to the framework and the dramatic impact our original proposal would have city-wide. She expressed her desire to put safety first but wants PG&E to consider other options to tree removals in certain areas. She also stated that one of her goals was to develop a model that cities and local governments can use to work together, and that this case is a good example. Acknowledging we got off on the wrong foot on the program, she closed by saying that we have now turned a corner and that she supported the motion to adopt the framework. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

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