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Subject: Concord City Council Unanimously Approves Pipeline Pathways Framework

FYI: Internal assessment, considered a success.

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**Overview: Following Walnut Creek's approval last week, the Concord City Council tonight unanimously approved the Pipeline Pathways Framework that PG&E negotiated with a subcommittee of East Bay city managers. The Council approved the framework without any changes.**

**The City Manager, Mayor and Council spoke positively about the collaboration between PG&E and the East Bay cities in developing the Framework, with the Mayor noting that the model of cooperation between PG&E and the city has helped move other non-Pipeline Pathways projects forward. Tom Guarino presented on behalf of PG&E, expressing his thanks to the City Manager and City Attorney for their help in developing the Framework. There were no public comments made.**

**Detailed Summary:**

City Manager Valerie Barone spoke first about the initial challenges the City had with the Pipeline Pathways program, noting that Concord was the first East Bay city to be presented with the program. She also made reference to the first City Council meeting that did not go well, leading the Council to eventually pass a resolution outlining the City's concerns. She explained that soon after, PG&E paused the program in the East Bay and began an intensive and collaborative process of gathering input from the cities and working with the subcommittee of city managers to develop the Framework. She credited the program for inadvertently allowing all of the cities in Contra Costa County to come together around a single issue, noting

that this experience has helped establish a positive model for how agencies can collaborate with each other. Ms. Barone provided an overview of the Framework and explained that PG&E has agreed to re-evaluate every tree it has proposed for removal. She said that she expects most cities will adopt it.

Tom Guarino addressed the Council, thanking them for their patience and allowing Ms. Barone to work with PG&E in developing the Framework. He covered other pipeline safety projects the company is conducting and closed with a promise of continued collaboration between PG&E and the City.

Councilmembers Hoffmeister, Helix, Birsan, Leone and Mayor Grayson each spoke briefly and positively about the Framework and collaboration, with the Mayor acknowledging the Council understands that PG&E's motivation was always safety. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously, 5-0.

7/16 Contra Costa Times article on Framework:

Walnut Creek: City and PG&E Develop Agreement to Deal With Tree Removal Plan

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