



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
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SHERIFF - CORONER

July 13, 2020

Anne N. Granlund, Foreperson  
2019-2020 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury  
725 Court Street, PO BOX 431  
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

**RE: Response to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 2005**

Dear Ms. Granlund:

The Office of the Sheriff appreciates the Grand Jury's inquiry as detailed in Report No. 2005, "Public Safety Power Shutoff." Please refer to the responses below as they pertain to subsequent findings the Grand Jury has made in the report. Hopefully, you have come to appreciate the high level of commitment and overall efficiency and quality of services provided by the Office of the Sheriff.

As for the findings:

F1: As of the date of this report, the County does not have a comprehensive operational PSPS response Master Plan for County departments.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding. Note: The County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), supporting De-energization Plan, and Continuity of Operation Planning template currently serve as the comprehensive operational response plans for all County departments.**

F2: Not all County departments have formalized PSPS plans.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F3: The County Office of Emergency Services has a supporting plan to the Contra Costa County Emergency Operations Plan dated June 16, 2015, that is used for long-term power outages.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding. Note: The County Office of Emergency Services supporting plan was updated September 12, 2019.**

F4: There is no evidence that all County departments have used the County Office of Emergency Services plan as a guide for the development of their departments' specific PSPS plan.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F5: During the October 9 and 26, 2019 PSPS events, PGE did not provide the County departments with accurate descriptions of impacted areas in real time.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F7: With cell, cable, and internet phone service impacted by the loss of power, there were communication issues among the staff of public safety departments.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F8: There were not enough emergency generators pre-positioned for adequate backup to essential County services during the October events.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F9: During the PSPS event of October 9, 2019, the PG&E Community Resource Center location in San Ramon was not close to areas most impacted by the shutdown. The locations of the Community Resource Centers were improved in the second event on October 26.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F10: The interface between some County entities and the resource facility providers was not clearly established. Therefore, the County did not have enough information about available services at non-PG&E resource facility locations.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F13: Grant opportunities for County PSPS support are available through various State and Federal agencies.

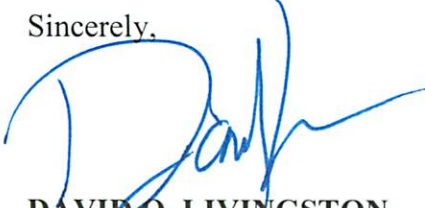
**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

F15: As of the date of this report, the County's After-Action Report for the two October 2019 PSPS events has not been made publicly available.

**The Office of the Sheriff agrees with the finding.**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Livingston", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

**DAVID O. LIVINGSTON**  
Sheriff -Coroner

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cc: Mr. David Twa, Contra Costa County Administrator