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**Local Power Solution**

**Local Control to Serve Community Interests**

Pacific Gas & Electric Company's bankruptcy filing could have a dramatic effect on the future of a vital and reliable electric supply in our region. There is an opportunity for the community to take a proactive step to gain control over our power future according to our own best interests.

**Key Public Benefits: Power for the People**

* Local control of retail electric policies and practices

Under local control, the priority is an uninterrupted supply of safe, clean power for our region. A local solution means the utility is headquartered in, operating within and accountable to the community it serves.

* Access to locally elected policy-makers

Direct access also means improved customer service and increased reliability of service.

* Increased jobs and job opportunities

A local power solution is a natural for economic development within our community. It creates local jobs, such as customer service representatives, lineworkers, engineers, mechanics and administrators, and many more.

* Increased reliability of service

In the near-term and long-term, the focus is on delivering a reliable power supply. The connection is to customers in the community.

* Reduction of utility revenue leakage from local economy

Keeping revenues at home and for the benefit of local ratepayers.

**Exploration Process**

As the next steps are being determined, we will post information and updates on the NID website at nidwater.com. Be sure to sign up for news updates and newsletter while you are there.

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**Local Power … In the News**

**Sacramento Bee: Time to leave PG&E? Some Sacramento-area cities and counties explore ‘public power’**

The mayor of Rocklin has called for a study into whether the foothill suburb could gain control of PG&E’s infrastructure. The city of Lincoln is looking into the possibility of tapping into either Roseville Electric Utility or SMUD in Sacramento, both of which are locally controlled. <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article236407448.html>

**San Francisco CBS Local: San Francisco Offers $2.5 Billion to Buy PG&E Electricity Infrastructure**

In an effort to create a city-run electric utility in San Francisco, mayor London Breed and city attorney Dennis Herrera issued a statement Sunday outlining an offer to pay $2.5 billion to acquire Pacific Gas and Electric Co. power infrastructure serving the city.

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2019/09/08/san-francisco-offers-billions-buy-pge-electric-infrastructure/>

**Daily Democrat: Yolo County’s Valley Clean Energy makes bid for PG&E distribution assets**

Yolo County’s community power agency is making a $300 million bid to buy Pacific Gas & Electric’s line, poles and other distribution assets. Valley Clean Energy’s board of directors announced its efforts to acquire the bankrupt utility’s infrastructure within Yolo County believing it would provide a more efficient “and safe electrical system.”

<https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2019/10/19/yolo-countys-valley-clean-energy-makes-bid-for-pge-distribution-assets/>

**Manteca Bulletin: SSJID RENEWS $116M PG&E OFFER**

The $116 million offer — similar to one PG&E rejected in 2016 — was revalidated recently by an independent electrical system appraiser who determined it still represents fair market value for assets that are now three years older. <https://www.mantecabulletin.com/news/local-news/ssjid-renews-116m-pge-offer/>

**Assembly Bill No. 1054, Holden: Public utilities: wildfires and employee protection.**

This bill would establish the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board consisting of 7 members appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Committee on Rules, as provided, who would serve 4-year staggered terms. The bill would require the board, among other actions, to advise and make recommendations related to wildfire safety to the Wildfire Safety Division or, on and after July 1, 2021, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, as established pursuant to AB 111 or SB 111 of the 2019–20 Regular Session. <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1054>

**Assembly Bill No. 235, as amended, Mayes. Electrical corporations: wildfire victim recovery bonds**

This bill would, under specific circumstances, authorize the commission, upon application by an electrical corporation, to issue financing orders to support the issuance of wildfire victim recovery bonds by an electrical corporation or other financing entity to finance wildfire recovery costs, as provided. The bill would authorize the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to act as a financing entity for these purposes, for wildfire victim recovery bonds totaling not more than $20,000,000,000 at any one time. The bill would require the commission to enforce the provisions of a financing order against any financing entity, including a public financing entity, to the extent permitted by law, and for those purposes would authorize the commission to exercise all authority granted the commission with respect to a public utility by the California Constitution and the Public Utilities Act. <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB235&search_keywords=surity+bond>