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# Developing a Flexible, Regional Approach to Climate Resilience

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# PG&E's Mission, Vision and Culture

# **Our Mission**

To safely and reliably deliver affordable and clean energy to our customers and communities every single day, while building the energy network of tomorrow.

# Our Vision

With a sustainable energy future as our North Star, we will meet the challenge of climate change while providing affordable energy for all customers.

# **Our Culture**

We put safety first.

We are accountable. We act with integrity, transparency and humility.

We are here to serve our customers.

We embrace change, innovation and continuous improvement.

We value diversity and inclusion. We speak up, listen up and follow up.

We succeed through collaboration and partnership. We are one team.





# **Increasing Climate Resilience: Community Engagement**

- Governments, communities and organizations are showing increasing interest in climate resilience
- We are **all in this together**: no one entity is responsible (or can be responsible) for climate resilience
- We all must work in partnership in support of a Flexible, Regional Approach to Climate Resilience

#### **Legal Requirements**

California law (SB 379) requires all cities and counties to include climate adaptation and resiliency strategies in the safety elements of their revised general plans beginning January 1, 2017

#### **State Processes**

Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Council (PG&E is a Council member)

Regular updates to Cal-Adapt

#### Philanthropic Investments

Rockefeller Foundation's
Resilient By Design is investing
\$2.5 million this year in 10
resilience projects around the
San Francisco Bay Area (PG&E
is on the Research Advisory
Board)

#### **State Funding**

CEC funds climate resilience research and contributions to California's 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment

SB 1 provides \$20 million over 3 years in climate change adaptation planning grants geared at transportation







# **Summary of PG&E's Current Resilience Work**

- Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP) filing (November 2017)
- Climate Resilience Screening Tool in development to assess risks for large infrastructure projects
- Visualization maps to explore climate risk
- Better Together Resilient Communities Grant Program:
   \$1 million over five years in grants to support local initiatives to build greater climate resilience





- **Guide PG&E action** to reduce climate risk for the company, our employees, and our customers
- Improve understanding of potential risk to assets (e.g., from sea level rise and storm surge)
- Aid in communicating risk & resilience strategies across the company and with local stakeholders
- Inform system-wide management of climate change resilience planning
- Explore interactions across climate hazards, such as a prolonged heat wave in conjunction with extended drought



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