

## **HHIA - Utility Report for Meeting on 2017.10.16**

Main San Gabriel Key Water Well Level updates:

**Historic Low:** 172.20 ft. (As of 2016.10.07)

**Historic High:** 295.30 ft. on 1983.07.20 (Since entry of judgment in 1973)

**Current:** 183.20 ft. (As of 2017.10.06, 62% vs High (295.30 ft.).

### **Related link:**

<http://www.watermaster.org/>

## **Rowland Water District**

### **“Discover Your Adventure” with Rowland Water District**

Customers are invited to be part of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckboard Days Parade through the streets of Rowland Heights

For the 26<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Rowland Water District (RWD) will join the community and local businesses at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckboard Days parade. On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00 AM, the area’s youth groups, school bands, and community members will parade down Colima Road to “Discover their Adventure” and showcase their hard work and dedication.

“Every year we look forward to being a part of the parade as it brings the community together to celebrate our unique culture and local pride,” says RWD Board President Szu Pei Lu-Yang. “This year’s theme to ‘Discover Your Adventure’ goes hand in hand with the District’s new campaign #DiscoverRWD which highlights all of our new infrastructure, updates and community outreach events happening around the District.”

#DiscoverRWD allows Rowland Water to share its many success stories with the community. The District has made service improvements recently by bringing in cutting edge technology to the Automated Meter Reading System and continued with advanced water conservation efforts. The District has also hosted customer appreciation events and free landscape classes to assist customers with saving money and water while sprucing up their gardens. #DiscoverRWD is a great opportunity to connect directly with customers.

“Participation in Buckboard Days gives us a chance to meet our customers face to face and be engaged in their lives,” says RWD General Manager Tom Coleman. “The parade is an event where we can get together as a District and celebrate our accomplishments for the year.”

The parade ends with a free festival at Rowland Heights Community Park where RWD will launch a new promotional effort focused on sharing reliable and high-quality tap water. For more information regarding the annual Buckboard Days parade time, location and street closures, visit <http://buckboarddaysparade.org/>.

### **Related link:**

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/discover-your-adventure-with-rowland-water-district/>

## **The Metropolitan Water District**

**Sept.19, 2017**

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### **METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT FOLLOWING WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT VOTE ON CA WATERFIX PARTICIPATION**

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement following the Westlands Water District Board of Directors vote on California WaterFix:

"California WaterFix has long been envisioned as a partnership between urban water agencies and agriculture. It was clear that this would be a difficult vote for Westlands, as it is for us all. It's equally clear that actions must be taken to secure a reliable water supply for the state and to safeguard our economy. California must find a path forward from here that works for all of the partners."

**Sept. 27, 2017**

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### **METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT REGARDING BINATIONAL AGREEMENT ON COLORADO RIVER DELIVERIES, STORAGE**

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issued the following statement regarding the conclusion of Minute 323, the new binational water agreement between the United States and Mexico addressing Mexico's Colorado River deliveries and storage through 2026:

"Today's milestone continues the spirit of cooperation and collaboration forged among users of the Colorado River in both the United States and Mexico. This agreement carries on and augments the progress made under Minute 319 and recognizes that management of the Colorado River is most effective when the two countries jointly manage the river's available resources.

"Under the measures announced today, Metropolitan and the Imperial Irrigation District once again will join with agencies in Arizona and Nevada to provide critical funding for conservation projects in Mexico that will benefit both countries for the next decade. In exchange, the funding agencies will receive a portion of the water conserved that will be stored in Lake Mead to help meet future water supply needs, increase lake levels and help address long-term drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin."

**Oct. 5, 2017**

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### **GOV. BROWN MEETS WITH METROPOLITAN BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO IMPORTANT VOTE TO SUPPORT MODERNIZATION OF STATE WATER SYSTEM**

Heading into Metropolitan Water District's once-in-a-generation vote next week on a state-federal plan to modernize California's water system, Gov. Jerry Brown today addressed some members of the agency's board of directors about the importance of California WaterFix.

Gov. Brown informally met with a number of MWD directors at Metropolitan's Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant in Granada Hills in advance of the board's deliberation next Tuesday, Oct. 10 as to whether to support California WaterFix.

Gov. Brown's sentiments were echoed by Metropolitan Chairman Randy A. Record, who attended the meeting:

"I applaud Gov. Brown for his strong support of California WaterFix. We face water reliability challenges in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta we can't ignore such as the effects of climate change and a deteriorating environment harmful for fish."

At next Tuesday's meeting, Metropolitan's board will consider approving the district's 26 percent share of financing the California WaterFix project as well as moving forward on a governance structure to build and finance the about \$17 billion project.

About 30 percent of the water that flows out of taps in Southern California comes from Northern California via the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. But the Delta's delivery system is badly outdated, a problem compounded both by a declining ecosystem and 1,100-mile levee system that are increasingly vulnerable.

California WaterFix is a comprehensive solution proposed by state and federal agencies to ensure the state has a reliable water supply for many years to come. It would modernize the decades-old delivery system through the building of three new intakes in the northern Delta along with two tunnels to carry water to the existing aqueduct system in the southern Delta.

**Related link:**

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/newsroom/Media-Releases/Pages/default.aspx>

**SoCal Sends Love for Saving Water**

October 3, 2017 Los Angeles Magazine

Coinciding with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer of Love, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California took the opportunity to give voice to the love of water conservation in a new media campaign called "H2 Love Letters." From the perspective of butterflies, children, flowers and others, the message is a resounding "thanks for saving water" in appreciation for the continued water efficiency throughout the Southland. The fact is there will always be challenges to our water supply because of our climate. That's why water conservation in Southern California should be a year-round habit.

To help make that happen, Metropolitan has created [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com), the easy to use portal for tips on saving water in your home and yard. Available in English, Spanish and Chinese, the website offers videos that help you make water conservation a permanent part of your life, like a California Friendly garden of the month feature, online water-wise gardening classes and downloadable landscape maintenance guides. There are water-saving tips along with access to Metropolitan's rebates on an array of water-saving devices such as water-efficient sprinklers, washing machines, toilets and rain

barrels. Industrial and business customers have many rebates available as well. If we each do our part, we can make a difference—and keep the butterflies happy.

**Related link:**

<http://www.lamag.com/sponsored/socal-sends-love-saving-water/>

**Upper San Gabriel Water District**

Posted on October 6, 2017

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This is to inform you that the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)/Initial Study (IS). The Draft MND/IS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Indirect Reuse Replenishment Project (IRRP).

Public Review and Comment Period: The comment period for the Draft MND/IS begins on Monday, October 9, 2017. Responses should be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Copies of Draft MND/IS and appendices are available on Upper District's website: [www.upperdistrict.org](http://www.upperdistrict.org). Copies of the Draft MND/IS and all documents referenced in the Draft MND/IS are available for public review by appointment at the Upper District office, location listed below. Please contact Fran DeLach at the e-mail address listed below to set up an appointment. All comments must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or email. Please send your responses to:

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Public Hearing: A public hearing to consider the adoption of the Final MND will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. The hearing will be held in the Upper District Board Room located at Upper District's office.

The CEQA files to be posted on the website are too large to attach, but can be downloaded using the links below.

Initial Study/MND

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9bb3yVFAqVzZVZMRmo5dm1zQm8>

Initial Study Appendices

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9bb3yVFAqVzM1KT0hIRk1rYXM>

## **Southern California Gas**

### **SoCalGas Files 2019 General Rate Case with California Public Utilities Commission Rate Request Would Modernize and Upgrade Gas Infrastructure to Enhance Long-term Reliability and Safety**

LOS ANGELES—Oct. 6, 2017— [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) today filed its 2019 rate request with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The request is a detailed projection of what it will cost to dependably and safely deliver affordable natural gas to the company’s 21 million consumers from 2019 to 2022. The rate request would allow SoCalGas to modernize and upgrade its gas infrastructure to enhance long-term reliability and safety; attract and retain highly-trained, responsive employees who serve its customers; and support the growth of diverse energy options now and well into the future.

“Our 2019 rate proposal is focused on prudent investments that will enhance the safety and reliability of our system by modernizing and upgrading our infrastructure, support a top-notch workforce, and help maximize renewable energy options for our customers,” said Lisa Alexander, SoCalGas vice president for customer solutions. “We are committed to collaborating with customers and stakeholders during the rigorous review of this request, and working to keep bills as affordable as possible for every Southern California family and business we serve.”

If approved in its entirety by the CPUC, the critical investments proposed in this rate request would increase residential customer bills by about \$5.00 to \$7.50, on average, per month starting in 2019.

According to latest data available from the American Gas Association, in 2015, SoCalGas had the second-lowest average annual bill among the 50 largest gas utilities in the country, and natural gas continues to rank among the most affordable sources of energy. As a regulated utility, SoCalGas does not make a profit on gas delivered to its customers: the company works to cost-effectively buy, transport, store, and distribute natural gas, with savings benefiting customers directly.

More than 90 percent of Southern Californians use clean natural gas to heat their homes and water. In addition, because about 60 percent of electricity generated in California comes from natural gas-fired power plants, this clean fuel is also used to keep the lights on around the clock.

Under the request, natural gas remains the most efficient and affordable way to heat homes and water, as well as provide fuel for cooktops and other appliances. SoCalGas will continue to provide energy-efficient tools to empower customers to reduce their consumption and monthly bill, and look to control costs in its own business to keep service affordable.

The proposed rates include additional costs that will help SoCalGas continue to meet its commitment to delivering safe, clean, and reliable natural gas service to customers including:

- Approximately 60 percent would support modernization and upgrading critical infrastructure to enhance the reliability and safety of natural gas service.
- Roughly 30 percent would cover costs to attract and retain SoCalGas’ highly skilled workforce and includes cost reductions SoCalGas has achieved through measures such as improving the efficiency of employee training.
- The request also includes increased support for renewable energy and improvements to customer services and technology solutions.

SoCalGas' rate request would support the modernization and upgrading of critical infrastructure to enhance the reliability and safety of natural gas service, including upgrades to pipelines and compressor stations; modernization of pipeline and safety monitoring technology; increase testing and monitoring of more than 100,000 miles of pipeline and millions of meters; and upgrades to the company's gas leak detection and mitigation tools to enhance safety, increase efficiency, and improve environmental protections.

The rate request will also help maximize renewable energy and provide customers more energy options to power their homes and businesses. Reliable natural gas allows more solar and wind resources to come online, providing a crucial safety net to the electric grid when the wind isn't blowing or the sun isn't shining. SoCalGas' rate request will also support local California biogas projects that will help California meet its renewable energy goals and remove pollutants from the atmosphere.

SoCalGas' 2019 rate request **does not** include any costs associated with 2015 leak at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. In 2015, the CPUC ordered SoCalGas to exclude all costs related to the Aliso Canyon leak from this rate request.

### **What SoCalGas is doing to control costs and keep rates as low as possible**

Californians deserve a reasonable, transparent, and affordable price for the natural gas they use. That's why SoCalGas is always proactively working to find ways to make energy bills as affordable as possible for its customers. The company is cutting costs and improving efficiency to generate more than **\$120 million in savings for customers**. In addition, SoCalGas offers energy efficiency and assistance programs to help customers save energy and money. Since 1990, the company's energy efficiency and rebate programs have helped families and businesses save approximately \$672 million on their natural gas bills.

SoCalGas and other large investor-owned utilities in California file general rate case applications every three to four years. The CPUC oversees the proceedings, which include numerous regulatory and public hearings with testimony from ratepayer advocates, environmental groups, and others. The rate request process is scheduled to take at least 12-18 months.

More information about SoCalGas' rate request, may be found at [socalgas.com/rates](http://socalgas.com/rates).

#### **Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137359>

### **SoCalGas and Family HealthCare Network Team Up to Reduce Effects of Air Pollution for Children with Asthma in Kings and Tulare Counties**

[Utility Partners with Nonprofit Healthcare Provider to Distribute Air Purifiers to Kids with Asthma in Counties Most Affected by Air Pollution](#)

Oct 5, 2017

[Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) and [Family HealthCare Network](#) today announced that they are working together to give away air purifiers to children with asthma or severe allergies in Kings and Tulare Counties. SoCalGas provided 300 purifiers for the program, and Family HealthCare Network will distribute the units to eligible pediatric patients for free.

Family HealthCare Network patients may receive a purifier through a referral during a visit with their primary care provider. The purifiers can provide relief from asthma symptoms by removing airborne allergens and particulates and reducing odors.

“This program is one of many efforts SoCalGas supports to reduce air pollution and its effects on Californians, and to raise awareness about the role natural gas can play in cleaning our air,” said George Minter, regional vice president of external affairs and environmental strategy at SoCalGas. “We are also advocating for the state to support policies that put more clean natural gas and biogas trucks on the road. The simple switch to natural gas and biogas engines in heavy duty trucking would drastically and immediately improve air quality in communities along our freeways, improving the health of thousands of children who suffer from severe asthma and allergies, as well as addressing our climate change challenge.”

“We are grateful for the partnership with SoCalGas and the generous donation. Our patients will greatly benefit from the air purification units, in particular, children currently living with asthma,” said Kerry Hydash, president and CEO at Family HealthCare Network.

According to the American Lung Association’s “State of the Air 2017” report, Kings and Tulare Counties rank as the first and third, respectively, most polluted county by year-round particle pollution in the nation. Air pollution can worsen respiratory symptoms, and communities in heavy traffic areas like Kings and Tulare Counties, where high truck and car traffic can be found along Interstate 5 and Highway 99, are especially vulnerable. Using cleaner natural gas technology in heavy-duty trucks can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

In addition to donating air purifiers to help address the health issues of air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley, SoCalGas recently partnered with the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District to bring awareness to the trucking and truck dealership communities about the benefits associated with near-zero heavy duty natural gas trucks and state incentives to help offset the initial cost of purchasing these vehicles. This effort resulted in over 200 new applications for natural gas trucks.

Family HealthCare Network operates 23 locations throughout Kings and Tulare Counties, including 19 community health centers, that have served over 230,000 patients. Six percent of the organization’s patients have a diagnosis of a form of asthma. The air purifier distribution program launched last week and will continue until supplies lasts. For more information, please call 1-800-960-3426.

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137358>

**Industry Leaders to Share Expertise on Renewable Natural Gas Business Development  
SoCalGas, PG&E and Energy Vision to host "Power of Waste" conference today, a free one-day workshop on the role of renewable gas in the state's clean energy future**

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 5, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Leaders in the biogas and renewable gas industry will gather in Sacramento today to share their knowledge of this growing business. Utilities [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) and [Pacific Gas and Electric Company](#) (PG&E), along with national nonprofit organization [Energy Vision](#), will host the free one-day conference, called "The Power of Waste: Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) for California."

"The Power of Waste' workshop brings together experts in the field of sustainable energy and provides a valuable day of learning and conversation for anyone interested in becoming more knowledgeable about renewable gas opportunities, including the economic and policy landscape," said Lisa Alexander, vice president of customer solutions and communications at SoCalGas. "Renewable natural gas derived from organic sources like animal and plant waste is the next chapter as we look to maximize renewable sources of energy and, clean our air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

"RNG is one of the lowest carbon fuel sources available, and drastically cuts health-damaging pollutants like particulates and NOx," said Joanna Underwood, chair of Energy Vision. "Over its lifecycle, it cuts GHG emissions 80 percent or more compared to diesel, and is actually net-carbon-negative, according to the California Air Resources Board, when made from food waste. So the more RNG gets made and used, the more it can reduce overall carbon emissions. California has the greatest biogas potential of any state. A recent study by UC Davis estimates that the natural gas needs of around 2.4 million California homes could be fueled with RNG derived from the state's existing organic waste alone. We estimate California could produce enough RNG to replace 75 percent of its diesel road fuel consumption. In the workshop, we'll discuss practical ways to get there."

"Arguably one of the greatest steps the state could take to reduce methane emissions from the dairy sector, as well as from landfills and wastewater treatment facilities, is to incentivize or otherwise enable the development of renewable natural gas (RNG) production facilities at each site" said Johannes Escudero, chief executive officer at the Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas. "RNG projects capture and convert methane that would otherwise escape fugitively into the atmosphere as a super-pollutant that is many times more potent than carbon, and convert it for a positive end-use, including as a feedstock for renewable electricity or ultra-low carbon transportation fuel."

The conference will include panelists from state agencies discussing their efforts to reduce short-lived climate pollutants and increase renewable energy production. Renewable gas developers—including those producing gas from dairies as well as landfill-diverted organic waste facilities—will share insight into building successful projects. Additional speakers will review the latest technologies that upgrade biogas to biomethane or RNG which meets utility pipeline specifications.

Just like electricity, natural gas can be made from renewable sources. Already, 60 percent of the fuel used in natural gas vehicles in California is renewable, and SoCalGas expects that to increase to 90 percent by 2018. This can help reduce the need for other fossil-based fuels, and increase our supplies with a local renewable fuel.

Renewable gas project developers, government leadership, local and state agencies, facility operators, equipment vendors, utilities, academia and the media are invited to attend this no-cost workshop, which will take place at Capital Plaza Halls, Grand Ballroom, 1215 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 on Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137357>

## **Thousands More Mobile Home Park Residents to Benefit from New Natural Gas Infrastructure and Technology**

### California Public Utilities Commission authorizes SoCalGas to extend sought after Mobilehome Park Utility Upgrade Pilot Program

Sep 29, 2017

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29, 2017 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) today announced that it has received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to extend the Mobilehome Park (MHP) Utility Upgrade Pilot Program through December 31, 2019. In addition to the 10 percent of mobile home park spaces approved for conversion under the initial pilot program that began in 2014, SoCalGas will be authorized to convert another 5 percent of MHP spaces in its service territory to direct utility service through 2019.

Eighty-one percent of all mobile home parks throughout SoCalGas' territory applied to participate in the initial MHP Utility Upgrade Pilot Program. The extension of the program will provide enhanced safety and reliability through direct utility service to an additional 6,400 mobile homes in 65 parks throughout SoCalGas' territory. Mobile home park residents will also benefit from advanced meter technology and enhanced access to customer assistance and energy savings programs.

"The CPUC's decision to extend the MHP Utility Upgrade Program will allow thousands more mobile home park residents, many of whom are seniors, working families, and others with limited resources, to have direct utility service and peace of mind knowing that their natural gas system will be maintained by SoCalGas," said Gina Orozco-Mejia, SoCalGas' Vice President of Gas Operations. "We commend the CPUC for its leadership and commitment to safety."

"Throughout the thousands of mobile home park communities within the state, there are aging gas and electric utility systems in need of replacement. I cannot sufficiently emphasize how important this process has been for all parties involved – park owners, park residents, and the general public. All parties can now rest assured knowing that we are all safer and better off for this upgrade program and the good it has done," said Barron McLemore, owner and operator of multiple mobile home parks throughout Southern California. McLemore's Mt. Slover mobile home park in Colton was the first project in the state to be completed under the initial pilot program.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the MHP Utility Upgrade Program. Our staff and residents had a wonderful experience with the entire SoCalGas team," said Michele Cruz of J&H Asset Property Management, property manager of both Parque Mobile Estates and Cypress Gardens Mobile Home Park in Rialto. "From the account executive to the construction crew, the team was always available to answer questions and explain the process. We appreciate the enhanced safety and direct billing aspects of the program and are happy to know that mobile home parks will have the opportunity to reap similar benefits."

In March of 2014, the CPUC approved a voluntary, statewide, 3-year pilot program offering mobile home park owners the opportunity to replace their parks' energy distribution system with a new, professionally installed natural gas distribution system, which includes the installation and use of advanced meter technology. With advanced meters, mobile home park residents will have access to their hourly natural gas usage on a next-day basis that can enable them to better manage their gas usage and save money. New SoCalGas customers will now also be able to set up their own "My Account" to view and pay their bill online, schedule service, and/or sign up for paperless billing.

For more information about the Mobilehome Park Utility Upgrade Program, please visit <https://www.socalgas.com/stay-safe/safety-and-prevention/mobilehome-park-utility-upgrade-program>.

**Related link:**

<https://sempira.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137354>

**Traffic Advisory: Interstate 405 On-Ramp and Off-Ramp at Moraga Drive Closed and Lane Reductions on North Sepulveda Boulevard at Moraga Drive in Los Angeles September 23-24 Crews are expected to work in area several weekends through the end of this year**

Sep 22, 2017

Project is part of a multi-billion-dollar safety enhancement program

**WHAT:** On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., SoCalGas will be performing a pipeline improvement project on North Sepulveda Boulevard at the Moraga Drive on-ramp and off-ramp for Interstate 405 in Los Angeles. Crews are expected to work on the natural gas pipeline during several weekends through the end of 2017.

To perform this pipeline improvement project safely, Interstate 405 on-ramp and off-ramp at Moraga Drive will be closed to traffic. Northbound and southbound traffic on North Sepulveda Boulevard will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Westbound traffic on Moraga Drive will not be able to make a left turn onto southbound Sepulveda Boulevard. However, traffic will be able to make a right turn onto northbound Sepulveda Boulevard. Traffic control officers and signs will help direct the flow of traffic.

No interruption to natural gas service is anticipated.

Customers may smell the odor of natural gas. Although this is normal when crews are working, SoCalGas encourages anyone who has concerns about the smell of gas to call us from a safe location at 1-800-427-2200. SoCalGas is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**WHERE:** North Sepulveda Boulevard, at the Moraga Drive on-ramp and off-ramp for Interstate 405 in Los Angeles, CA, as shown in this [link](#).

**WHEN:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24, 2017

**NOTE:** This effort is part of SoCalGas Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP), a multi-billion-dollar program that tests and updates the natural gas pipeline infrastructure in Southern California. SoCalGas' five-year capital plan includes \$6 billion in infrastructure investments, including approximately \$1.2 billion this year for improvements to distribution, transmission and storage systems and for pipeline safety.

**PUBLIC CONTACT:** Customers with questions or concerns about the construction work may call SoCalGas' Customer Contact Center 24-hours a day, seven-days a week at 800-427-2200. Our top priorities are to work safely and to provide the communities we serve with safe and reliable natural gas service.

For further information: MEDIA CONTACT: 24-Hour Media Hotline: 213-244-2442

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137353>

**SoCalGas, Common Ground Alliance Hold Mock Gas Line Digging Accident to Demonstrate Importance of Calling 811 Before Excavation Work and Following Safe Digging Procedures  
Simulated natural gas line damage incident brings attention to importance of proper procedures during any home or commercial excavation project.**

Sep 19, 2017

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—September 19, 2017—[Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) and the [California Regional Common Ground Alliance](#) held a mock utility line strike for a crowd of about 175 participants, simulating what can happen when contractors or homeowners either fail to call [811](#) to have utility lines marked before any home or commercial digging project, or fail to follow recommended procedures during the excavation. Photos of the event are available [here](#).

Event organizers enacted a fictitious event portraying a fire that occurs when workers strike a marked natural gas line. The exercise highlighted CARCGA's recommendation that excavators hand dig all the way to the depth of their excavation.

“Last year, there were more than 3,000 cases of damage to SoCalGas' natural gas lines caused by dig-in accidents, and sixty percent of this damage was caused by residents and contractors who failed to call 811 before digging,” said Phillip Prevost, SoCalGas gas operations field supervisor. “Once lines are marked, it's also important to follow more than protocols and procedures recommended by Common Ground Alliance to avoid digging in to unmarked lines or other hazards. Following these safety recommendations can prevent 99 percent of accidents.”

“Hitting a pipeline while digging, planting, or demolition work can not only cause property damage and loss of utility service, it can also cause serious injury,” said Marshall Johnson, AT&T area manager cable damage prevention & compliance and chairperson of California Regional Common Ground Alliance. “This is an important public safety issue, and we want to educate homeowners and contractors of the importance of calling 811 to have utilities marked before any project involving excavation.”

Tony Marino, Executive Officer of California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board, delivered today's keynote address, and also urged the audience, comprised mostly of excavators, contractors, and utility operators, to follow safety recommendations carefully.

Other guest speakers included California Assemblyman Vince Fong, Sunil Shori from the California Public Utilities Commission, and Executive Director of USA North 811 James Wingate.

[811](#) is the national phone number designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that connects professionals and homeowners who plan to dig with a local call center. The call center collects information about the planned dig site, then informs the appropriate utility companies, which then send professional utility locating technicians to identify and mark the approximate location of lines.

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137350>

**Southern California Edison****What is the California Climate Credit?****A Message from the California Public Utilities Commission**

This month\* your utility bill will include a credit identified as the "California Climate Credit." Your household and millions of others throughout the state will receive this credit on your utility bills.

The California Climate Credit is part of California's efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from a state program that requires power plants and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits. The credit on your bill is your share of the payments from the State's program.

The Climate Credit is one of many programs resulting from landmark legislation called the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Together, these programs are cutting pollution, creating jobs, and investing in cleaner energy and transportation. Your Climate Credit is designed to help you join in these efforts.

Visit [www.energyupgradeca.org/the-movement/](http://www.energyupgradeca.org/the-movement/) to learn about more energy-saving actions you can take.

For more information about the Climate Credit, visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit/). For more information about climate change science and programs to reduce carbon pollution, visit [www.climatechange.ca.gov](http://www.climatechange.ca.gov).

**Apply Now to Reap the Rewards of \$1.2 Million Edison Scholars Program****October 04, 2017**

ROSEMEAD, Calif., Oct. 4, 2017 — High school seniors whose dream is to make a difference in the world by majoring in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) are invited to apply for Edison International's \$1.2 million [\*\*Edison Scholars Program\*\*](#).

Edison International, the parent company of Southern California Edison, is awarding \$40,000 scholarships, paid over four years, to 30 high school students planning to major in STEM fields at four-year accredited U.S. colleges and universities. Scholarship applications are now being accepted through Dec. 1.

Applicants must live in [\*\*SCE's service territory\*\*](#) and plan to be a full-time undergraduate student majoring in one of the following STEM fields: mathematics, engineering, computer and information services, management information systems, natural resources and conservation and physical sciences. Eligible students must also be a high school senior, have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and

demonstrate financial need. Students from underserved communities and ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply. Dependents of Edison International and SCE employees and retirees are not eligible for the Edison Scholars Program.

“Our Edison Scholars Program invests in students with big dreams to help pay for their college studies in STEM,” said Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International. “They will be leaders at their colleges and universities, and in their communities, and we hope that they may someday join our Edison team as future interns and employees.”

To apply and get additional eligibility information, visit: [edisonscholars.com](https://edisonscholars.com).

Scholarship recipients will be announced next spring. They may also be [eligible for summer internships](#) at SCE after completing their second year of college.

Since 2006, Edison International has awarded more than \$7.5 million in scholarships to 580 students' higher education through the Edison Scholars Program.

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