

# Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)



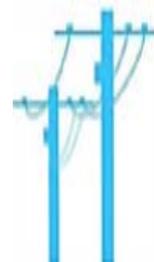
## Coastside County Water District

### What You Need to Know to be Ready

PG&E may make the decision to turn off electricity due to extreme weather conditions to prevent starting a fire. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff or PSPS. PG&E will alert the general public along with public agencies that extreme fire conditions exist in the region and it is possible that within the next 24 to 48 hours that power will be turned off for the region.

#### Extreme Fire Danger Conditions

- Red Flag Warnings
- Low Humidity
- Dry Conditions
- High Winds and Wind Gusts
- High Fuel Loads (dry vegetation)



Coastside County Water District (District) relies on power from PG&E to operate water treatment plants, pump stations and other facilities. In a power outage, the District will rely on a back-up generator to keep the Nunes Water Treatment Plant operating. The extent of the power outage and the duration of the power outage are two critical factors for the District when it comes to planning for a shutoff. Each power outage is different.

#### What the District is Doing to Prepare for Public Safety Power Shutoffs

- ⊗ Working with PG&E to streamline notifications, so we can prepare.
- ⊗ Planning the installation of permanent generators at the Denniston Water Treatment Plant.
- ⊗ Filling storage tanks to capacity, once notified of the PSPS.
- ⊗ Monitoring the weather closely to help with preparations.

# What can you do?

Minimize your total water usage during a power outage to leave as much water as possible in the District's treated water storage tanks for firefighting.

1. Turn off your irrigation system at your master irrigation control valve. Some irrigation controllers have a battery back-up.
2. Avoid washing vehicles and equipment.
3. Reduce indoor water use.

## Keep Your Account Information Current

Having accurate emails and phone numbers for our customers is critical during emergencies. We will contact customers to let them know of emergency conditions and actions that we are requesting. Please contact the District to update your information or verify that we have the correct information.

[650] 726-4405 | [customerservice@coastsidewater.org](mailto:customerservice@coastsidewater.org)

If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for the **San Mateo County Alert System** to receive notifications regarding emergency conditions and instructions on what to do during an emergency.

<https://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcaert>

Visit the District's website to learn more about emergency preparedness.

<http://www.coastsidewater.org/emergency-preparedness.html>

## Keep an Emergency Water Supply for a Minimum of 3 Days

Store a minimum of one gallon of water per day for each person. Don't forget to store enough water for your pets too!



## Is there a well on your property?

If you are not on the public water system and you rely on a well or surface water for your drinking water, you will need to consider installing a generator.



## Does your neighbor rely on a well for water?

Sharing water with your neighbor is not allowed unless you have permission from Coastside County Water District, even on a temporary basis.

Although your intentions are good, depending on how you provide the water to your neighbor, you can create conditions that could result in contamination of the water system and contribute to the depletion of our stored water for fighting fires.