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Nevada City Department of Public Works
317 Broad Street
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RE: PG&E Tree Removal Permit Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Jefferson Resource Company, contracted by PG&E, has identified trees that are deemed to be a significant public safety hazard and should be removed as proposed within the scope of this utility work. Each tree that has been signed up for removal has been inspected by an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. The certified arborists on staff are Alyson Stubbendick WE-12637A and Brian Hoy WE-12836A.

These trees exhibit defects including structural deformities, disease, and/or overhanging limbs or heavy lean and meet the definition of a danger tree ("hazard tree") in accordance with the Forest Practice Rules (14 CCR 895.1) pursuant to CA PRC 4292 and PRC 4293.

Danger Tree means any tree located on or adjacent to a utility right-of-way or facility that could damage utility facilities should it fall where: the tree leans toward the right-of-way, or (2) the tree is defective because of any cause, such as: heart or root rot, shallow roots, excavation, bad crotch, dead or with dead top, deformity, cracks or splits, or any other reason that could result in the tree or a main lateral of the tree falling. See Chapter VII, *Hazardous Tree Identification, Powerline Fire Prevention Field Guide-1977*, A Joint Publication of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alyson Stubbendick
ISA Certified Arborist WE-12637A

CC: Joanne Drummond, Pacific Gas & Electric