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PROPOSED TEMPORARY DEBRIS STORAGE AND REDUCTION OPERATION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Project name: Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction Operation (TDSR)

Applicant's name: Golder and Associates, on Behalf of Phillips and Jordan (under contract with PG&E)

Property owner's name: Christopher E. Stookey

Property address: 3269 East Westfall Road, Mariposa; APN 015-030-0110 (intersection of East Westfall Road and Triangle Road)

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 9 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of a resolution approving a short term log storage, sorting and reduction operation (also referred to as a "Temporary Debris Sorting and Reduction Operation" or "TDSR") on APN 015-030-011, 3269 East Westfall Road. This action is proposed in response to public needs. This action will authorize an operation, where dead tree material from off-site properties can be taken, sorted, stockpiled, chipped and ultimately removed for commercial purposes. This action is critical to address potential local impacts resulting from the current and on-going tree mortality disaster, including increased risk of catastrophic wildfires, life safety risks from falling trees, property loss risks from falling trees and the threat of erosion across watersheds. Based on current recovery efforts for the disaster, PG&E, Caltrans, Mariposa County and property owners are removing significant quantities of dead timber from their properties or rights-of-way. The removal is to protect infrastructure, utilities and residential improvements, and for public safety.

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) recently contracted with Phillips and Jordan (P&J), a nationally recognized disaster response and recovery firm, to assist in local response and recovery efforts related to removal and disposal of downed trees along utility transmission lines. P&J will be working in surrounding counties as well, including Tuolumne and Madera counties. According to their website, P&J has supported response and recovery efforts for many federal, state, and local governments and agencies across the United States following virtually every federally declared disaster over the past 30 years.

P&J has identified the project site parcel, APN 015-030-011, located at 3269 East Westfall Road (intersection of Triangle Road and East Westfall Road), as being adequate to meet needs for a short term (18 to 24 month) TDSR operation. The parcel is 216 acres in size, has an existing encroachment off of East Westfall Road, and has good topographic characteristics (resulting in little

need for grading activities to accommodate the use). P&J representatives have negotiated with the property owner, Christopher Stookey TR regarding the proposal, and they are authorized to submit this proposal on the owner's behalf. The site was also chosen for its central location. For efficiency purposes and to reduce haul distance and haul times, this facility is proposed to be located near the source of the material. The project site will be able to serve an area of local rural communities especially hard hit by the disaster, including Ponderosa Basin, Lushmeadows, Triangle Road, Usona, Jerseydale, and Miami Mountain.

While P&J is contracting directly with PG&E, it is anticipated that P&J may also accommodate other agency and private property owner needs for removal and disposal of downed trees.

This matter requires Board authorization and a finding that the operation serves a public need.

Public Meeting: This item is scheduled as a regular agenda item and will be considered at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible on August 16, 2016.

The meeting agenda and packet (with detailed information regarding the proposal) will be available on Thursday afternoon, August 11. <http://mariposacountyca.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx?>

Meeting Location: Mariposa County Government Center (upper floor)
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa California

You are receiving this courtesy notice because you own property within 2,500 feet of the subject property or are a potentially affected agency.

Written comments may be made and submitted to the Board of Supervisors up to, and including, the discussion time for this item at the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 16, 2016. You may submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 784 Mariposa CA 95338 or via e-mail to rlarocche@mariposacounty.org

Input (verbal testimony) may also be made to the Board of Supervisors when this item is discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 16, 2016.

A copy of the proposal and packet is also available from Mariposa Planning, (209) 966-5151 or on-line at www.mariposacounty.org/planning

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Vicinity Map
Site Plan

