



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

## News Release

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### PG&E POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PG&E will be replacing their existing power poles on Walnut Street and S. Franklin Street (from north of Chestnut to south of Walnut) beginning on March 21, 2022. They will start by placing a new “buddy pole” adjacent to the old pole. They will then move their equipment from the old pole to the new pole. Once the equipment has been relocated they will cut the top off of the old pole. After completion of the relocation process, PG&E will need to cut the power long enough to activate the equipment onto the new poles. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) allows for one hundred and twenty (120) days, or about four (4) months, to complete the pole replacement process.

Once PG&E has completed their portion of the work, AT&T and Comcast will come in and move their equipment. The CPUC allows them sixty (60) days to perform their portion of the work. After all of the equipment has been relocated, AT&T will remove the old poles and repair the sidewalk.

PG&E will be notifying residents within the project areas in advance of their activities. The tentative schedule for the PG&E portion of the pole work is as follows:

- March 21 – move in and set up
- March 22-24 – poles along Walnut, from S. Franklin to Grove
- March 28-April 1 – pole on Walnut at alley across from Walnut Apartments, poles along the alley
- April 4-15 – PG&E will be working on other jobs
- April 18-22 – poles on S. Franklin, north of Chestnut and south of Walnut
- April 25-29 – poles on S. Franklin, between Chestnut and Walnut
- May 2-5 – PG&E will be working on other jobs
- May 9-13 – Walnut, in front of Safeway

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this activity may cause and appreciate the patience of all residents and others driving or walking in the vicinity. We would like to remind drivers to be very cautious in the work zones, and please use alternate roadways or sidewalks where possible, or avoid the area altogether while the work is in progress.



# PG&E Joint Pole Replacement Overview and Timelines

PG&E and Other Utility (OU) companies' procedures and timelines for pole maintenance are governed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Northern California Joint Pole Association's (NCJPA). The following is an overview of the joint pole replacement process for PG&E and OU companies.

FAQ

**How long is the process to replace a pole?**  
The end-to-end process requires complex collaboration between PG&E and OU companies that use PG&E poles. PG&E's construction process for each pole is typically completed within one calendar day. Once PG&E completes its portion of work, the process is triggered for the OU to complete its work, which may take up to 120 calendar days.

**Who oversees the process?**  
PG&E implements a robust quality assurance program to ensure construction is completed on time and correctly. In addition, utility companies are regulated by the CPUC so that all adhere to the approved process.

**Why are there two poles next to each other after PG&E has finished construction?**  
Old poles need to be removed and replaced by new PG&E poles. During this process, there is a period when the old pole or part of the old pole is left next to the new pole. In most cases, OUs are responsible for removing the old pole based on the types of poles outlined below. Two poles next to each other are sometimes referred to as "buddy poles" or "dual poles."

KEY

- PG&E Owned Pole with No Tenant
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## POLE TYPES AND REPLACEMENT PROCESS



**Pole Type #1:**  
Solely-owned PG&E Pole with No Tenant  
**Process:**  
• PGE fieldwork can be typically completed within one calendar day for each pole.



**Pole Type #2:**  
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**Pole Type #3:**  
Jointly-owned pole between PG&E and an OU  
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• Regulatory guidelines permit PG&E to send notification to the OU within 60 calendar days.  
• Regulatory guidelines allow the OU to complete their portion of fieldwork within 60 calendar days

## POLE REPLACEMENT TIMEFRAME

ORGANIZATIONS	POLE TYPE	UP TO 120 DAYS		
		UP TO ONE CALENDAR DAY OF CONSTRUCTION PER POLE	UP TO 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF PROCESSING	UP TO 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF CONSTRUCTION
PG&E	Pole Type #1 Solely Owned by PG&E with <u>No</u> Tenant	PG&E works on its portion of pole replacement	N/A	N/A
	Pole Type #2 Solely Owned by PG&E with Tenant	PG&E works on its portion of pole replacement	N/A	N/A
	Pole Type #3 Jointly Owned by PG&E and OU	PG&E works on its portion of pole replacement	PG&E Field Crew has up to 30 days to load documents to system	PG&E Back Office has 30 days to process and notify the OU
Other Utility (OU)				OU is required to complete its fieldwork

Questions regarding this information should be directed to Diane O'Connor, Assistant City Engineer, at [doconnor@fortbragg.com](mailto:doconnor@fortbragg.com).



# CIUDAD DE FORT BRAGG

## Comunicado de Prensa

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18 de marzo 2022

**PARA ENTREGA INMEDIATA**

### PROYECTO DE REEMPLAZO DE POSTES DE PG&E

PG&E reemplazará sus postes de energía por la Walnut Street y S. Franklin Street (desde el norte de Chestnut hasta el sur de Walnut) a partir del 21 de marzo 2022. Equipos de trabajo comenzarán colocando un poste nuevo junto al poste anterior, luego, moverán su equipo del poste viejo al poste nuevo. Una vez que se haya reubicado el equipo, cortarán la parte superior del poste viejo. Después de completar el proceso de reubicación, el servicio de energía será cortado por el tiempo suficiente para activar el equipo a los nuevos postes. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de California (CPUC) permite ciento veinte (120) días, o alrededor de cuatro (4) meses, para completar el proceso de reemplazo de postes.

Una vez que PG&E haya completado su parte del trabajo, AT&T y Comcast vendrán y trasladarán sus unidades. La CPUC les otorga sesenta (60) días para realizar su parte del trabajo. Una vez que se haya reubicado todo el equipo y unidades, AT&T removerá los postes viejos y reparará la acera.

PG&E notificará a los residentes en las áreas de trabajo antes de sus actividades. El cronograma tentativo de PG&E para el trabajo es el siguiente:

- 21 de marzo: mudarse e instalarse
- 22 al 24 de marzo: postes a lo largo de Walnut, desde S. Franklin hasta Grove
- 28 de marzo al 1 de abril: poste por la Walnut en el callejón frente a Walnut Apartments, postes a lo largo del callejón
- 4 al 15 de abril: PG&E trabajará en otros trabajos
- 18 al 22 de abril: postes por la S. Franklin, al norte de Chestnut y al sur de Walnut
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Nos disculpamos de antemano por cualquier inconveniente que esta actividad pueda causar y agradecemos la paciencia de todos los residentes y otras personas que conducen o caminan en los alrededores. Nos gustaría recordar a los conductores que sean muy cautelosos en las zonas de trabajo y que usen caminos o aceras alternativas cuando sea posible, o eviten el área por completo mientras el trabajo está en progreso.

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