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Dear Honorable Supervisors and County Staff,

Bear Yuba Land Trust is very concerned about the PG&E project located at the corner of Adam Avenue and Rough & Ready Highway in Grass Valley, within County jurisdiction. Proper notification to the public and information about the project impacts were not clearly communicated and has resulted in destruction of part of the land known as Hell's Half Acre that was mostly zoned as open space due to its unique ecological and cultural resources.

On July 23, 2023 a wildfire (Newtown Incident) broke out at an unhoused transient camp directly across the road from the PG&E project. At the time, multiple natural gas tankers were parked on the PG&E property with no fire protection (which was promised to the community) on site. On a recent call with PG&E staff, local organizations, and County representatives PG&E indicated they didn't even know the fire had occurred.

PG&E has dismissed all environmental protocols to properly assess this land before they clear cut the 14 acres and bulldozed the vernal pools, cultural resources, and sensitive plants, all which are located at the headwaters of Squirrel Creek. Although PG&E has been meeting with local organizations and County officials 2 times each month no meaningful progress has been made and we remain very concerned for the impact this project will have on Yuba River Charter School, neighbors, and the environment. PG&E will not release any information related to nesting bird surveys, vernal pool surveys, cultural resource surveys, or plant surveys they say were completed before work began. No adequate safety plan indicating protections for the community or neighbors has been released, although this has been requested for months.

We remain very concerned, on multiple levels, about the actions of PG&E in our community and the disregard for environmental and cultural protections. We greatly appreciate the attention that Supervisor Swarhout and Supervisor Hall have put on this issue as we continue to push for restoration with local experts and voluntary mitigation to protect the remaining Hell's Half Acre property.

Sincerely,

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