



# San Carlos News Release

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## **PG&E Update on Natural Gas Line 147**

April 5, 2016 – San Carlos, CA – Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to resume its inline inspection of Natural Gas Line 147 soon along the entire length of the line; from Commercial Street to Edgewood Road in San Carlos. The inspection is needed to verify the integrity of the line and to determine if it is safe to operate.

The inspection is targeted to commence in mid-April and continue for three weeks, weather permitting. The inspection involves sending an advanced inspection device, known as a “Smart Pig” through the pipeline. The Smart Pig is equipped with sensors to allow engineers to analyze the interior of the pipeline and its associated components. The work has been postponed a number of times due to PG&E finding pipe conditions that would not allow the inspection tools to pass through the line. Over this past weekend, work was completed to remove and replace two sections of pipe that pass under the Pulgas Creek culverts under Old County Road, which had conditions that the inspection tools could not navigate.

Commercial Street at Old County Road will be closed for the duration of the inline inspection work. PG&E trucks and crews will be parked at various locations along Brittan Avenue to monitor the progress. If any additional sections of the pipe are found to have imperfections during the inspection process, crews may need to excavate and repair them. No

interruptions to gas service are anticipated, but if they occur, PG&E will contact customers right away.

The operating pressure of Line 147 is currently less than 125 pounds per square inch gauge (psig). During the inspection work, it will be raised to a maximum of 330 psig to enable the Smart Pig to perform its analysis. Once the testing phase is complete, the line will be returned to the reduced pressure of 125 psig while the data is analyzed and results reviewed by PG&E and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The CPUC will then consider the future operating pressure of the line.

Mayor Cameron Johnson stated, “It has been over two and a half years since the City was informed that PG&E didn’t have complete records concerning Line 147, putting its safety into question. The City of San Carlos continues to urge PG&E’s efforts to determine if the line is safe to operate, including the repair work and inline inspection. We are encouraged that progress has been made and the inspection work is finally about to commence. The results will be available for review a few months after the inspection is complete, and we look forward to putting our concerns to rest after all this time.”