

DATE: November 14, 2018

TO: Debra Robinson ZONING HEARING OFFICER SECRETARY

FROM: Liesje Nicolas, President Highlands Community Association
Laurel Nagel, President, Baywood Park Homeowners Association

RE: Pacific Gas & Electric
Applicant: MODUS
File No.: PLN 2018-00071 and PLN 2018-00079
Planner Laura Richstone

Dear Ms. Robinson:

We are writing to object to the lack of notification regarding a recent Notice of Permit hearing. The fact that we only received relevant information two days before the hearing violates our due process rights.

We are asking you to postpone the November 15, 2018 hearing until the community has an opportunity to understand the permit request and respond.

To explain, last week, we received the attached notice of permit hearing, stating that a hearing would be held on November 15 regarding consideration of 2 use permits to install new wireless telecommunications facilities on existing joint utility poles. There was no further information attached to these notices, nor on the county website, to know what the applicant is specifically proposing. A neighbor contacted planner Laura Richstone, who advised on November 6 that the documents would be available "[within the next day or two \(apologies for the delay\)](#)".

Area community associations have previously been routinely contacted for input and assistance far ahead of the permit hearings so potential plan proposal can be reviewed in detail in meeting(s) in the community after work hours when most residents can be available. This process has always facilitated the cooperative efforts being made for evaluating such key concerns as visual impact, fire hazard, safety, alternative sites. Your notice bypasses the usual process for review of such proposals and is held in such a way as to minimize useful community input.

Your notice states that "Applications Deemed Complete: September 24, 2018." However, as of November 6th, 2018, there was no information available to know what the applicant is specifically proposing. This situation and lack of community participation which was established long ago puts our area communities in the position of having to firmly OPPOSE this permit at this time.

We are gravely concerned about the precedents this lack of due process and opaque, rather than fully transparent proposal, threatens to set for our area.

Please provide us with confirmation of a continuance, pending having the applicant meet with residents in the respective communities for a proper review of the proposal, with no date set for Permit Hearing, until this is complete.

Please respond by close of business today.

cc Dave Pine, President San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor for San Mateo County District One
Dylan Ashbrook, HCA Vice President
Pamela Merkadeau