



County Administrator's Office

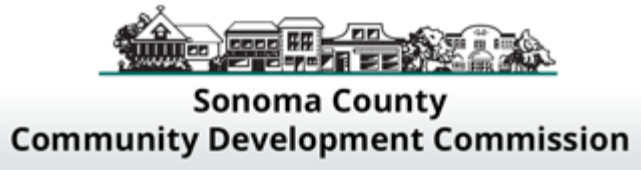
PG&E Settlement Funds



October 6, 2020

Agenda

1. Background
2. Community Input
3. PG&E Settlement Funds Allocated
4. Expenditure Plan Discussion



**Sonoma Valley
Sanitation District**



PG&E Litigation and Settlement

- Sonoma County entities initiated litigation against PG&E for damages related to the 2017 Fires
- Damages assessment for litigation purposes resulted in an **estimated loss of \$244.3M**
- Settlement amount of **\$149.3M approved** in June 2020

Category of Losses	Total	% of Total
Damages to County/Agency Assets	\$111.5M	45.7%
Future Lost Revenue and Staff Time	\$86.0M	35.2%
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$26.8M	11.0%
Miscellaneous Losses	\$20.0M	8.2%
Total Damages	\$244.3M	100%



PG&E Settlement Allocation

- Board preliminary discussion on August 11, 2020
- Considerations
 - Settlement funds allocated at the Board's discretion
 - Recovery and Resiliency Framework and Top 10 Projects
 - County's Draft Five-year Strategic Plan
 - Impacts to County infrastructure from recent disasters
 - Community Input

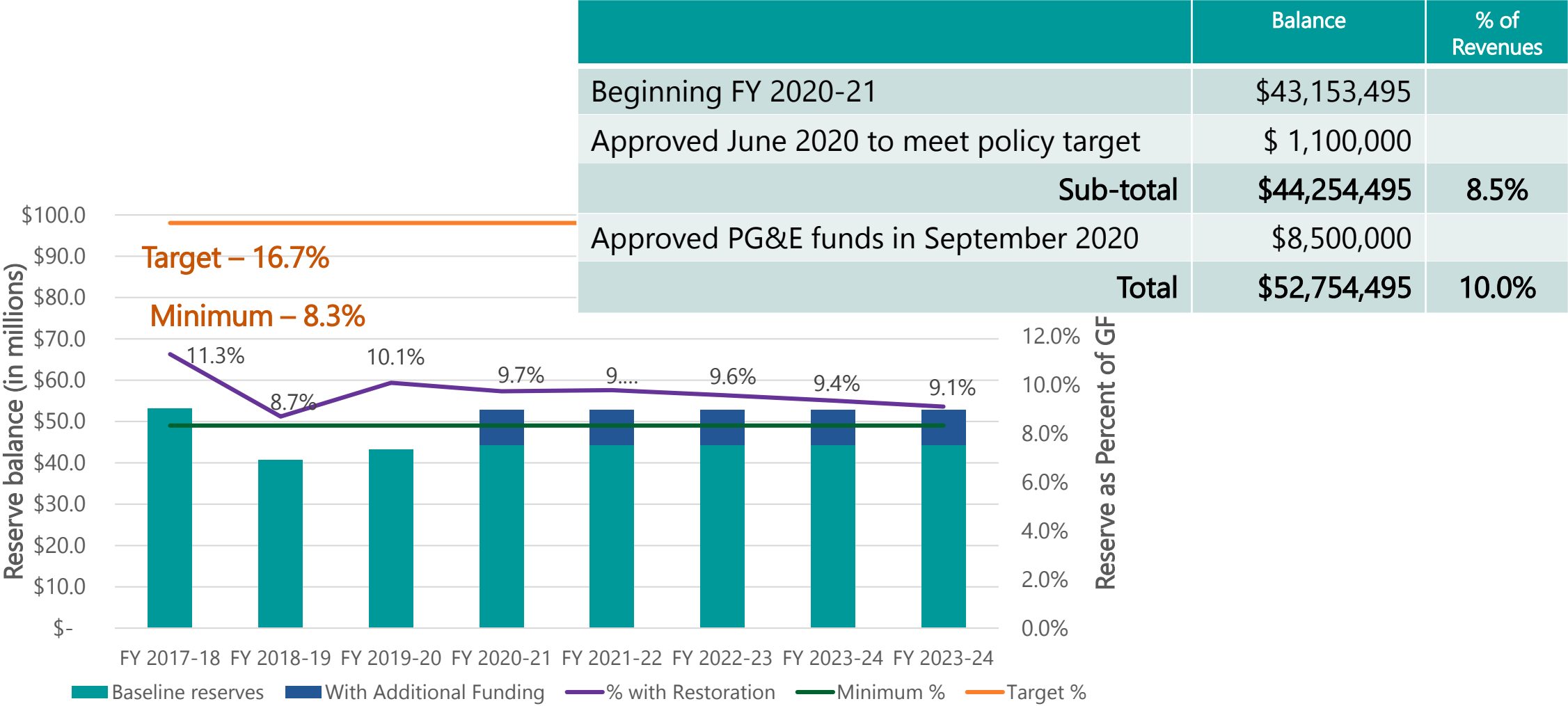


PG&E Settlement Funds Allocated

- Board allocated \$26.8M from PG&E Settlement funds during September budget hearings including:
 - \$2.5M – Fire prevention and emergency response
 - \$9.9M – Fund three years of critical staffing needs
 - \$1.2M - Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency (ACCESS)
 - \$8.5M - Restore Reserve funds used for 2017 Wildfire response



General Fund Reserves



Community Input

- Emails to PGECCommunityInput@sonoma-county.org
- Survey responses
- Letters to Board Chair and County Administrator



Community Emailed Input

- **355** emails to PGECCommunityInput@sonoma-county.org
 - About 50 community organization/groups (Attachment A)
- Top five categories
 - **Road** repair (20%)
 - **Vegetation management**, including forest management, maintenance of County properties, and defensible space around homes (20%)
 - **Public safety**, including volunteer fire organizations (20%)
 - Housing and/or **rental assistance** programs (15%)
 - **Alert and warning systems** and **community preparedness** (15%)



Community Survey

- 1,600 average # of responses to survey questions
 - Survey links posted to County social media sites
 - Sent to 85 community-based organizations, including Latinx non-profit organizations and immigrant and labor groups
 - Shared with block captain groups
 - 60% of respondents lost homes in 2017 Fires (English), 21% (Spanish)



Community Survey Responses

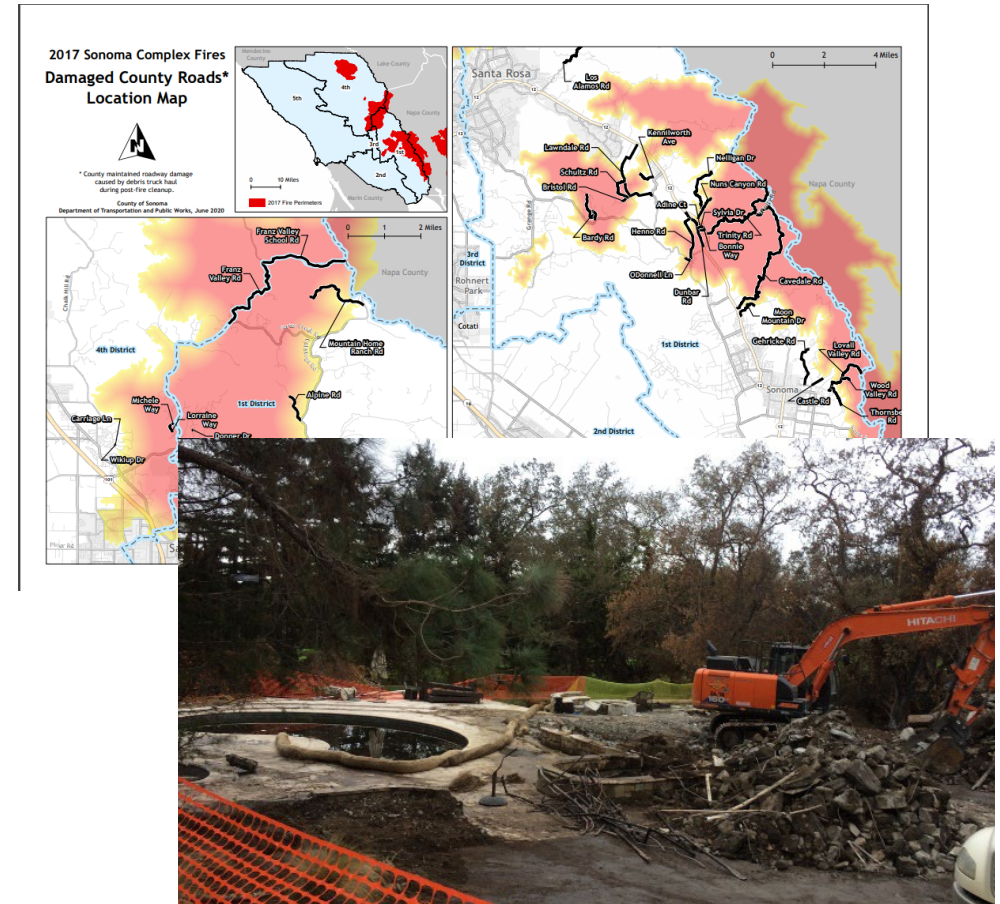
- Which three areas should the County prioritize as it decides how to allocate PG&E settlement funds?
- 17 categories listed

Rank	English (1,618 respondents)	Spanish (29 respondents)
1	Vegetation Management 46%	Financial Assistance 55%
	Alert and Warning Systems 41%	Affordable Housing 45%
	Road Repair 32%	Broadband/Internet 28%
	Affordable Housing 22%	Community Preparedness 24%
	Community Preparedness 20%	Alert and Warning Systems 21%



Damaged Roads

- 2017 wildfires damaged 32 County roads
- Burned tree removal on private property and public right of way
- Culvert replacement
- \$4M in non-reimbursable expenses



Recovery and Resiliency Framework

- Board approved December 2018
- County long-term vision for a resilient future
- Countywide Community Engagement
- 275 proposed actions
- Grant-funded projects (FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, CalFIRE)
- Many unfunded projects



Recovery and Resiliency Framework

Top 10 Priority Projects

- Establish a comprehensive **Alert and Warning System**.
- **Work with the community** to identify hazards, risks, mitigation strategies, including **evacuation routes**.
- Facilitate **construction hardening techniques** appropriate for wildfire urban interfaces and **seismic retrofits for rebuilding** and for existing homes through education and grant programs.
- Work with private utility providers on solutions related to **hardening infrastructure** and on coping with destroyed utilities in a disaster, including **undergrounding** where appropriate and necessary.



Recovery and Resiliency Framework

Top 10 Priority Projects (cont'd.)

- Help property owners navigate **vegetation management** opportunities through partnership with Fire Safe Sonoma and similar programs.
- Continue to advocate for substantive changes to **insurance regulations**.
- Engage the **Community to raise Awareness** about how to prepare and plan ahead for disasters.
- **Expedited Permitting** for homeowners who are rebuilding.
- **Enhance the 2-1-1 System**.
- **Develop a One-Stop Shop Resource Center**.



County Draft 5-Year Strategic Plan

Pillars

- Healthy and Safe Communities
- Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Organizational Excellence
- Climate Action and Resiliency
- Resilient Infrastructure

Ensure FW remains relevant
Engage w/ community
Collaborate
ensure ~~summit~~ recovery
on 2027 ~~is~~ fulfilled and that
community is more resili
by Collaborating + Coord
to implement FW



PG&E Settlement Allocation Expenditure Plan

Public Comment and Discussion

