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To the Citizens and Businesses of Solvang:

The City of Solvang received the following storm notice from PG&E. As usual, the City of Solvang provides sand at the City Hall parking lot.

A major winter storm and atmospheric river will impact the entire PG&E territory later this afternoon through early Friday with gusty south winds, significant mountain snow and prolonged periods of moderate to heavy rain. Rainfall amounts through Friday morning are predicted to range from 1 – 3” across lower elevations to around 4 – 8” over higher terrain. The front is expected to stall over the Central Coast for some time on Wednesday and into Thursday, when it will deliver the heaviest rains and winds.

Unplanned power outages are expected to occur due to the predicted weather conditions. Please know that PG&E will be opening our Operations Emergency Center to support this winter storm event. We will be utilizing our Mobile Command Vehicles (MCVs) to improve response and restoration at the most heavily hit areas. Crews are also being called up and the company is staging equipment and supplies.

To provide you with information about the upcoming storm, please visit the [PG&E Weather Center](#). Once outages occur, you can report and monitor outages and restoration efforts at the [PG&E Outage Website](#). I invite you to share these websites with your constituents if they make inquiries to you.

In the meantime, please take steps now to stay safe in the event of a power outage:

- *Keep a battery-operated flashlight and radio within easy reach. Ensure those items are always accessible and that your batteries are fresh. Listen for updates on storm conditions and power outages.*
- *Use safer LED candles. Wax candles are not recommended.*
- *Plan for another way to communicate. Don't depend on a phone that requires electricity to communicate. Keep a standard handset or mobile phone ready as a backup.*
- *Store water-filled plastic containers in your freezer. You can use them as blocks of ice to prevent food from spoiling in your refrigerator.*

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• *Stay away from downed power lines or fallen trees/limbs that may have lines in them that are hard to see. If you see downed lines, keep others away and call 911 or 1-800-743-5000.*

Please stay safe.

Xenia Bradford, City Manager