

The Monterey Peninsula is my hometown. It's a beautiful part of the Central Coast. The need for electric capacity is significant, as there have been so many innovations in businesses, the electrification of our vehicles, of the services for our green energy. And the lead properties that the Monterey Peninsula boasts is significant reliability, stability, increasing in capacity are all welcome additions to our area.

Today, we're stringing overhead conductors, and then we'll tie those into the switches and then down to our high-voltage circuit breakers. The work that we've been doing here at Monterey Substation is replacing all of the old equipment with newer, updated equipment.

So we had to demo all of the existing facilities. We removed all the equipment, all the foundation, and it will add enough capacity to roughly 7,500 homes.

We are doing something that is called a cutover, which is changing the distribution voltage from 4 kV to 21 kV. And what that means is an increase in the capacity. And pretty much, just think about it like turning a two-lane freeway to a six-lane freeway. We're trying to increase capacity in the freeway. More cars are allowed. In this case, more power is going to be allowed.

Customers here have been suffering from power outages during storms or high fire seasons. So this substation should reduce outages by about 50%.

This will increase their reliability throughout the Monterey area and allow the community to grow and upgrade in the future.

This is what we need for our future generations, for the services we rely on and enjoy. And so just understanding that it's really ultimately going to improve the lives of almost everyone here is a huge boon to our area.

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