

## PG&E - Marketing & Communications | PG&E Mega Bundling Project in San Luis Obispo County

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Today, we're located east of Santa Margarita. And so our crews today have mobilized for a two-day operation for the Templeton 2113 megabundling effort. Megabundling is a process and a concept. And what we do is large volumes of tag works is identified. That work, instead of looked at individually, is looked at as an entire project. And so we do that on a circuit-based approach. And then we break the work into smaller bundles.

When we make a bundle work, we see a cost reduction of about 20%. And from an outage perspective, we're seeing a 50% reduction in outages for our customers. The biggest advantage is really the upfront planning. And so the crews spent the last eight weeks-- they've identified all the work that needs to be done. And they strategically plan to do this work over the next two days.

Today, we're replacing 15 poles, utilizing six different crews, and replacing the infrastructure through these poles. A lot of them are hard access. And we're going to have to use a helicopter and bringing in tools, men, equipment, material to these locations.

It's a little nerve-wracking. You got the wind blowing. Rocks might be flying. You got to have your PPE. It's a little adrenaline pump. But there still is work to do at the end of it when you get there. So doing things safely, succinctly, and efficiently is important as well.

Customer satisfaction has been a huge benefit and improvement for megabundling. We're allowed to go in and do the right work at the right time to minimize the impacts to safety. It's a cost reduction, and then the outage impact. So we're only going to impact the customers over the two days instead of multiple days or weeks.

I think this project will create more reliability for our grid in the county and allow families to have continuous power without interruption. From a wildfire perspective, PG&E is doing everything it can to make sure that we live in a safe community. And that's why I'm really excited about the way that they're going to be bundling these different programs together to reduce the number of wildfires in all of San Luis Obispo County.

We're able to go in and complete more work over a shorter period of time. It's the way for us to work smarter and more efficiently. And our customers benefit directly from this.

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