

My family has been here for almost 40 years. We love it. We call it home. The most recent fire here was in 2020, the Glass Fire. The fire had gone throughout our entire property. We lost some buildings. We lost some land, forests, vineyards. The damage was just unreal. I'm a man that believes in action. I love to see mitigation work actually on the ground, boots on the ground. And this undergrounding is a step in the positive direction. So I'm all for improving, adapting, and making things better and stronger.

We have 47 miles of underground lines planned to be completed in this year in Napa County. And 30 of those lines are in and around the Angwin area, which is where we are today.

On this job, we're using the Mastenbroek Bulldog, which is a trencher from France, and the slinger truck. Both of those machines have streamlined our production and in most cases double-- sometimes triple-- the production in one day. The Bulldog trencher, it trenches just as fast as some of the other machines, but it keeps it cleaner, loads into the trucks. The crews are able to stay right behind that thing as it goes.

The slinger truck brings in our backfill material. It puts it in smoother, more efficient so we can run harder and longer throughout the day because they're not having to physically level that material out in the ditch. It's laying it right in there perfectly and ready to go. On a typical day with this setup here, it knocks about a day off of our duration, which saves us about \$40,000 a day.

We're really committed to innovation. And so we're consistently looking at New technologies. This is one of them. When we underground our electric lines, we are nearly eliminating wildfire risk in that area. That's huge for our customers. That's keeping them safe. When we think about the cost to our customers, about \$1.50 of their bill is being used for undergrounding lines.

I think it's always tough when it hits your wallet. But if I could have given \$1.50 a day to never go through that, I would. It makes us stronger. It makes us more resilient. To avoid future losses is priceless.