

PG&E - Marketing & Communications | PG&E 2024 Innovation Summit Welcome and Kickoff

Please welcome Vice President South Bay and Coast Region PG&E Teresa Alvarado and Editor in Chief, Distributech, John Engel.

Good morning. Good morning, everyone. Thank you so much for being here. Again, I'm Teresa Alvarado. I'm the Vice President for the South Bay and Central Coast for PG&E, and welcome to my hometown of San Jose.

Like every PG&E meeting, we always start with safety. So let's take a moment to review our safety assignments here in the room. We've identified individuals who will be responsible for all of these items. Take a look around at the exits so you know for those of you in the room, where to go in the event of an emergency. And for those of you at home, please take a moment to reflect on your surroundings. Make sure you're in a safe place and you have a plan for someone to find you if you need help.

So today, we're here to explore collaborations. We're here in San Jose because some of the most innovative and impactful companies in the world are based in this city and county. So today is about exploring what we can do together to solve the challenges that are being faced by these companies, which have a large energy footprint as they scale AI. So today, again, is about solutions, strategies to enable that growth. John.

Yeah. And I'm John Engel. I'm the Editor in Chief of Distributech. So Distributech is the largest transmission and distribution event in North America. And as you see, Distributech 2025 will be in Dallas, Texas. So we hope you join us. Registration is now open. Our educational program is there, and lots of PG&E all over that educational conference program. So please do sign up for updates on our website. And you'll see we are sharing with you for the first time the launch of DTech data centers and AI. That will be coming in May 2025, and we'll have more information on that very soon. And then DTech Midwest, July 14 through the 16th in Minneapolis, and DTech Northeast will be in October.

First of all, I just really want to Thank PGA for letting us collaborate on this really important innovation summit. And when Quinn called me, I think while he was driving in the car five months ago--

We don't do that at PG&E.

While parked. While parked. While parked at a safe location. He said, I had just pulled off. This is our last partnership on the innovation-- it's a natural fit. PG&E is one of the most innovative utilities in the country, and Distributech with our scale and our reach on the conference side. We're just so happy to be a part of this.

And I did want to provide some framing as we get started here. So I come to you from Asheville, North Carolina, which as many of you know, was devastated by Hurricane Helene just six weeks ago. And while this is very fun to talk about AI and software and technology-- that all matters, it's important-- But I want you all to keep in mind the human impact of the conversations you're having the investments you're making, they matter. They are important.

Avoided outage minutes means life saved. Cleaner air means lives saved. Affordable electricity saves lives. So please, as we talk about all this excitement, know that, too, you are making an impact and PG&E is really leading the way in setting a great example of collaboration and transparency. So thank you for having us.

Thank you, John. That's really wonderful. We did send hundreds of crews out to Georgia and Florida after the recent hurricane. So I'm glad the community is rebounding.

We appreciate it, trust me.

Yeah, thank you.