



Town of Paradise Planning Director/Noise Control Office Meeting Agenda 2:00 PM – October 15, 2026

Doug LaMalfa Town Council Chambers – 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA

Management Staff:

Susan Hartman, Community Development Director

Melanie Elvis, Town Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2a.** Approve minutes from the August 25, 2026 Planning Director/Noise Control Office meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3a.** **PG&E NOISE VARIANCE (PL-VAR-26-0011) APPLICATION:** Noise Control Office consideration of an official Noise Variance for nighttime trench stabilization and restoration work along Pentz Rd. The project involves stabilizing settling trenches on the upper half of Pentz Rd between Paradisewood Dr and Dean Rd. Due to the impacted area necessitating a full road closure, night-time construction during any combination of hours, including, but not limited to, after seven p.m. and before six a.m. is proposed. The proposed noise variance would be in effect starting October 19, 2026 and ending no later than November 30, 2026.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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COUNTY OF BUTTE)	
I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the Town of Paradise in the Town Clerk's Department and that I posted this Agenda on the bulletin Board both inside and outside of Town Hall on the following date:	

TOWN/ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SIGNATURE	



Town of Paradise Planning Director/Noise Control Office Meeting Minutes 2:00 PM – August 25, 2026

Doug LaMalfa Town of Paradise Council Chamber – 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Community Development/Planning Director Susan Hartman called the August 25, 2026, Planning Director/Noise Control Office meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Community Development/Planning Director Susan Hartman approved the Minutes from the Planning Director/Noise Variance Officer meeting of June 15, 2026.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3a. Community Development/Planning Director Susan Hartman provided an overview of West Valley Construction's Noise Variance Application, which, if approved, would allow the replacement of the water main in Neal Road between Skyway and Roe Road. Work is proposed to be performed during any combination of hours, including, but not limited to, after seven p.m. and before six a.m. The proposed noise variance would be in effect starting August 26, 2026 and ending no later than September 1, 2027.

Community Development/Planning Director Susan Hartman opened the public hearing at 2:02 p.m.

1. West Valley Construction's Omar Garcia shared that Paradise Irrigation District still needed to approve the final plans, so work would most likely not commence until late September/early October.

Community Development/Planning Director Susan Hartman closed the public hearing at 2:02 p.m.

Community Development/Planning Director Susan Hartman approved Noise Variance Application subject to the General Conditions as stated below:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Nighttime heavy equipment construction activities within 800' of 3735 Neal Rd

(Theater on the Ridge), with the potential to be audible within the theater, shall not begin until 10:00 p.m. on nights when there is a show scheduled. Their schedule can be checked online at <https://www.totr.org/blank-3>.

2. Construction activities shall not be conducted on Sundays or holidays without prior written approval from the Planning Director.
3. The nighttime construction activities shall be limited to the period between August 26, 2026 and September 1, 2027.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Community Development/Planning Susan Hartman adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Date Approved:

By:

ATTEST:

Susan Hartman, Community Development Director

Melanie Elvis, Town Clerk

M E M O R A N D U M

AGENDA NO. 3(a)

TO: File

FROM: Susan Hartman, Community Development/Planning Director

SUBJECT: Noise Variance public hearing for PG&E nighttime utility trench stabilization and restoration work along Pentz Rd, between Paradisewood Dr and Dean Rd, starting October 19, 2026 and ending no later than November 30, 2026

DATE: October 9, 2026

BACKGROUND:

An application has been received by PG&E requesting Town approval of a noise variance that will allow nighttime utility trench stabilization and restoration work to be performed along upper Pentz Rd, between Paradisewood Dr and Dean Rd, starting October 19, 2026 and ending no later than November 30, 2026. Work would be performed during any combination of hours, including, but not limited to, after seven p.m. and before six a.m.

Between October and November 2026, PG&E will be stabilizing settling utility trenches along the upper half of Pentz Rd. Due to the impacted area necessitating a full road closure, night-time construction is proposed to alleviate the impact to the daytime traveling public and nearby schools. Nightwork could occur during any combination of hours, including, but not limited to, after 7:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m. and would except Sundays and holidays unless prior written approval was granted by the Town.

In accordance with Chapter 9.18 – *Noise Control* of the Paradise Municipal Code, notices were sent to surrounding landowners within 300' of the upper Pentz Rd, corridor between Paradisewood Dr and Dean Rd, at least 10-days prior to the scheduled public hearing. At time of agenda publication, no public comments have been received.

ANALYSIS:

The justification for the contingency nighttime noise variance includes the following:

- Less impact on the traveling public (3,200 average daily vehicles)
- Safer conditions for construction workers
- Keeps the project on schedule when unforeseen circumstances arise

ANALYSIS CONCLUSION:

Based upon Article VII of Chapter 9.18 – *Noise Control*, staff is recommending approval of the

requested noise variance as the work is necessary as part of the Town's recovery from the Camp Fire and the proposed nightwork provides for the most expeditious completion of the work while minimizing traffic control impacts subject to the following findings and conditions of approval:

REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

1. The requested noise variance is necessary and justified because there will be less impact upon the traveling public, increased safety for construction workers, and will keep the project on schedule.
2. The requested noise variance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15324 (Class 24).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Construction activities shall not be conducted on Sundays or holidays without prior written approval from the Planning Director.
2. Nighttime construction activities shall be limited to the period between October 19, 2026 and November 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the findings for approval and project conditions as provided by staff and approve the PG&E noise variance.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED PG&E NOISE VARIANCE

1. Copy of the notice sent to surrounding property owners of public hearing for the proposed noise variance.
2. Mailing list of property owners notified of the public hearing.
3. Notice of Exemption prepared for the PG&E noise variance.

**TOWN OF PARADISE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Noise Control Office that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA, regarding the following matter:

a. Noise Variance Consideration for Nighttime Construction Activity

PARADISE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.18 – NOISE CONTROL

PG&E is proposing an official Noise Variance be considered for nighttime trench stabilization and restoration work along Pentz Rd. The project involves stabilizing settling trenches on the upper half of Pentz Rd between Paradisewood Dr and Dean Rd. Due to the impacted area necessitating a full road closure, night-time construction during any combination of hours, including, but not limited to, after seven p.m. and before six a.m. is proposed.

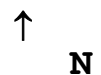
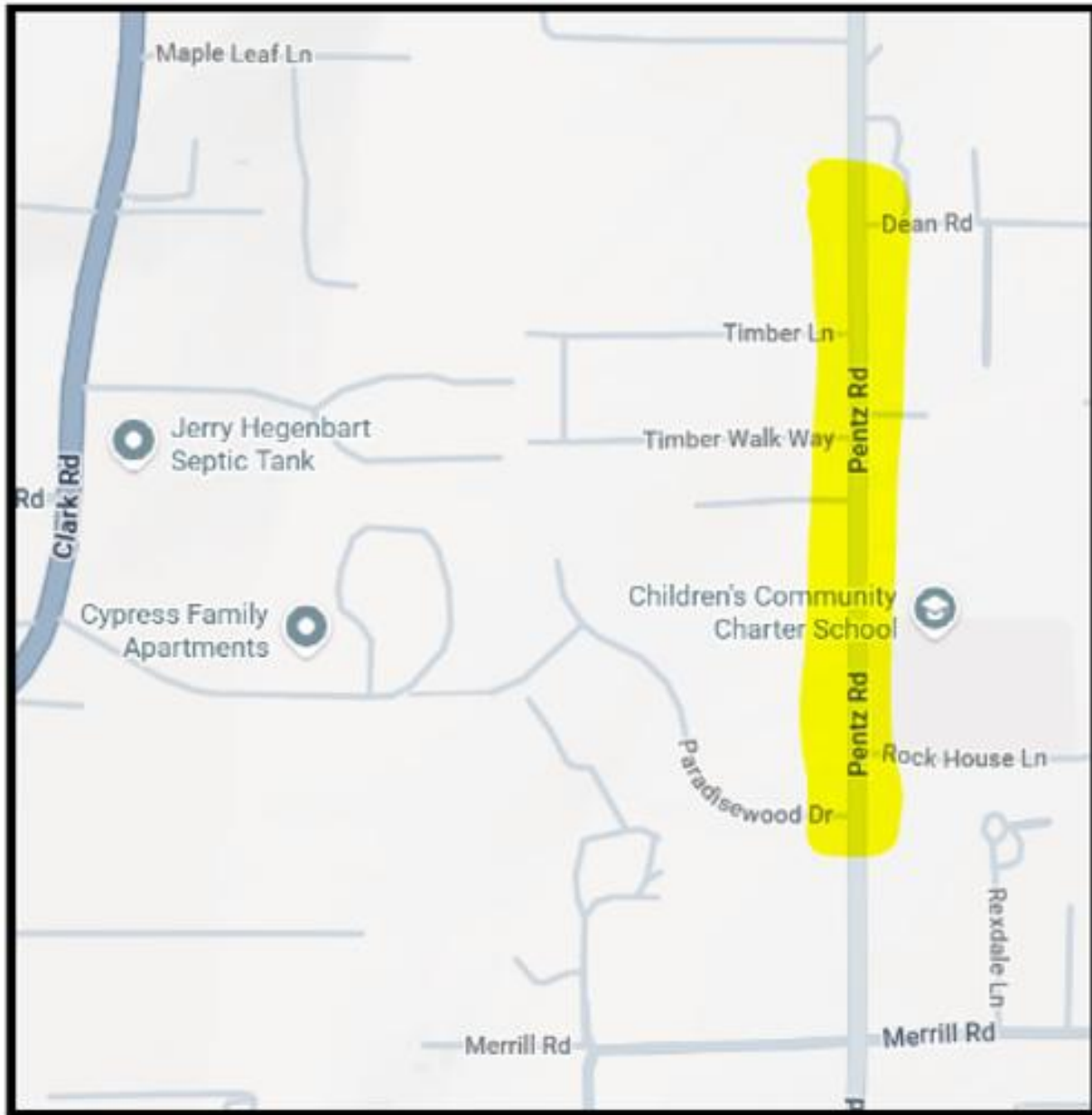
Justification for the contingency night work noise variance includes the following:

- (1) Less impact to the traveling public (3,200 average daily vehicles)
- (2) Safer conditions for construction workers in high-volume areas
- (3) Keeps the project within schedule so as not to prolong the impact on daytime traffic

The proposed contingency noise variance would be in effect starting October 19, 2026, and ending no later than November 30, 2026.

For further information please contact PG&E's Senior Outreach Specialist, Nick Tovar, at (530) 433-3442.

SUSAN HARTMAN
Community Development Director



APPLICANT: PG&E

OWNER: Town of Paradise (roadway)

Pentz Rd (Dean Rd to Paradisewood Dr)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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NOISE VARIANCE NO. PL-VAR-26-0011

MEETING DATE: 10/15/2026

050-220-047-000	3186 KENSINGTON DR, EL DORADO HILLS CA 95762
050-082-065-000	5837 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-220-135-000	6808 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-120-143-000	6221 CLARK RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-120-120-000	6901 FARBER LN, PARADISE CA 95969
050-220-049-000	207 S WHITE CLOUD CR, HENDERSON NV 89074
050-082-105-000	PO BOX 3342, PARADISE CA 95967
050-120-144-000	480 CRESTWOOD DR, PARADISE CA 95969
050-220-126-000	6830 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-082-112-000	PO BOX 397, PARADISE CA 95967
050-082-088-000	3471 NORTH SIERRA WAY, SAN BERNARDINO CA 91205
050-082-090-000	2315 HILLSDIE DR, EUREKA CA 95501
050-120-119-000	35685 VIVIAN WAY, YUCAIPA CA 92399
050-450-008-000	6705 BELLEVIEW DR, PARADISE CA 95969
050-120-050-000	6930 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-120-146-000	117 CHINOOK LN, ONALASKA WA 98570
050-450-002-000	7419 N 93RD LOOP, CAMAS WA 98607
050-140-170-000	6845 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-082-061-000	6127 CLARK RD STE 100, PARADISE CA 95969
050-140-163-000	PO BOX 2495, PARADISE CA 95967
050-120-061-000	303 POTRERO ST #2, SANTA CRUZ CA 95060
050-140-080-000	4341 BRIDGEWATER PL, STOCKTON CA 95219
050-082-091-000	4975 FAIRWOOD CIR, YORBA LINDA CA 92887
050-120-103-000	3427 TODD STREET, MADERA CA 93637
050-082-111-000	1710 TIMBER WALK WAY, PARADISE CA 95969
050-450-003-000	6129 DALTON WAY, MAGALIA CA 95954
050-140-026-000	44063 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT CA 94538
050-082-087-000	964 E 16TH ST UNIT 1, CHICO CA 95928
050-450-007-000	7514 MINNESOTA DR, CITRUS HEIGHTS CA 95610
050-120-102-000	9604 TRENTON WAY, STOCKTON CA 95212
050-120-145-000	5919 106TH AVE CT E SPC 155, PUYALLUP WA 98372
050-120-124-000	11 DWINDLE CT, ALAMEDA CA 94502
050-220-136-000	9139 ESQUON RD, DURHAM CA 95938
050-120-126-000	2085 E BAYSHORE RD STE 51501, PALO ALTO CA 94303
050-120-053-000	6920 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-450-021-000	1669 PARADISEWOOD DR, PARADISE CA 95969
050-220-134-000	1713 AVONDALE DR, ROSEVILLE CA 95747
050-082-079-000	PO BOX 795, PARADISE CA 95967
050-450-023-000	8024 SPARROW COVE PL, SACRAMENTO CA 95829
050-082-089-000	#9 2311 P ST, SACRAMENTO CA 95816
050-220-051-000	6799 REXDALE LN, PARADISE CA 95969
050-082-060-000	1020 KINDIG DR, PARADISE CA 95969
050-140-171-000	8229 LEWIS AVE, ANTELOPE CA 95843

050-220-046-000	1956 TEHAMA AVE, OROVILLE CA 95965
050-220-050-000	283 BURDEN TER, PARADISE CA 95969
050-220-019-000	11069 ECHO CANYON DR, COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80908
050-120-169-000	6952 PENTZ RD, PARADISE CA 95969
050-082-062-000	PO BOX 812, PARADISE CA 95969
050-450-001-000	1698 PARADISEWOOD DR, PARADISE CA 95969

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: File

From: Town of Paradise, Development Services Department,
Planning Division, 6295 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

Project Title: PG&E Butte Rebuild – Pentz Rd PH 1 Project

Project Applicant: PG&E

Project Location: Pentz Rd between Paradisewood Dr and Dean Rd

Project Description: Noise variance to allow construction to stabilize settling utility trenches between the hours of 7:00 pm and 6:00 am

Approving Public Agency: Town of Paradise

**Person or Agency
Carrying Out Project:** PG&E

Exempt Status:
☐ Ministerial (Section 15268)
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269)
☐ General Rul Exemption (Section 15061)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Section 15324 Class 24

Reason for Exemption: Regulation of work hours.

Contact Person: Susan Hartman, Planning Director
(530) 872-6291 x424

Signature: 

Date: 10/09/2026