

Purchase of Portable Generators

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Background

- PG&E Public Safety
 Power Shutoff (PSPS)
 program initiated in
 2019
- District rented 29
 portable generators +
 SGTP generator for
 2020 wildfire season



PSPS Preparation and Response

- Deploy handful of portable generators to critical pump stations
- Shuttle remaining portable generators on pump station routes



Portable Generators

- Towable by District staff
- Remote starters
- Diesel fuel
 - EPA Tier 4 Final Emission Standard (most stringent)
 - High efficiency per gallon
 - Reliable, durable
 - Refueling by District staff



Emergency Response

Ownership improves response capability to emergencies:

- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Storm Events
- Power outages (beyond PSPS)



Grove Hill Pump Station and Forbes Reservoir San Rafael

Renting vs. Purchasing Portable Generators

• Cost-effective over equipment lifespan:

Generator	Annual Rental	Purchase	Simple Break
Capacity	Cost per unit	Price per unit	Even [Years]
56 kW	\$17,200	\$53 <i>,</i> 800	3.1
100 kW	\$25,800	\$70,700	2.7
200 kW	\$38,300	\$116,500	3.1

System Reliability and Resiliency

- Permanent Generators:
 - Install at critical pump stations and facilities
- District-owned Portable Generators:
 - Maximize flexibility in response and cost-effective
- Rental Portable Generators:
 - Supplement District-owned fleet in responding to system-wide power outages

Next Steps

- Purchase 14 Multiquip portable generators for \$946,264 through Sourcewell contract
- Continue to monitor PG&E's progress to minimize outage impacts
- Evaluate need to rent additional portable generators 2021 wildfire season



Mine Ridge Pump Station Mill Valley