

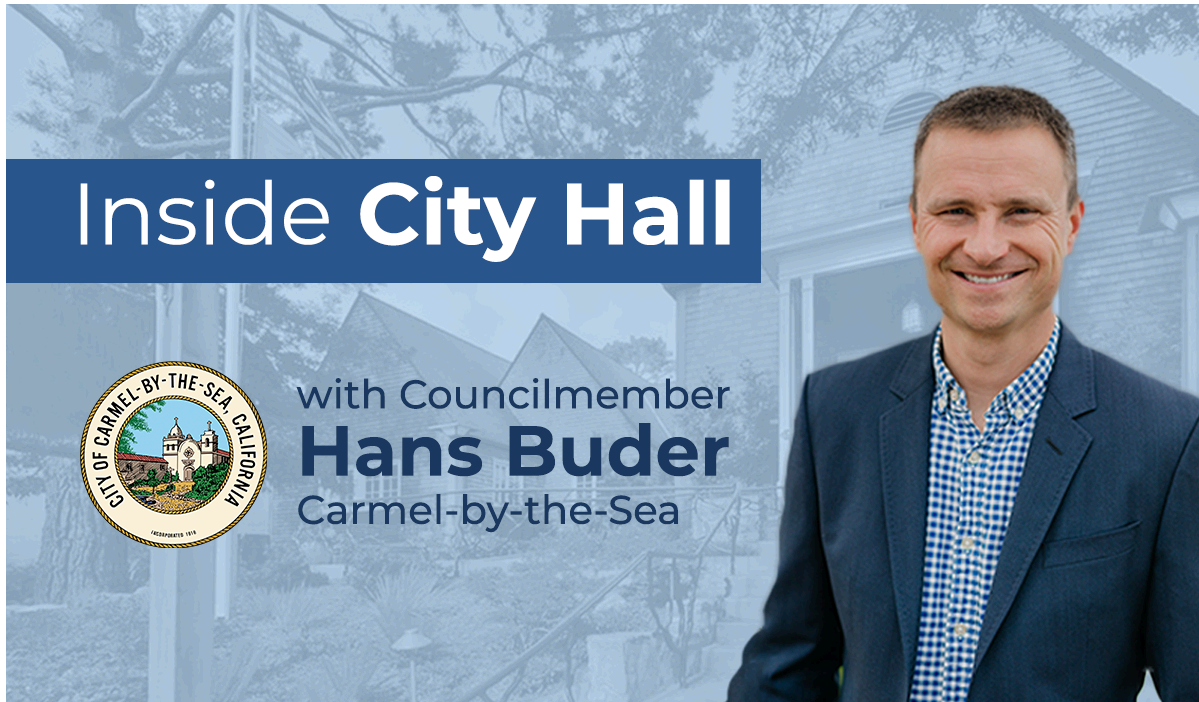


## PG&E says power to be restored tonight

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Dear neighbors,

About an hour ago I met with Jason Regan. He's the VP at PG&E who's responsible for power lines throughout the entire state of California, and he's here in Carmel today overseeing operations. He's been on the ground since early this morning, and after visiting sites throughout Carmel, here's what he told me:

- **Power will be restored to the main circuit for Carmel-by-the-Sea by 11pm tonight, likely earlier in some places**, as PG&E will be re-energizing subsections of the village as repairs allow. (Apparently some sections of Carmel Woods have now regained power.)
- The Hatton circuit in Carmel (east of Highway 1, including the Crossroads) will have power restored by 6pm.
- There are 15 "work locations" on our circuit here in Carmel (PG&E calls it the "Viejo" circuit) and there are 12 crews working on those locations.
- A big part of the problem is that the "main line" that comes in off of Highway 1 and cuts east-west toward Second Ave was impacted in multiple locations, including a large section at Second and Dolores. This main line apparently feeds the entire Carmel circuit. Here's a [link to a video my interview with Mr. Regan](#) in which we discuss the role of the main line.
- I asked Mr. Regan to come back after the storm with other PG&E executives to do a postmortem, to face our residents and answer our hard questions, and to discuss how we can enhance the reliability of our power grid. For example, while undergrounding the entire village would be extremely expensive, at a minimum we should prioritize undergrounding the "main line" if it serves as a single point of failure for the entire village.

For additional color, please click the button below to watch a YouTube video of my extended conversation with Mr. Regan. I apologize for the poor audio quality.

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Best,



City Councilmember, Carmel-by-the-Sea

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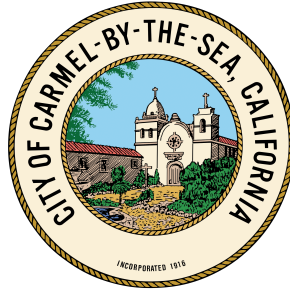
*Jason Regan, the VP at PG&E responsible for overseeing power lines throughout California, is on site in Carmel and informed me that power will be restored by 11pm in Carmel-by-the-Sea and by 6pm for locations on the Hatton circuit east of Highway 1.*



## The "Main Line"



*The main line, pictured here at Dolores and Second, and identifiable by the unique metal cross-bars, apparently feeds the entire Carmel circuit.*



# Hans Buder

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