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Santa makes home visits ahead of holiday

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With a smile Santa said, "The children are quick to offer me hot chocolate and cookies. Some would like to give carrots and grass for my reindeer. Ho-ho-ho!"

Recalling some of the most asked questions Santa

responded, "They always ask me where I parked my sleigh and if I would give them a ride to the North Pole. They want to know if I keep the reindeer in special places. Besides asking how many elves I employ, they want to know what Mrs. Claus is doing."

"The most popular ques-

tion asked is how old am I," Santa added with a chuckle. Before leaving each home Santa gives everyone a special candy cane. As he rides off into the night his parting wish can be heard like a distant whisper on the wind, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

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MCE commits \$3 million to support local resiliency projects in the wake of PG&E power shutoffs

MCE's Board voted late November to commit \$3 million to support resiliency projects for its customers. This major new investment is focused on funding local resiliency efforts in MCE's four-county service area, specifically for critical facilities and sites serving vulnerable customers. MCE has already begun extensive outreach with Offices of Emergency Services, Public Health officials, and other community partners to identify the most critical sites and vulnerable communities to target for initial investments.

This \$3 million commitment is in addition to MCE's current \$2+ million Local Renewable Energy & Program Development

Fund, which has supported creation of 12 local renewable projects in MCE's service area. These projects are now delivering approximately 25 megawatts of energy capacity—enough energy to power 12,000 homes annually.

Since the first Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in June, 2019, MCE has been developing a comprehensive approach to supporting resiliency for communities and vulnerable customers. There have been six PSPS events this year that have impacted approximately 240,000 MCE customer accounts including residences and businesses in Lafayette and Moraga.

—Kalicja Pivirotto, MCE

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