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# Manager's Message

**Dear Members:**

We provide updates via text message for major, systemwide outages. To sign up for these updates, text PSREC to 95577.

The major storms that came through in early January caused significant outages January 8. The main feed from PG&E dropped off in the morning, but was restored relatively quickly.

Midday, PG&E had trouble with a transformer feeding PSREC, Lassen Municipal Utility District and PG&E's own customers. PSREC transferred to our backup power supply when it became available.

We were able to restore power throughout the day with the cooperation of our three prisons that ran their own generators.

Our backup supply cannot carry everyone and is subject to availability of power from NV Energy. Since the closure of the SPI Loyalton biomass generator, our backup has been somewhat limited to the amount we can carry.

We own 6 megawatts of generation at our High Sierra Co-Generation plant, located between the two State of California prisons. They performed well during the outages.

We had to deal with trips to our system from voltage issues on the NV line in the afternoon of the 8th into the evening. We tried to go back to PG&E at dinnertime, but its system developed further issues that led to several short outages, so we transferred to our backup supply again.

We have been asked why we don't just stay on backup power during these events. The answer is, our main supply can carry all of our system. Our backup can carry most of our members but not all of them.

We would like to thank the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Federal Correctional Institute,

Herlong, for running their generators and helping the rest of the membership.

We would also like to thank PG&E and NV Energy for their hard work in restoring the transmission lines to our service territory.

We are writing this before Martin Luther King Jr. Day while watching another storm start to take shape.

I would like to thank our linemen and the entire operations department for its hard work in keeping the lights on. All of our efforts trimming trees and removing hazard trees also paid off.

**Conserve Power During Storms**

It is important to conserve power when possible during storms. The lower the load on the system, the easier it is to restore power.

Especially during rotating blackouts, we try to give everyone time to cook, bathe and do laundry. We know all this takes power, but even turning off a few lights allows more people to be on.

**Telecommunications**

We continue to expand our broadband services throughout the region. We offer unlimited data, support net neutrality and provide speeds up to 20 Mbps download.

If you haven't already, please call us to sign up or get on our interest list. We are executing our plan to provide service to most of the cooperative's territory that does not have broadband, as well as improve existing services. We also are working to improve service to the cities and towns in our region that do not have reliable, unlimited, high-speed internet.

It often seems like things haven't changed much, but we are working on multiple projects

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**February 5**

**Poetry Out Loud County Finals.** Plumas Arts Gallery, 525 Main St., Quincy. 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**Groundhog Fever Festival.** Courthouse Lawn, Quincy. 1 to 5 p.m.

**February 9**

**Words & Music.** Patti's Thunder Café, Quincy. Starts at 7 p.m. A monthly series of acoustic music and the spoken word. Sign up for open mic at the door. \$3.

For more information, call (530) 283-3402.

**Lassen County Chamber of Commerce Mixer.**

Hosted by Diamond Mountain Hotel Casino & Brewery, 900 Skyline Drive, Susanville. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (530) 257-4323, or visit [www.lassencountychamber.org](http://www.lassencountychamber.org).

**February 11**

**Pheasants Forever Dinner.** Jensen Hall, Lassen County Fairgrounds. Doors open 4 p.m.

For more information, call (530) 310-2988.

**February 11, 12, 18, 19 & 20**

**Johnsville Ski Bowl Sledding Days.** Plumas Eureka State Park. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groomed slopes, Lost Sierra Cafe open. Dogs on leashes

only. Helmets highly recommended.

For more information, visit [www.eprd.specialdistrict.org](http://www.eprd.specialdistrict.org), [www.skijohnsville.com](http://www.skijohnsville.com) and [www.plumasskiclub.org](http://www.plumasskiclub.org).

**February 18**

**East Sierra Valley and Sierra County Chamber Joint Mixer.** Milton Gottardi Museum, 501 School St., Loyalton. 6 p.m.

For more information, call (530) 993-0453.

**February 19**

**Historic Longboard Revival Ski Racing.**

Plumas-Eureka State Park, Johnsville Ski Bowl. 10:30 a.m. Period costumes, music, food and fun. Groomed slopes, Indorf Lodge and Lost Sierra Cafe open. Dogs on leashes only. For more information, call (530) 832-4309.

**February 23**

**Weaving Class.** CIA Building in Calpine. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Learn to weave a surface textured wall hanging on a Ridge Heddle loom. Cost \$130, includes \$50 worth of yarn, fiber and a dowel to hang completed wall hanging. Taught by Michelle Heselton.

**February 24**

**Louis Price Concert & Dance.** Lassen

Community College Sports Complex, 478-200 Hwy. 139. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Lassen College Foundation.

For more information, call (530) 251-8882.

**February 25**

**Soul Power Dance Party.** Quincy Veterans' Memorial Hall, 274 Lawrence St., Quincy. 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Plumas Arts celebrates 35 years of cultivating creative communities! You are invited to our dance party with the funk and soul of Bay Area dance band, Soul Power. Tickets \$20, Plumas Arts Members \$18.

**A Taste of Beef, a Sip of Wine.** Susanville Elks Lodge, 400 Main St., Susanville. 6 to 9 p.m. Hosted by Lassen County Cattlewomen & Cattlemen.

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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behind the scenes to expand service. The Sierra County portion of Sierra Valley is next in our sights for our wireless system, followed closely by West Patton Village. We are working on a project for Mohawk Valley as well.

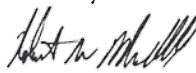
For more information, and to sign up for service, please call us at (800) 221-3474 or visit our website at [www.pst.coop](http://www.pst.coop).

**Scholarship Deadline Approaches**

It is not too late to turn in an application to win one of two \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships are open to high school seniors and older students, with no upper age limit. Details are on page 4 and on our website at [www.pstrec.coop](http://www.pstrec.coop). The deadline is Friday, March 10, 2017.

For more information, please call me at (800) 555-2207 ext. 6076, or email me at [bmarshall@pstrec.coop](mailto:bmarshall@pstrec.coop).

Sincerely,

  
Bob Marshall  
General Manager



**Ready.Set.Go!**

**It's never too early to take great photos for PSREC's annual photo contest!**

- ▶ Up to six (6) amazing photos will be chosen by an unbiased team of judges at Ruralite magazine.
- ▶ Winning photos will be featured on one cover of the PSREC Ruralite magazine following the Annual Member Meeting in September 2017, where winners will be announced.
- ▶ Winners will receive a \$100 credit on their bill.

See details soon at [www.pstrec.coop](http://www.pstrec.coop) and in Ruralite magazine.

**PSREC PhotoContest2017**

*...coming soon!*

**Look for details in April 2017 Ruralite.**