

# **Work begins next week to resurface downtown streets**

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The finishing touches on a lengthy construction project in downtown Valley Springs are expected to begin in a few days.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has been replacing the natural gas lines in Valley Springs and left behind a patchwork of asphalt on the streets.

However, beginning in early October, a PG&E subcontractor will start resurfacing the streets.

The street restoration work is expected to take between two and three weeks, according to Joshua Ksenzulak, Calaveras County public works analyst.

PG&E has been busy the past summer in the Valley Springs area on the pipeline work and replacing a gas regulator station off State Route 26 at the intersection with Gold Creek Drive.

PG&E has replaced much of the natural gas system following the Sept. 9, 2010, San Bruno pipeline explosion that killed eight people.

PG&E faced private, state and federal litigation following the explosion.

In private party litigation, PG&E stated in its 2015 annual report it had paid \$558 million in third-party claims, and \$92 million in legal costs, and received \$515 million from insurance.

The state's Public Utilities Commission fined PG&E \$1.6 billion and the federal government fined the company \$3 million.