



PG&E Tries to Avoid Liability for Wildfires. Drops \$150K into Campaign for Xavier Becerra

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones has taken on PG&E over effort to duck wildfire liability.

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CalFire has found that PG&E is responsible for failing to mitigate conditions which resulted in at least 3 massive wildfires in Northern California in October.

According to the Sacramento Bee (May 25, 2018)

Cal Fire alleged Friday that Pacific Gas and Electric Co. failed to remove and cut back trees around power lines that sparked three wildfires in Butte and Nevada Counties in October.

PG&E could be on the hook for billions of dollars in damages if Cal Fire links the company's equipment to the worst of what became the largest and most destructive wildfires in state history that month.

http://www.sacbee.com/latest-news/article211958659.html#emlnl=Alerts_Newsletter

Insurance Commissioner and Candidate for Attorney General Dave Jones has fought long and hard to help property owners who lost homes in the conflagrations. Dave Jones has vigorously opposed legislation proposed by PG&E which would make it harder for fire victims to collect damages from PG&E. Dave Jones is fighting against PG&E efforts to allow them to pass on their liability costs to ratepayers.

Could that have anything at all to do with the fact that PG&E just pumped \$149,000 into an Independent expenditure campaign to defeat Dave Jones and elect Xavier Becerra?

That Independent Expenditure Committee, which has recently accepted a \$149,000 contribution from PG&E (Building and Protecting a Strong California, FPPC ID # 1363266), began airing \$300,000 in TV ads just last week in a desperate effort to defeat Dave Jones.

Jones responded, "They can spend as much as they want. I can't be bought. I won't be intimidated. I will always stand with consumers against the big corporations who don't want to be held responsible for the harm they have caused."