California can expect blackouts for a decade, says CEO of PG&E

The CEO of PG&E says there will be more planned blackouts, for years to come. In a public hearing, the utility's chief said shutting off power was the right decision, in spite of the hardship it caused. PG&E announced on Oct. 21 that there could be more blackouts this week. Find helpful tips and resources in the CRA News section, below.
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Some policy makers are worried that vehicle emissions in drive-thrus are contributing to climate change. Cities who've taken steps toward possible limits on new drive-thrus include Long Beach.

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PG&E announced on Oct. 21 that there could be more blackouts this week. Restaurants are particularly vulnerable because of their large stock of perishable food. While we hope that policy makers will take up this issue in 2020, for now it’s best to be prepared by reading our Tips and Resources on the CRA website.

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News you need to know: New law puts recycle, organic waste bins in front-of-house

A new law, AB 827, will require California restaurants to have both a recycling bin and an organic waste bin in the front-of-house for guests to access. Dedicating precious front-of-house space to these bins can be a challenge, especially in restaurants with a very limited physical footprint. The CRA

Partner content: California’s new employment laws in 2020

Now that California has finalized all new laws for the legislative session, there are several that will concern employers. Our legal partner Anthony Zaller outlines five key employment laws that will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.
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