

POTTER VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

The Potter Valley Community Unified School District provides a safe, sound, comprehensive educational environment with the participation of a supportive community. The district empowers all students with a common core of knowledge and skills which allows them to recognize their potential to become successful and active participants in our democratic society.

Special Meeting – Board of Trustees

December 18, 2023, 4:00pm

Minutes

Special Session

Potter Valley District Office

10401 Main Street, Potter Valley, CA 95469

1. CALL TO ORDER - OPEN SESSION 4:09pm

2. ROLL CALL All Present

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MSC: Kile/Vogt 5/0/0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the audience are welcome to address the Board of Trustees at this time regarding items not listed on this agenda. The Trustees may ask questions for clarity but cannot take action on these matters. Such matters may be placed on a future agenda, according to law. Three minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter (Board Policy 9322.1). *None*

6. ACTION ITEMS - REGULAR AGENDA

Protocol for action items includes a staff presentation, questions from the Board, public input, closing of public input, deliberation by the Board and voting by the Board. During public input there will be a three-minute time limit per person.

6.1 Review and Approval of Letter of Support Page 2
For PG&E Water Diversion

MSC: Vogt/Riordan 5/0/0 with additional paragraph

6.2 Review and Possible Action Regarding Booster Club's Status Page 3
Tabled- No action at this time

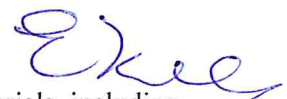
7. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION 4:28pm

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- Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code 54957)

8. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION None

9. ADJOURNMENT 6:03pm



Agenda Packet & Supporting Documents: The agenda packet and supporting materials, including materials distributed less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, can be viewed at the Potter Valley District Office – 10401 Main St., Potter Valley, CA. For more information please call (707) 743-2101.

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December 19, 2023

Mr. Tony Gigliotti
Senior Licensing Project Manager
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
12840 Bill Clark Way
Auburn, CA 95602

Dear Mr. Gigliotti,

On behalf of the Potter Valley Community Unified School District (PVCUSD), the Board of Education wishes to strongly support Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) inclusion of the New Eel-Russian Facility proposal as part of your License Surrender Plan for the Potter Valley Project. As PG&E notes in its Initial Draft Surrender Application, water has been diverted from the Eel into the Russian River Watershed for nearly 120 years through what is now the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project (the "Project"). Since 1922 when Scott Dam was built, and water became available in the summer, the farming community of Potter Valley has benefitted by being able to diversify our agricultural commodities.

Here in the small community of Potter Valley, after the Potter Valley Irrigation District became operational, previously dry farmed crops flourished and the ability to produce multiple cuttings of hay, grow other permanent crops such as pears and grapes and raise more livestock made our agricultural economy thrive and has added us to the State of California Department of Conservation's list of Prime Agricultural Lands. Increasing land values in Potter Valley have also increased the tax base for Mendocino County. As our community has grown so has the PVCUSD which is supported by property taxes.

As one of the largest employers in Potter Valley and the only school district within 25 minutes of the community, PVCUSD relies heavily on the water that the Russian River presently provides us. Currently, PVCUSD employs 50+ people and serves approximately 275 students, TK through 12th grade. The school district uses the river to irrigate water for our school fields, facilities, and to help accommodate some of the unique opportunities that we are able to offer our students and the community. In addition to our regular school facilities, PVCUSD depends on the river to help maintain the school working farm. Our school farm is home to several sheep, chickens, an orchard, a greenhouse, and garden beds and is used daily by our exceptional agriculturally based science program as well as our very active Future Farmer of America program. Cutting off the water supply from the river could be detrimental to our school's fields and farm. If our fields and farm suffer then so does our science, agriculture, and FFA programs which directly affects our students and is why we strongly support the New Eel-Russian Facility proposal.

PVCUSD agrees with the four Core Components outlined by the New Eel-Russian Facility Proposal which includes, in brief, the creation of a Regional Entity capable of owning,



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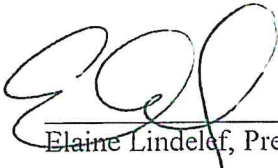
constructing, and operating a project to continue to divert water from the Eel River into the Russian River Watershed, designing and building a facility that meets the objectives of volitional fish passage on the Eel River and continued water diversion to the Russian River, continued negotiations with PG&E on a purchase and sale agreement and support from representative governmental and non- governmental entities from the Russian and Eel River basins.

The economic success, and quality of life, of the agricultural community of Potter Valley is tied to the availability of the water diverted from the Eel River. The natural watershed of Potter Valley is very small. There are currently studies underway to develop more water storage in Potter Valley, but it will still require that water be diverted from the Eel River to fill the new storage facility. This is the reason that acquisition and modification of the diversion facilities on the Eel River is so vitally important to our community and our school. And this is the reason that we support inclusion of the proposed New Eel -Russian Facility in PG&E’s License Surrender Plan for the Potter Valley Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft License Surrender Plan.

Sincerely,

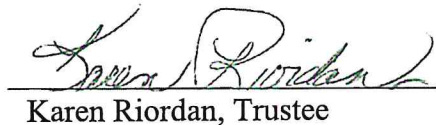
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