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The Future of Our Water
Mendocino County Informational Workshop on Potter Valley Project Decommissioning

(November 9, Ukiah, CA) – The Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission (IWPC) will host an informational public workshop on Monday, November 24, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center to discuss the decommissioning of the Potter Valley Project , its potential impacts, and what's being done to ensure the region's future water supply.

The workshop will provide factual updates, answer questions, and support a collaborative, informed dialogue about this complex and evolving issue. With growing public interest, including recent discussions by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at multiple meetings, it is an important time to bring the community together to hear directly from agencies and experts working on long-term water solutions. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the presentations.

The Potter Valley Project, owned by PG&E, is in the process of being decommissioned, a process that carries significant implications for water supply, habitat, and infrastructure in both the Eel and Russian River watersheds. IWPC and regional partners have been working for years to plan for a post-Potter Valley Project future, secure continued water diversions, and develop new agreements that protect local water reliability while meeting state and federal requirements.

Speakers will include:

- Scott Shapiro, legal counsel for IWPC & ERPA
- Dave Manning, Executive Director of the Eel Russian Project Authority
- Tom Johnson, New Eel Russian Facility (NERF) engineering specialist
- Moderator, Janet Pauli

Attendees will receive updates on planning efforts, future infrastructure needs, existing agreements, timelines related to PG&E's decommissioning application and ongoing storage investigations from Potter Valley and south within the Russian River watershed.

The workshop is intended to help the public better understand the facts, dispel misinformation, and engage constructively in one of the most significant water supply issues facing the region.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Monday, November 24, 2025
- **Time:** 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Ukiah Valley Conference Center – 200 S. School St, Ukiah, CA 95482
- **Hosted by:** Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission (IWPC)

The event is open to the public, water users, local agencies, and community partners.

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