



RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
675 WILDWOOD AVENUE, RIO DELL

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS
- E. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This time is for persons who wish to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Council has jurisdiction. As such, a dialogue with the Council or staff is not intended. Items requiring Council action not listed on this agenda may be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration if the Council directs, unless a finding is made by at least 2/3rds of the Council that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgency nature requiring immediate action. Please limit comments to a maximum of 3 minutes.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar adopting the printed recommended Council action will be enacted with one vote. The Mayor will first ask the staff, the public, and the Councilmembers if there is anyone who wishes to address any matter on the Consent Calendar. The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually following action on the remaining consent calendar items.

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*The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.*

**RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Garnes.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Garnes, Mayor Pro Tem Woodall, Councilmembers Johnson and Wilson

Absent: Councilmember Strahan

Others Present: City Manager Knopp and City Clerk Dunham

Absent: Chief of Police Conner, Community Development Director Caldwell, Interim Finance Director Dillingham, Water/Roadways Superintendent Jensen and Wastewater Superintendent Taylor

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Nick Angeloff provided a brief update on activities of the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce and said that the last Chamber Mixer went well and that both the Rio Dell School Superintendent and Principal attended. He also reported that the Chamber just signed a contract with a consultant to try to increase Chamber membership and initiate marketing for the cannabis retailers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Garnes asked if any councilmember, staff or member of the public, would like to remove any item from the consent calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember Wilson removed Item 4 for separate discussion.

Motion was made by Johnson/Woodall to approve the consent calendar including approval of minutes of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting; approval of Resolution No. 1434-2019 approving staff billable rates for FY 2019-20; and approval of Resolution No. 1435-2019 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Northwestern Avenue Waterline Certificate of Acceptance. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Appointment of Councilmember Johnson to the Traffic Committee

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Councilmember Wilson referred to the recommended changes to the City Council assignments and asked if Councilmember Strahan was in agreement with the proposed changes. He suggested the item be continued until there is a full council present.

City Manager Knopp explained that it was staff's intent to remove the item from consideration as well.

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager/Staff Update

City Manager Knopp provided highlights of the staff report and reported on the August 29th shooting and homicide that occurred on Monument Road. He noted that staff is doing research to see when the last homicide occurred in Rio Dell and said there have been a couple of felony homicides in recent years including the hash lab homicide and suicide/homicide at the Caltrans yard but that at-large shootings such as this are not common. He said the victim was 26-year old Johnny Mack Renfro, a Texas man who was shot once in the abdomen, transported to St. Joseph Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Assisting agencies included the Humboldt County Major Crimes Task Force, detectives and evidence technicians from numerous Humboldt County law enforcement agencies including the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Sheriff Office, California Highway Patrol and the police departments of the cities of Arcata, Eureka, Ferndale and Fortuna. The suspect has not yet been apprehended and the investigation is ongoing.

He also reported on the third tour of Humboldt 454 with Councilmember Johnson, Supervisor Fennell and Fire Chief Wilson, and noted that he attended the Eel Russian River Commission meeting in Ukiah on Friday and said that efforts are underway to relicense the Potter Valley Project through a joint process with the Commission, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

Councilmember Wilson stated that at the last Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) meeting there was a presentation on the Potter Valley Project and encouraged the City Manager to attend meetings regularly to keep apprised of the issues affecting Humboldt County.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodall referred to the City Clerk update regarding highlights of the SCORE meeting and asked for clarification on the comment regarding the advice to member cities to be aware of new Police standards related to body cams and use of force.

City Clerk Dunham explained that they were warning cities to be aware of recent changes in the law to protect them against potential liability.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/STUDY SESSIONS

Presentation/Update from GHD on City Projects

Nathan Sanger from GHD provided a City Engineer Update on completed projects, transportation, stormwater, the wastewater system, and the water system. Completed projects included the Metropolitan Wells Project, the Habitat Parcel repair, and miscellaneous asphalt repair projects.

He continued with review of the five general phases of the ATP Project and noted that the project would be out to bid soon (September-October) with construction expected to occur early summer of 2020.

Councilmember Wilson referred to the map of the proposed improvements and expressed safety concerns with the configuration of the intersection. He asked if there is a means to stop at least one lane of the traffic that is merging onto Highway 101 north. At that intersection, there are vehicles coming from Wildwood Ave. and merging onto the northbound onramp as well as vehicles coming from Eeloa Ave. and merging into the same northbound onramp. He commented that there was discussion before about possibly installing a stop sign before turning onto Eeloa Ave. He said on a daily basis he sees traffic coming around the bend from Wildwood Ave. and there is really nothing to slow them down before merging onto the onramp. In the meantime, if there is someone coming from Eeloa Ave. merging onto the onramp north or going under the overpass toward Wildwood Ave. who is not paying attention could easily be broadsided. He commented that they virtually have to stop to avoid being hit. He asked if there was something in the plan to control the traffic.

Nathan commented that they did have broad internal sessions, especially with Caltrans and that there was an idea to put a stop sign there to slow traffic but it was determined that it would not work with vehicles merging and exiting there. He noted that they did narrow the drive lanes and narrowed the overall roadway and actually added curb ramps and sidewalk to avoid vehicles from careening through there.

Mayor Garnes suggested the idea of a yield sign to ongoing traffic.

Councilmember Wilson asked who has the right-of-way in this situation.

Nathan explained that the vehicle traveling straight has the right-of-way rather than the vehicle turning onto the freeway onramp.

Councilmember Wilson reiterated that there needs to be something done to slow traffic entering the northbound onramp and suggested the idea of a flashing yield sign.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodall commented that since the Chief of Police is the Traffic Specialist,

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she would like him to provide data on how many accidents there have been at that location, noting that he is also responsible for signage so his input on that would be helpful.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the status of the Monument Road slip-out project.

City Manager Knopp said that he had not received a recent update from the County but that they were on site recently doing some geotechnical work. He noted that construction was tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2020 but that he would call and get the latest update.

Councilmember Johnson asked if there were any portions of parcels purchased as part of the ATP project noting that there was \$100,000 allocated for that purpose. He said that it was his understanding that the money could not be used on other parts of the project.

Nathan indicated that originally it was anticipated that it might be necessary but as it turns out, no land acquisition was required. He noted that 20% of the \$100,000 was allocated to the construction phase of the project.

Mayor Garnes called for public comment.

Tim Stack, 1209 Eeloa Ave. commented that he could watch from his front door the traffic situation that Councilmember Wilson was talking about and suggested the idea of installing some sort of speed bumps to slow traffic.

Mayor Garnes suggested as an alternative to installing speed bumps, to perhaps install the little round bumps to help slow traffic.

City Manager Knopp directed everyone's attention back to the map and explained the project in terms of asphalt and pavement. He commented that that the bulk of the cost of the project is the reconfiguration of the southbound off ramp from Highway 101 (represented on the map as the darker shade of grey).

Nathan noted that the darker shade is where asphalt would be placed and the lighter shade is basically where slurry seal would be placed. He explained that also included are some new curb and sidewalks but the majority of the project is slurry seal on Belleview Ave. to Eeloa Ave., total reconstruction coming off 101 southbound and some sidewalk, curb ramps and striping on Wildwood Ave. for bike lanes, and additional curb ramps and striping on Davis St.

City Manager Knopp noted that on the corner of Wildwood and Davis St., there are two sections of ADA path of travel included which are additive alternatives so the project was reconfigured so if it comes in under bid, those additional items could be included.

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He reminded the Council that the Department of Justice (DOJ) did an ADA assessment of some of the streets in Rio Dell connecting the bus stops to the library and found much of the path of travel deficient. He said the hope is that bids come in low enough to take care of some of those ADA deficiencies as they do actually fall into the scope of the project.

Mayor Garnes questioned whether the ADA path of travel improvements would have to be done regardless of whether the grant covers it because of the finding from the Department of Justice.

City Manager Knopp explained that the ADA improvements do not have to be done now but that it has been identified as not meeting ADA compliance so it would need to at least go on a list of future projects if not addressed with the ATP project. The City is not under any immediate order and is not compelled to do the project any time soon. In addition, the City is a smaller jurisdiction and falls under different rules than for example, the County where they would have to be more aggressive on their approach in correcting ADA deficiencies.

Nathan then continued with the project update, noted that the City was unsuccessful in securing the Prop 68 bike trail grant in 2018, and is evaluating options under the Prop 68 Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant application due in October.

Councilmember Johnson asked what was being done to make the application more attractive for the second round of funding.

City Manager Knopp commented that he would be meeting with Rebecca Crow at GHD to discuss it.

Presentation from Randy Weaver from EDD on Labor Market Information

Randy Weaver, Labor Consultant for the Employment Development Department (EDD) provided a power point presentation on the **Labor Market Overview**. He noted that there was a change in the age composition of the City as well as the County between 2009-2017 with a growth in population of ages 25 to 34 and 35 to 44 and a decline in the population for the age groups 45-54 and 55-59. This was largely due to the recession with people moving away and not returning. He pointed out that Rio Dell is not quite becoming a retirement community with the median age at 40.

He continued with review of labor force trends, the annual average unemployment rate, county employment change by industry, top five industries where Rio Dell residents work, 2010-2018 Rio Dell employment change, companies with the most job ads, top ten in demand hard skills, top in demand certifications, and cannabis and the labor market.

The average unemployment rate for Rio Dell in 2018 was reported at the lowest in years at 2.6% compared to 9.0% in 2014.

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Predictions related to the top occupations with the most openings from 2016-2026 in Humboldt County were heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers at 883 openings, bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerks at 868 openings, and general and operations managers at 801 openings. Other job openings included Elementary School teachers and teacher assistants, registered nurses, medical assistants, automotive service technicians, business operations specialists and forest and conservation workers.

Councilmember Wilson commented that at the last Planning Commission meeting, there was discussion on the Housing Element and there was a chart that represented local jobs. If a person worked 15 minutes from home, it was considered a local job. The point he was making was that local jobs for Rio Dell could actually be in Scotia, Fortuna, or even Ferndale.

Mr. Weaver explained the difference between labor force and employment and said that if a person lives in Rio Dell and works in Fortuna, the labor force shows up as Rio Dell and the employment as Fortuna. He noted that 40% of Rio Dell's labor force works within the Eel River Valley.

Councilmember Wilson questioned how many additional jobs would be added to Rio Dell's labor force as the Humboldt Rio Dell Business Park develops.

He pointed out that driving from McKinleyville to Scotia to work reduces a person's hourly wage by \$6.00/hr.

Mr. Weaver reviewed the wages and requirements for cannabis related jobs beginning at \$13.50/hr. for a cannabis packager and \$15.00/hr. for a trimmer.

Councilmember Wilson asked if there was any way to break out the benefits for those jobs.

Mr. Weaver noted that he did not have that information but he suspected the benefits would vary depending on the size of the organization.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Johnson reported that he would be attending a Last Chance Grade Stakeholders meeting on September 11, 2019, and would have a report at the next regular meeting.

Councilmember Wilson reported on his attendance at the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) meeting and said that in addition to discussing the Potter Valley project, they also discussed the PG&E power outage issue. He noted that PG&E can pull the plug on the transmission lines at any time and the power could be out anywhere from two days to two weeks. He commented that most people are not aware of the situation and suggested the City keep the message on the electronic sign in the median to warn citizens. He suggested a

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plan for public outreach and an action plan to better prepare citizens for the potential power outage. He encouraged people to pay attention, as there is a good possibility the City will be without power at some point.

Mayor Garnes commented that she and Eureka Mayor Susan Seaman took part in a joint video address advising the public about PG&E's public safety power shutoffs, noting that the video will likely be released and available on various media platforms sometime over the next week or so. She indicated that she had also reached out to a councilperson from Lakeport and to the Mayor of Cloverdale who had established community outreach programs so she could get the information, bring it back, and try to establish some kind of emergency outreach program here to help people be more prepared in the event of an emergency.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodall said that anyone that has been watching what has been going on with Hurricane Dorian should take that as a warning and be better prepared for emergencies.

She also reported on the first meeting of the Nuisance Advisory Committee and said the committee had a good 2-hour discussion on nuisance abatement.

She then reported on her attendance at the last RREDC meeting, said that it was a very interesting meeting, and included a tour of the Blue Lake Rancheria solar system. She explained that they are on the grid but in an emergency, they could run on their own power. She noted that they are set up to use their facility as a command center for the Red Cross, their gas station will be able to pump fuel and their convenience store will be able to refrigerate prescription drugs for patients if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Johnson/Woodall to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. to the September 17, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Debra Garnes, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Dunham, City Clerk



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TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
FROM: Karen Dunham, City Clerk
DATE: September 17, 2019
SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

RECOMMENDATION

Approve amendments to the City Council assignments to external committees, boards and commissions.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

At the August 20, 2019 regular meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Woodall announced that Councilmember Johnson had agreed to serve as representative on the Traffic Committee in her place. In addition, Councilmember Johnson has agreed to assume his previous assignment on HCAOG. The following represents the recommended amendments (in red) to the committee assignments:

- Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG): **Johnson**/Woodall
- Redwood Region Economic Development Com.(RREDC): **Strahan**/Woodall
- Traffic Committee: **Johnson**/Wilson

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Board/Committee/Commission Assignments



CITY COUNCIL BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS

ORGANIZATION	APPOINTEE	ALTERNATE
Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Meets 3rd Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in Eureka	Johnson Strahan	Woodall
Humboldt County Convention & Visitors Bureau Meets Quarterly for lunch (various locations)	Garnes	Strahan
Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) Meets 3rd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Eureka	Wilson	Johnson
Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) Meets 3rd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at HTA	Woodall	Strahan
League of California Cities Redwood Empire Division (LOCC) Meets Quarterly (various locations)	Garnes	Johnson
Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) Meets 4th Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Eureka	Strahan Johnson	Woodall
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)	None	None
Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) Meets 3rd Monday at 3:00 in Eureka	Wilson	Garnes
Humboldt/Del Norte Hazardous Response Authority Meets Quarterly at 4:30 p.m. in Eureka	Strahan	Garnes

INTERNAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	APPOINTEE	ALTERNATE
Traffic Committee: Chief of Police Conner, City Manager Knopp, Community Development Director Caldwell, Water/Roadways Superintendent Jensen, Rio Dell Fire Chief Wilson, Councilmembers and Johnson		
Nuisance Advisory Committee: City Manager Knopp, Community Development Director Caldwell, Chief of Police Conner, Council members Woodall and Strahan, Public Members Tim Marks, Alonzo Bradford		
Sculpture Committee: Community Development Director Caldwell, Mayor Wilson, Susan Pryor, Robert (Robey) Agnew		
Liaison to Rio Dell Fire District:	Garnes	Strahan
Liaison to Rio Dell/Scotia Chamber of Commerce:	Woodall	Garnes
Labor Adhoc Committee:	Garnes	
Updated 8/6/19		

City of Rio Dell Check Listing for City Council Meeting

Ref#	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
8257	8/05/2019	[0576] 101 AUTO PARTS	LAMP, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FILTER KIT; DEXTRON, BATTERY & CORE DEPOSIT, 10" DIP BRUSH HEAD; BODY MITT; T-WAX F21 CAR WASH, BLASTER	257.51
8258	8/05/2019	[6038] ACCURATE TERMITE & PEST SOLUTIONS	BI-MONTHLY PEST CONTROL @ 675 WILDWOOD AVE, MONTHLY RODENT CONTROL @ 475 HILLTOP DR	275.00
8259	8/05/2019	[2225] AQUA SIERRA CONTROLS, INC	SCADA RECONSTRUCTION	5,000.00
8260	8/05/2019	[3975] AT&T - 5709	FAX LINE EXPENSES FOR JULY 2019	43.05
8261	8/05/2019	[6252] AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	TWO RIGHT-HAND HOLSTERS	169.65
8262	8/05/2019	[2293] CITY OF FORTUNA	POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2019	3,941.67
8263	8/05/2019	[2303] COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION	POA DUES FOR PPE 7/19/19	120.00
8264	8/05/2019	[2304] COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS	USE & MAINTENANCE OF FIREARMS RANGE 7/1/19 THRU 6/30/20	100.00
8265	8/05/2019	[5127] DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019	2,051.65
8266	8/05/2019	[5765] GARNES, DEBRA	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO ATTEND RCEA MEETING, MILEAGE & MEALS PER DIEM TO ATTEND LOCC REGIONAL MEETING	321.64
8267	8/05/2019	[5052] GHD, INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREETS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT	2,108.00
8268	8/05/2019	[6486] GREEN TO GOLD ENTERPRISES LLC	MATERIAL FOR SIGNS AT MEMORIAL PARK	20.26
8269	8/05/2019	[2750] HD Supply Facility Maintenance DBA: USA BLUEBOOK	STABCAL TURBIDITY STANDARD; ph BUFFER PACK; MANHOLDE COVER LIFTER; SULFURIC ACID STANDARD, PIPET TIP	533.15
8270	8/05/2019	[2452] HORIZON BUSINESS PRODUCTS	UPS PARCEL SHIPPING	11.77
8271	8/05/2019	[2484] INDEPENDENT BUSINESS FORMS	LASER PAPER FOR SHUT OFF NOTICES	437.40
8272	8/05/2019	[2551] MIRANDA'S ANIMAL RESCUE	ANIMAL CONTROL FOR JULY 2019	1,900.00
8273	8/05/2019	[4393] NYLEX.net. Inc.	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FOR AUGUST 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2019	1,190.00
8274	8/05/2019	[5973] PRECISION INTERMEDIA	MONTHLY WEB HOSTING FEE FOR AUGUST	30.00
8275	8/05/2019	[6349] RECOLOGY EEL RIVER	GARBAGE BAGS FOR JULY 2019	334.90
8276	8/05/2019	[3755] SEQUOIA PERSONNEL SERVICE	FISCAL ASSISTANT I/II TEMPORARY HIRE, FISCAL ASSISTANT I/II TEMPORARY HIRE	1,574.61
8277	8/05/2019	[2693] SHELTON'S AUTO LUBE	FULL OIL CHANGE FOR 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR	55.00
8278	8/05/2019	[4525] SHERLOCK RECORDS MGMT	STORAGE SERVICE FOR JULY 2019	105.20
8279	8/05/2019	[3372] SPECIALTY TRAFFIC SYSTEMS	18 EA DETOUR SIGNS; 2 EA ARROW CONE INSERTS	223.62
8280	8/05/2019	[4908] THE MITCHELL LAW FIRM, LLP	LEGAL SERVICES FOR JULY 2019, LEGAL SERVICES FOR JULY 2019, LEGAL SERVICES FOR JULY 2019	1,709.50
8281	8/05/2019	[2730] THRIFTY SUPPLY CO.	SOLENOID VALVE FOR CL2 GENERATOR	233.28
8282	8/05/2019	[2481] VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS-304361	RETIREMENT FOR PPE 7/19/19	6,578.31
8283	8/05/2019	[6037] WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	KYOCERA COPIER PAYMENT FOR AUGUST 2019	534.58
8284	8/05/2019	[2779] WILDWOOD SAW	DIAMOND EDGE TRIMMER LINE	43.39
8285	8/05/2019	[2787] WYCKOFF'S	5 EA GALV COUPLING INSERTS	15.14
8286	8/19/2019	[5381] ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS CONCEPTS	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE & COPIER CHARGES FOR JULY 2019	350.62
8287	8/19/2019	[2224] AQUA BEN CORPORATION	HYDROFLOC 750L 55 GAL DRUM	1,722.60

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8288	8/19/2019	[2237] BANK OF AMERICA BUSINESS CARD	DOLLAR GENERAL - GERM-X HAND SANITIZER, DOLLAR GENERAL - SCOTCH-BRITE HEAVY DUTY; DAWN DETERGENT; CLOROX WIPES, AMAZON - SMEAD FASTENER FILE FOLDERS, FEDEX - 36 X 48 PRINT GOOGLE EARTH MAP, ADOBE PRO DC MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION, RAIN BIRD - SOLENOID ADAPTER FOR PLASTIC VALVES, FEDEX - TWO 19TH AMENDMENT BANNERS, FEDEX - NIXLE EMERGENCY ALERT BANNER, INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL - 2019 CODE BOOKS, LOST COAST OUTPOST - EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR WW OIT, CRAIGSLIST -EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR WW OIT, AMAZON - DYMO SELF-ADHESIVE ADDRESS LABELS, PRINT RUNNER - DOOR HANGERS, EXPEDIA - AIR FARE & TRAVEL PROTECTION TO ATTEND LOCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	2,380.41
8289	8/19/2019	[2303] COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION	POA DUES FOR PPE 8/2/19	120.00
8290	8/19/2019	[2283] COASTAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	ANNUAL DOCSTAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 8/1/18 - 8/7/20	1,495.00
8291	8/19/2019	[2405] FORTUNA ACE HARDWARE	SCH40 PVC 2" UNION	14.09
8292	8/19/2019	[5052] GHD, INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ELECTRICAL SITE ASSESSMENT & SUPPORT, ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING, PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT	12,659.75
8293	8/19/2019	[6486] GREEN TO GOLD ENTERPRISES LLC	GB CONNECTOR WIRE, TRANSFER BARB, RIGID 2 HOLE STRAP	23.45
8294	8/19/2019	[2750] HD Supply Facility Maintenance DBA: USA BLUEBOOK	RETURN PIPE TIP, BRASS NOZZLE 2-1/2 NST	123.21
8295	8/19/2019	[2484] INDEPENDENT BUSINESS FORMS	LASER PAPER FOR UTILITY BILLS	758.36
8296	8/19/2019	[5942] KEENAN & ASSOCIATES	HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019	19,795.56
8297	8/19/2019	[2501] KEENAN SUPPLY	AYM FLARES, ADAPTERS, GASKETS, BRASS BALLS; POLYETHYLENE PIPE; ROMAC CLAMPS; LEAD FREE STD BRASS NIPPLES; FIBRELYTE LIDS, SIX CHRISTY G05CT SEWER CI LID; SIX CHRISTY G05T RD CONCRETE H2O TRAFFIC VALVE BOX	3,222.68
8298	8/19/2019	[6801] KEKA	HOUSING ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP	200.00
8299	8/19/2019	[5934] NORTH COAST JOURNAL	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR WW OIT THROUGH ONLINE PORTAL, EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR WW OIT THROUGH ONLINE PORTAL, EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR WW OIT, EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR WW OIT	372.00
8300	8/19/2019	[2569] NORTH COAST LABORATORIES, INC.	HALOACETIC ACIDS	150.00
8301	8/19/2019	[2603] PG&E	UTILITY EXPENSES FOR JULY 2019	21,743.25
8302	8/19/2019	[6225] PMD, INCORPORATED	PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF NORTHWESTERN AVE WATERLINE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT	10,000.00
8303	8/19/2019	[3755] SEQUOIA PERSONNEL SERVICE	FISCAL ASSISTANT I/II TEMPORARY HIRE	862.80
8304	8/19/2019	[2719] STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BD	CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR WWTP OPERATOR GRADE II	170.00
8305	8/19/2019	[2319] SUDDENLINK	MONTHLY BROADBAND, INTERNET & PHONE SERVICE 8/10/19 - 9/9/19	862.85
8306	8/19/2019	[2481] VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS-304361	RETIREMENT FOR PPE 8/2/19	6,037.71
8307	8/19/2019	[6672] WEX BANK	PD FUEL EXPENSES FOR JULY 2019, PW FUEL EXPENSES FOR JULY 2019, PD FUEL EXPENSES FOR AUGUST 2019, PW FUEL EXPENSES FOR AUGUST 2019	2,713.88
8309	8/26/2019	[2277] CAMPTON ELECTRIC SUPPLY	FOUR 250-6AWG DU RATED LUG	11.63
8310	8/26/2019	[2303] COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION	POA DUES FOR PPE 8/16/19	150.00
8311	8/26/2019	[2411] DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE INSURANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019	337.13
8312	8/26/2019	[2393] FASTENAL COMPANY	MISC HARDWARE FOR REPAIRS, MISC HARDWARE FOR REPAIRS	95.24
8313	8/26/2019	[2405] FORTUNA ACE HARDWARE	PLEDGE MULTI SURFACE & GLASS CLEANER, FILTER FOR SHOP VAC, BOLTS; METAL WALL MOUNT HOSE HANGER, 4 EACH SCH40 PVC ADAPTERS	64.76
8314	8/26/2019	[6641] HAMANAKA PAINTING CO, INC.	WASH & PAINT PAINTER STREET TANK	24,800.00

City of Rio Dell Check Listing for City Council Meeting

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8315	8/26/2019	[2465] HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY	TDA MEMBER ASSESSMENT RTS-FY 2019-2020	45,298.00
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8317	8/26/2019	[2988] LEGACY ELECTRIC	LABOR TO REPLACE TRANSFER SWITCH HUBS	180.00
8318	8/26/2019	[6100] NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GLOVE	10 BOXES EA NITRILE BIODEGRADE & NITRILE ORANGE GLOVES; CHIN STRAP W/HOOKS	225.11
8319	8/26/2019	[3343] PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE PURCHASE FOR RESERVE	400.00
8320	8/26/2019	[4338] QUILL CORPORATION	LETTER SIZE HANGING FILE FOLDERS; PENS; CALCULATOR RIBBONS; LEGAL FILE FOLDERS	53.57
8321	8/26/2019	[6190] R.F. MACDONALD CO	TROUBLESHOOT & SERVICE FULTON THERMAL FLUID HEATER	3,600.00
8322	8/26/2019	[3755] SEQUOIA PERSONNEL SERVICE	FISCAL ASSISTANT I/II TEMPORARY HIRE, FISCAL ASSISTANT I/II TEMPORARY HIRE	1,725.60
8323	8/26/2019	[2709] STAPLES DEPT. 00-04079109	SIX CASES COPY PAPER	210.91
8324	8/26/2019	[2719] STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BD	DRINKING WATER OPERATOR GRADE T2 CERTIFICATION RENEWAL	60.00
8325	8/26/2019	[2754] US CELLULAR	MONTHLY SERVICE FOR SAFETY PHONE 8/8/19 - 9/7/19	59.59
8326	8/26/2019	[2481] VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS-304361	RETIREMENT FOR PPE 8/16/19	6,494.06
8327	8/26/2019	[5166] VSP-VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION INSURANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019	381.02
8328	8/26/2019	[2772] WENDT CONSTRUCTION, INC	PATCH PAVING ON IRELAND AVE	2,018.79
8329	8/26/2019	[2779] WILDWOOD SAW	REPAIRS TO HEDGE TRIMMER & BLOWER	203.50
8330	8/26/2019	[2787] WYCKOFF'S	UNION BALL VALVES; SCH 80 UNIONS; PVC SCH 80 90's; SCH 80 TEES	275.24
8331	8/26/2019	[2792] ZUMAR INDUSTRIES, INC.	THREE "NO DOGS" SIGNS	133.28
8332	8/29/2019	[2757] US POSTMASTER	POSTAGE FOR UTILITY BILLING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019	353.92
Total Checks/Deposits				203,211.91

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Total Transfer Between Accounts				-59,788.28



Staff Update – 2019-09-17

City Council

City Manager

Press releases and public information on homicide.

It was requested that staff pull information about historic accidents on Wildwood to the NB 101 onramp. Chief Conner did a search on RDPD records and found no reported accidents at this location over the past five years. As you may recall, the ATP project will reconfigure the SB offramp and Belleview Street interface on the other side of the freeway, where a man in a wheelchair was killed back in 2015.

Budget book near completion.

Developed and issued bid for asphalt and manhole repair work on Belleview Avenue.

Coordinated meeting with CalTrans on US101 interface with HRDBP.

Received a letter from the North Coast Water Quality Control Board finally closing out ACL Order No. R1-2017-0050 – a compliance project that the State ordered as a result of some violations the wastewater plant received. The violations were associated with Nitrogen, Ammonia and Nitrate levels exceeding limitations. The violations were primarily a consequence of bringing the City's new wastewater treatment plant online and staffs relative inexperience with the system during high flows at the time. The City has satisfactorily met all demands.

Attended CDBG training on August 28th with finance staff.

City Clerk

Processed nine (9) Building Permit Applications:

- 1) 158 Davis St. – 100 Amp Service Panel Upgrade
- 2) 91 Ogle Ave. – Retaining Wall
- 3) 555 Gunnerson Lane – Re-Roof Residence
- 4) 114 First Ave. – Re-Roof Residence
- 5) 149 Meadowbridge – Siding
- 6) 106 Painter St. – Sewer Lateral
- 7) 174 Belleview Ave. – Sewer Cleanout
- 8) 371 Orchard St. – Sewer Lateral & Cleanout
- 9) 528 First Ave. – Sewer Lateral & 2 Cleanouts

Submitted monthly California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF) Report



Submitted monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Report

Sent letters regarding delinquent Business Licenses

Sent letters regarding delinquent Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT)

Sent correspondence to SCORE regarding the City's current Workers' Comp rates

Responded to multiple information requests from fellow City Clerk's through the City Clerk list serve

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

Cheryl has been working on finalizing the budget book. Joanne has been very busy doing year end journals and we will be closing last fiscal year soon. Due to staff changes the annual audit will be slightly later than usual. The Finance Department continues to receive water/sewer payments in person and online as well as process all building permits and business licenses, providing notary services and invoicing for City grants. Staff has also participated in some CDBG and California Transportation Commission training.

Public Works Water

Public Works Wastewater

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Staff crack sealed the lower portion of Belleview Avenue around Wildwood and Pacific.

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

The Department had the following statistics for the period of August 28, 2019 to September 10, 2019. This period of time saw a slightly above average number of calls for service, a below average number of reports and a below average number of arrests. This two-week period of time was fairly quiet when compared to the average from last year given the increase in staffing. One reason for this may be the concentration of resources on the homicide investigation.

Officer	Calls for Service	Reports	Arrests
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Conner	13	3	1
Beauchaine	2	1	0
Carnahan	2	3	2
Landry	8	5	3
Mitchell	28	3	0
Valk	18	1	0
Fielder	13	0	0
Totals	89 (5 unassigned)	16	6
Averages	6.4 per day	8.0 per week	3.0 per week
2018 Yearly Average	5.1 per day	10.6 per week	3.6 per week

During the period of August 28, 2019 to September 10, 2019, there were nine calls for service related to animal control issues. One kitten was transported to Miranda’s Rescue during this reporting period. Officer Mitchell took a report on two dogs that allegedly killed a cat on Center Street. The dogs are also accused of killing another cat earlier in the year and process to have them declared as potentially dangerous dogs.

Officers Landry and Valk attended the Women in Law Enforcement Leadership Conference in Santa Clara. This training was funded by a grant written by the Arcata Police Department. Officer Mitchell attended a two training on crisis intervention techniques that was held locally.

On August 29, at about 1827 hours, Sergeant Beauchaine was dispatched to 70 Monument Road where a man had been shot in the abdomen. The victim, Johnnie Mack Renfro, was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival at Saint Joseph’s Hospital. Renfro did not live in Rio Dell and it is not known why he stopped his vehicle on Monument Road. A security camera, directly across the street from the site of the shooting, captured the incident. From this video, it was possible to identify the suspect’s vehicle as a dark emerald pearl, 1998-2001, Honda Accord, coupe. The shooter has been described by witnesses as a black man with dreadlocks. Since the shooting, Sergeant Beauchaine has been working almost exclusively on this investigation. He has been assisted by other members of the department as time allows. Significant progress has been made in identifying the suspect and gathering evidence for his eventual prosecution.

Code Enforcement

During the period of August 28 to September 10, 2019, the Department opened one junk vehicle case and did not close any. There were eight open cases at the end of the time period that this report covers.

During the period of August 28 to September 10, 2019, the Department did not open or close any code enforcement cases.

Community Development Department

Meeting with Glenn White and DJ Cleek to review required corrections to plans for Building #3.

DANCo multiple inspections.



Plan Check addition 225 Smither Court

Plan Check retaining wall 95 Ogle Avenue

Inspection Solar 494 Walker Lane.

Prepare Certificate of Acceptance Northwestern Avenue water line.

Record Northwestern waterline documents.

Inspections roof 215 Dixie Street

Inspections 225 Smither Court.

Planning Commission Housing Element Workshop.

Inspection rough electric 64 Davis Street.

Continue work on Housing Element.

Inspections roof 560 Gunnerson Lane.

Review changes to 2019 (2020) Residential and Building Codes.

Inspections roof 440 First Avenue

Meeting with PG&E rep regarding Rule 20A undergrounding.

Inspections roof 510 Pacific Avenue.

Review Traffic Study for the HRDBP in preparation to meeting with Caltrans.

Review 2020 Census New Construction program.

Review Element 7 and Proper Wellness application, refer and prepare and mail Public Notices.

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park



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September 17, 2019

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion on Potter Valley Project

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Provide direction to staff, if any.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

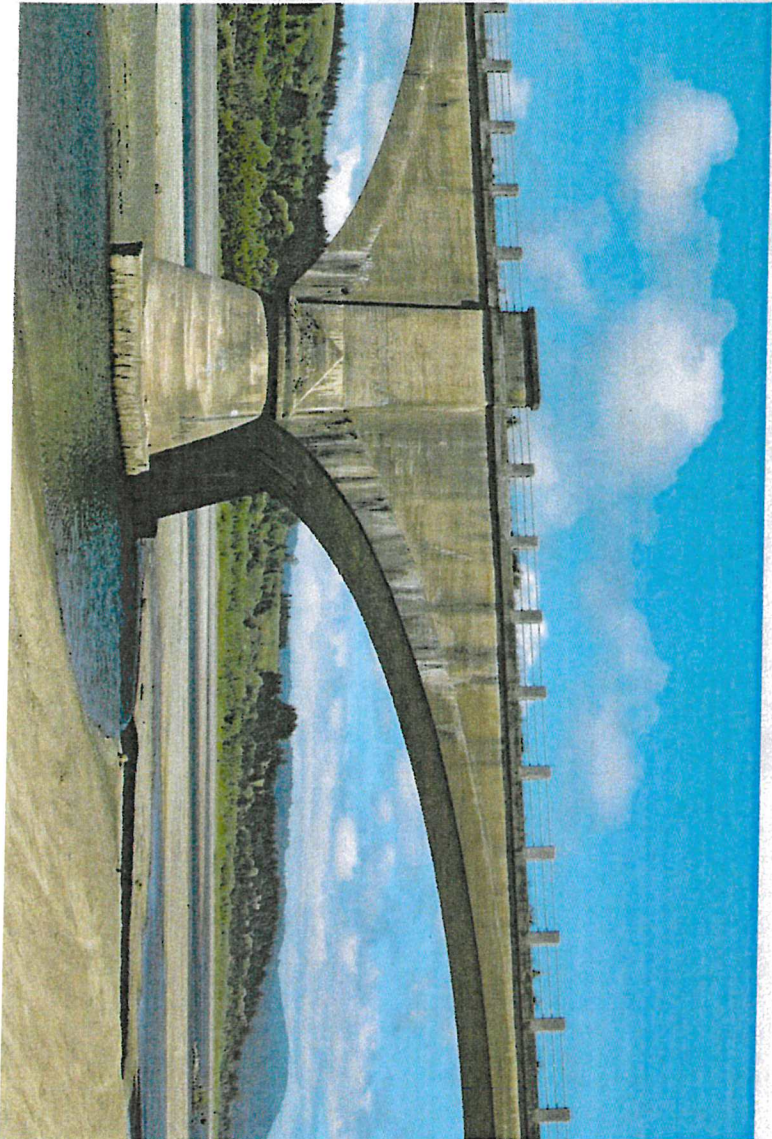
The Council last heard a presentation on the Potter Valley Project on November 6, 2018. Craig Tucker, a Natural Resources Consultant working for the County of Humboldt will provide an update on the Potter Valley Project and the [proposed two-basin solution following PG&E's decision to divest of the project and resulting feasibility study to create a regional entity that would manage the project into the future.

Attachments:

- A: Powerpoint from S. Craig Tucker, Ph.D.
- B: May 31, 2018 Briefing paper from S. Craig Tucker, Ph.D.
- C: Resolution No. 18-56 Humboldt County Board of Supervisor's Position Statement
- D: Congressman Jared Huffman: Two Basin Solution

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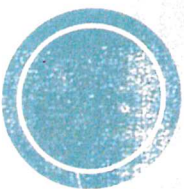
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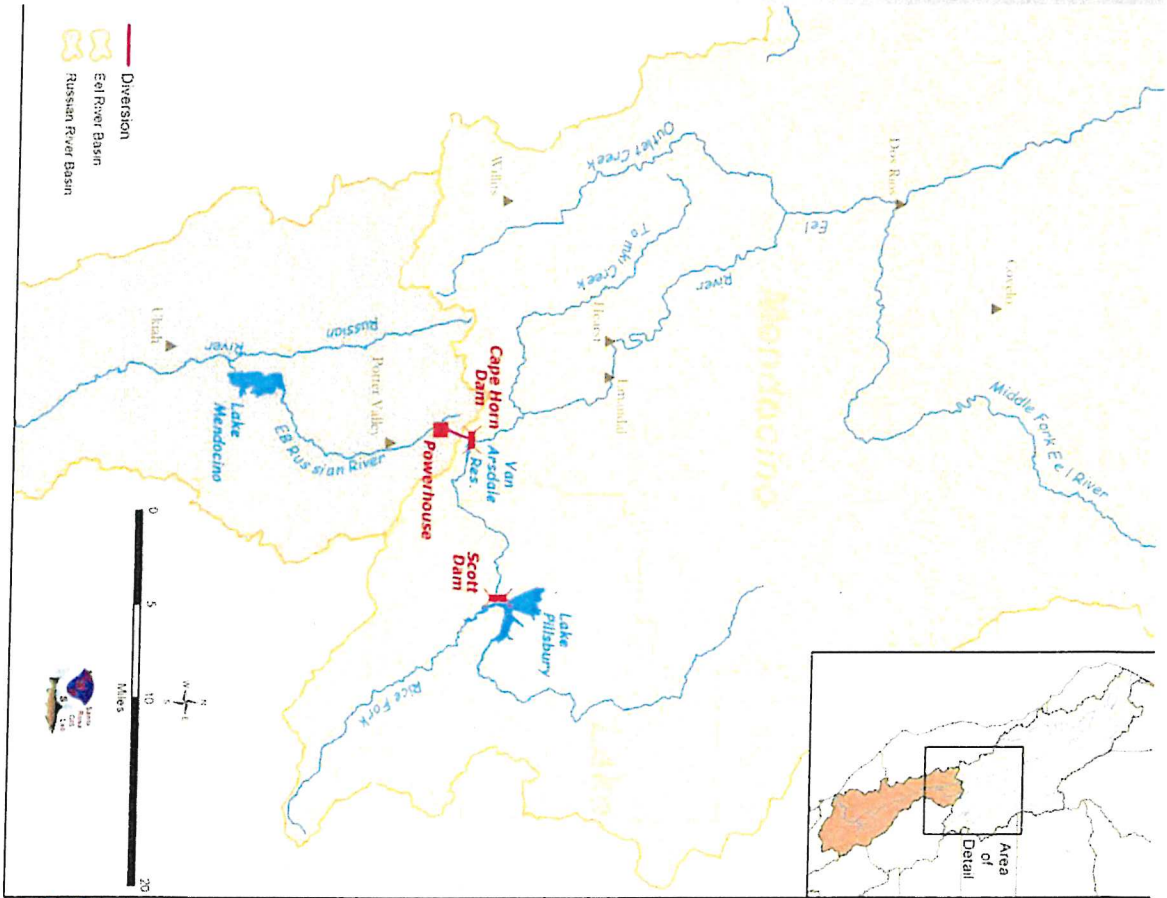
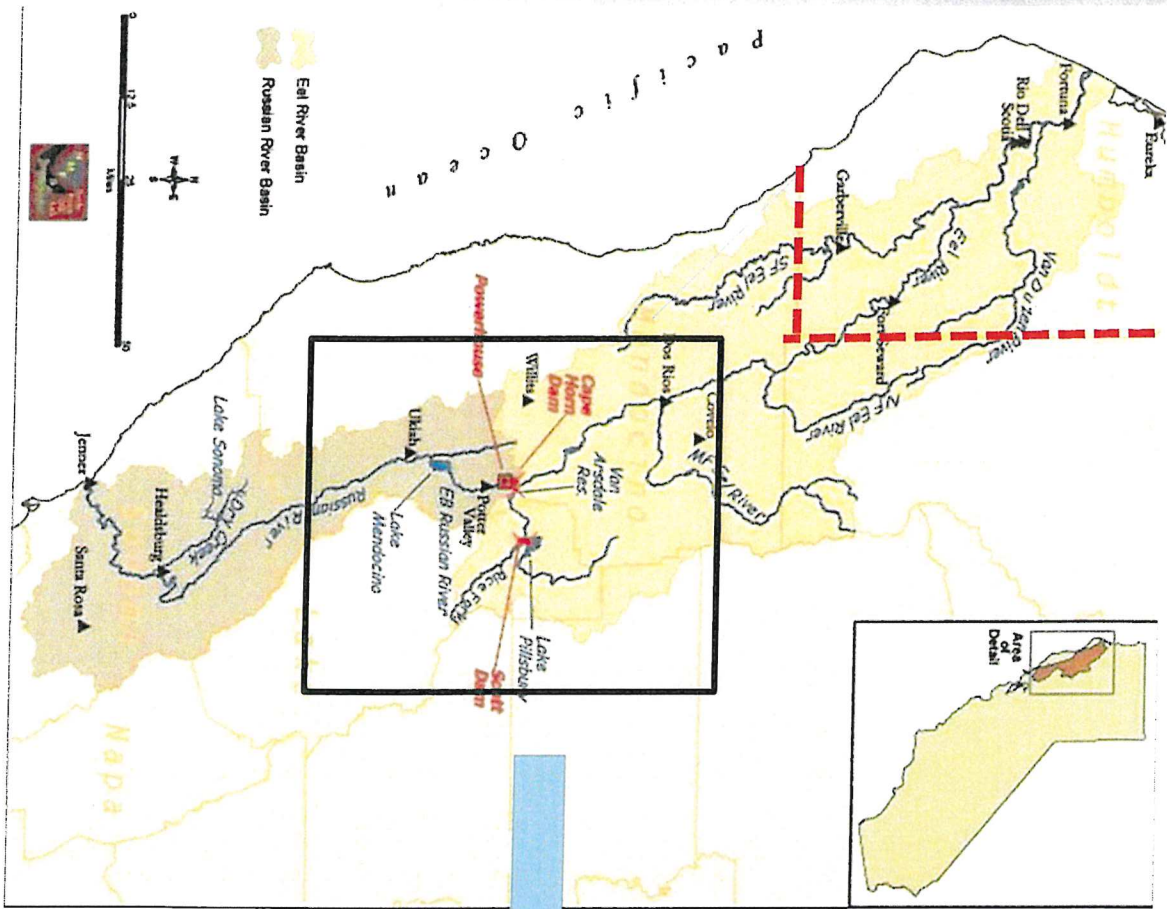


Potter Valley Project

*The Quest for a Two-Basin
Solution*

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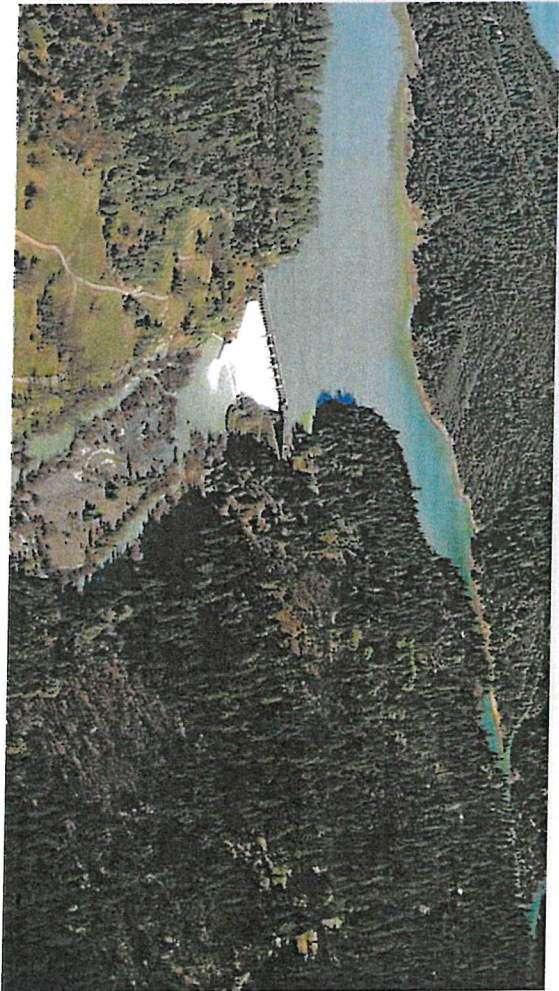


Scott Dam/Pillsbury Reservoir

Built: 1921

Height: 130

Storage: 94,000 66,876 af

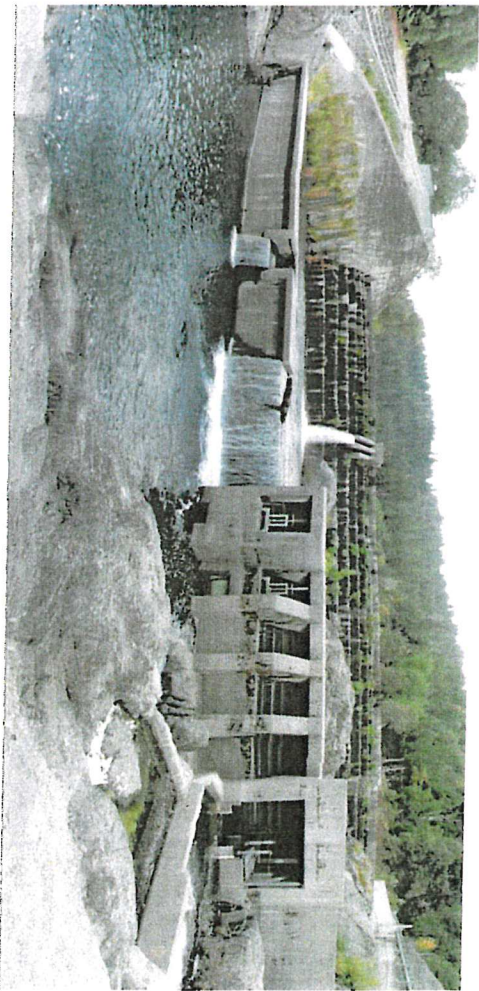


Cape Horn Dam/ Van Arsdale Reservoir

Built: 1908

Height: 63 feet

Storage: 700 af



Project Timeline

- 1905-1922 Project Constructed
- 1979 First minimum instream flow requirements
- 1983 FERC License Renewal (35 year license)
- 1980s-1990s Fish Screen and ladder improvements at Cape Horn Dam
- 2007 New NMFS BiOp established 'natural' flow regime/cut diversions
- 2017 PG&E initiates re-licensing process
- 2018 Congressman Huffman convenes Two Basin Solution Committee
- 2018 PG&E announces plans to auction the project
- 2019 PG&E withdraws license application and orphans the project
- 2019 Potter Valley Project Coalition Forms



Currently, PVP Benefits Russian River Valley at Eel River Valley's Expense

- Eel River Valley
 - Significant impacts to fisheries
 - Historically, PVP impaired Spring/Summer flows
 - Blocks up to 288 miles of salmonid habitat
 - Alters thermal regime
 - Affects sediment transport
 - Creates great habitat for invasive pike minnow
- Russian River Valley
 - Diversion to East Fork Russian provides irrigation water for the Potter Valley Irrigation District
 - Diversion contributes to Lake Mendocino storage, part of SCWA water supply



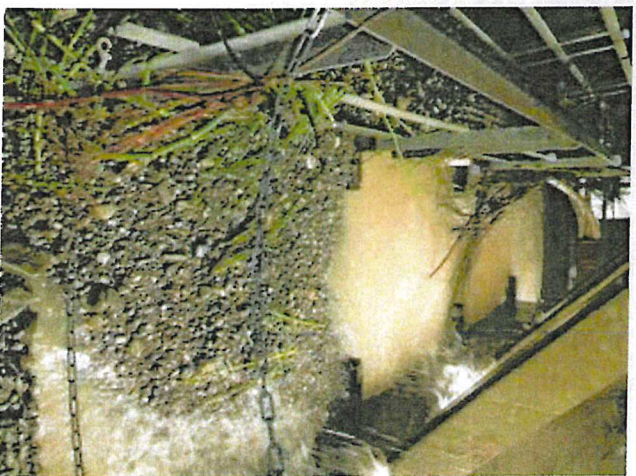
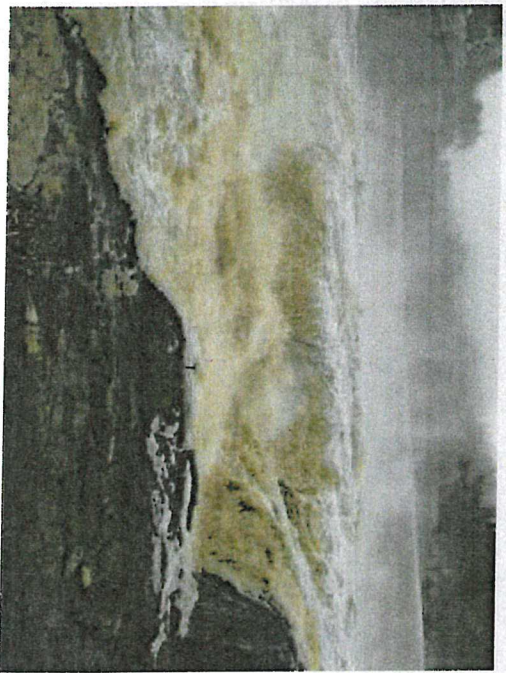
PVP Benefits to Russian River Valley is Diminishing

Period	Average Annual Power Generation (Megawatt-hours)	Average Annual Diversion of Eel River at Cape Horn Dam (Acre-feet) (% of Inflow)
Pre-1979	53,600	152,600 (33%)
1979-2006	49,700	142,500 (26%)
2007-2016	19,900	64,400 (21%)

Source: PG&E (2017)

6/5/2018

PVP Impacts to Eel Remains Problematic ***No Fish Passage at Scott/Passage at Van Arsdale Inadequate***





Congressman Jared Huffman
Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee
08.01.2018

Proposed Goals and Principles for a Two-Basin Solution

We as interested parties in the Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee are committed to joint problem solving and working toward an outcome of the PVP relicensing process that reflects the following goals and principles:

- Co-equal goals:
 - Improve fish passage and habitat on the Eel River sufficient to support recovery of naturally reproducing, self-sustaining and harvestable native anadromous fish populations including migratory access upstream and downstream at current project dam locations; and
 - Minimize or avoid adverse impacts to water supply reliability, fisheries, water quality and recreation in the Russian River and Eel River basins
- Other goals:
 - Respect tribal rights and their traditional connections to aquatic life, water and cultural resources in both basins
 - Minimize and mitigate adverse impacts to Lake County, including Lake Pillsbury businesses and residents
 - Ensure accountable governance and financially viable operations, including addressing potential liabilities
 - Jointly pursue public funding based on environmental and water supply benefits
 - Ensure that implementation of fish passage improvements in the Eel River basin happens in parallel and ideally simultaneously with water supply solutions in the Russian River basin

Co-equal Goals

- Improve fish passage and habitat on the Eel River to support recovery of naturally reproducing, self sustaining, and harvestable populations of native anadromous fish populations including migratory access upstream and downstream at current project dam locations; and
- Minimize or avoid adverse impacts to water supply reliability, fisheries, water quality, and recreation in the Russian and Eel River Basins.



Diversion Has Little Impact on Eel River Flows Below Dams

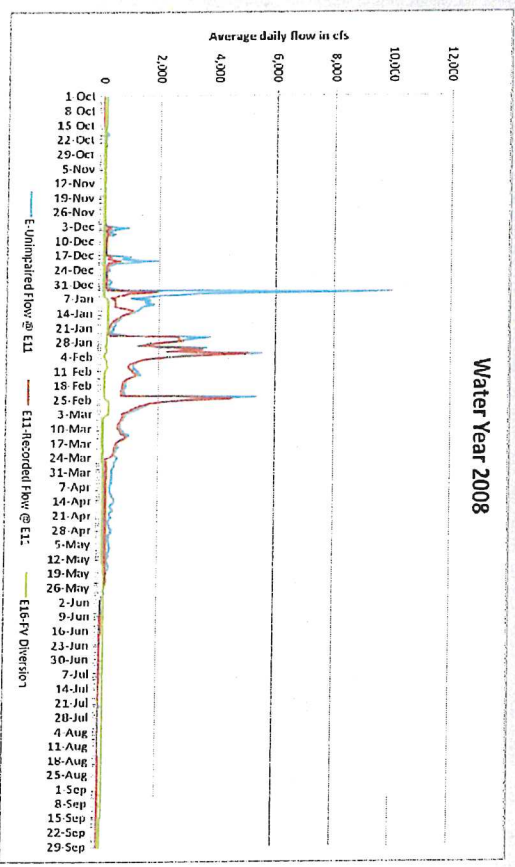


Figure 15. Annual hydrograph for the Eel River below Cape Horn Dam showing the estimated daily unimpaired flow, the actual flow, and the out-of-basin water transfer for a dry water year, 2008.

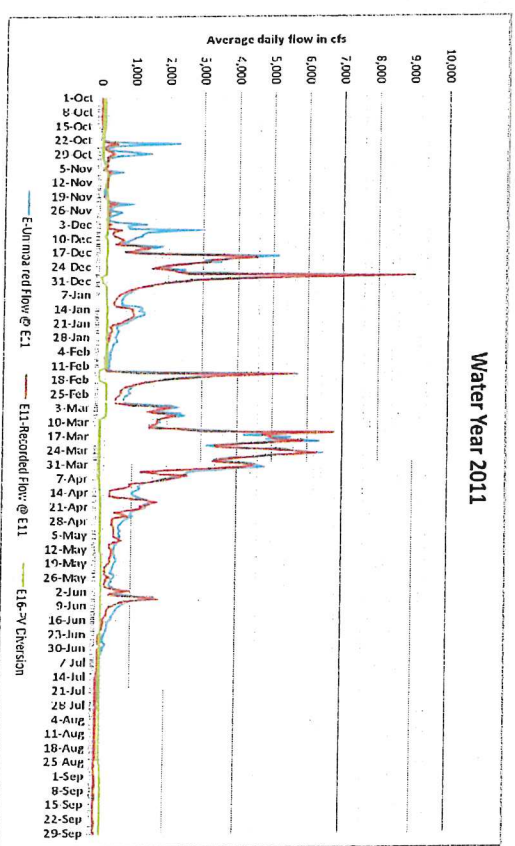


Figure 16. Annual hydrograph for the Eel River below Cape Horn Dam showing the estimated daily unimpaired flow, the actual flow, and the out-of-basin water transfer for a wet water year, 2011.



Water Supply Group Report

- Dam removal options have little to no impact on lower Eel River flows
- Dam removal options create challenges for PVID in summer
- Removal of Scott Dam, maintaining winter diversions at Van Arsdale coupled with changes to Coyote Dam operations can meet SCWA's needs



Fish Passage Studies

- Ladders
- Full Project removal
- Partial Project Removal (Scott Dam)
- Trap and Haul
- And several hybrids of the above



PG&E Orphans Potter Valley Project

Creates Challenges for Crafting Two-Basin Solution

- ***PG&E is obligated to comply with the current license and Biological Opinion until the license expires in 2022***
- February 1, 2019 - PG&E withdrew its PVP relicensing application on February 1
- March 1, 2019 - FERC served the “Notice Soliciting Applications” to take over the project
- On May 17, 2019, the Sonoma County Water Agency, Mendocino Inland Water and Power Commission, and California Trout entered into a Planning Agreement, stating their collective intent to create a new regional entity to take over the PVP and relicense it in a manner that provides for the “Two-basin Solution.” Later, Humboldt County and Round Valley Indian Tribe became signatories.
- On June 28, 2019, Parties to the Planning agreement filed a NOI with FERC describing their plan to file an application for a new license with FERC.
- August 1, 2019, FERC issued a Notice of Continuation of Relicensing Proceeding.



New License Timeline

- January 2000 -Introduce Legislation to Create new regional entity to manage PVP
- April 2020 - Complete Feasibility Studies
- 2020-2021- ESA Consultation and completion of additional studies
- April 14, 2022 - File Final License Application
- 2022 FERC Initiates NEPA process
- ??? - FERC decision



Attachment B

Briefing Paper

To: Hank Seemann, Humboldt County Public Works
Prepared by: S. Craig Tucker, Ph.D.
Date: May 31, 2018
Subject: General Principles for Addressing Issues Related to the Eel River and Potter Valley Project Re-licensing

The purpose of this Briefing Paper is to provide a summary of the re-licensing process for the Potter Valley Project (PVP) and suggest four guiding principles for engagement on regional discussions regarding the PVP's future.

BACKGROUND

The Eel River flows south to north from its headwaters in Lake County, through portions of Trinity and Mendocino counties, to its outlet to the Pacific Ocean in Humboldt County. The Eel is the third largest watershed entirely in California (3,684 square miles). In 1905, the Eel River Power and Irrigation Company began construction on what become known as the PVP. The PVP began with the construction of Cape Horn Dam, creating Van Arsdale Reservoir, and a one-mile-long tunnel connecting the Eel River to the Russian River in Potter Valley. Because Van Arsdale is a relatively small impoundment (approximately 700 acre-feet), the diversion could only be operated in winter months. In 1921, Scott Dam was built further upstream creating an 94,000 acre-foot impoundment known as Lake Pillsbury (current capacity is approximately 77,000 acre-feet). With this additional storage, the project could divert water and generate power year-round. While the mouth of the Eel River is nearly two hundred miles north of the mouth of the Russian River, the two rivers are intimately connected at their headwaters by the PVP.

SUMMARY OF HYDROPOWER RE-LICENSING

As with all privately-owned power projects, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has jurisdictional authority pursuant to the Federal Power Act to regulate and license the PVP. However, the outcome of the current FERC process, and the fate of PVP, will likely be determined by concerns over the water diversion and not that of power generation.

PG&E describes the PVP as a 9.2 megawatt (mW) hydropower facility or enough to power 6,000 homes. This is a bit misleading as 9.2 mW may be the nameplate capacity of the power generators but environmental regulations and FERC flow requirements (and natural flow variability) limit diversions in such a way that the actual power produced is a fraction of the facility's capacity. The amount of electricity produced is negligible relative to PG&E's portfolio, and the value of the energy alone does not warrant the capital investment required to pursue a new license from FERC.

The original reason for constructing the PVP may have been power generation; however, the consequence was the creation of a massive out of basin diversion to the Russian River watershed, which in turn fueled agricultural development in Potter Valley and areas downstream. Until 1979, the average annual diversion of Eel River water at Cape Horn Dam was 152,600 acre-feet (33% of inflow)¹. By 2004,

¹ PG&E, August 29, 2017. Questions on Power Production for Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a biological opinion on PVP operations under the federal Endangered Species Act which in turn led to significant changes. The result was an increase in releases to the Eel River and reduced annual diversions to Potter Valley. From 2007 to 2016, the average annual diversion of Eel River water at Cape Horn Dam was 64,400 acre-feet (21% of inflow).

In 2017, FERC initiated the public process to consider renewal of the federal license for the PVP. FERC must consider the public costs and benefits of project operations in the context of a host of contemporary laws and regulations designed to protect environmental resources and water quality, public safety, and power customers. The process calls for significant public participation and engagement of local governments, agencies, and stakeholder advocacy groups.

In the most straightforward cases, a FERC relicensing proceedings is managed by the project owner as an application developed with stakeholder input for FERC's consideration. FERC may simply approve the application or issue an application with mandatory terms and conditions. For controversial projects, such as the PVP, the project owner and stakeholders often negotiate a settlement agreement that specifies conditions of a new license application that settlement parties all agreed to. The benefit of a settlement agreement is that it reduces the risk of litigation by stakeholders and demonstrates community support for a license application, which has some influence on FERC's decision to approve the license. With these considerations in mind, Congressman Jared Huffman initiated an ad hoc committee in early 2017 for discussions among interested parties with a goal of developing a "Two-Basin Solution" scenario that could be advanced for consideration to the state and federal agencies with conditioning authority under the FERC relicensing process.

In May 2018, PG&E announced a desire to sell the PVP, fundamentally because the cost of relicensing, operations, and maintenance is greater than the value of the power produced. However, the PVP has a secondary benefit that is in some ways outside the scope of FERC. The PVP provides a significant out-of-basin diversion to the Russian River watershed that supports agriculture and water supply in Mendocino and Sonoma counties. While the Potter Valley Irrigation District purchases water from PG&E, other water users in the Russian River watershed do not pay for this water or operation of the diversion.

Because of the magnitude of the water diversions and the economic benefits in Mendocino and Sonoma counties, there is considerable interest in maintaining the PVP in some form, despite the project's lack of value as a power plant. Conversely, restorationists, tribes, fishermen, and communities dependent on the Eel River for drinking and irrigation water seek to eliminate or reduce water diversions and decommission all or part of the project. Operation of the PVP has perennially dewatered the Eel River, degraded water quality, affected fluvial processes, and blocked anadromous fish passage into the upper reaches of the Eel River watershed for a century.

EEL RIVER FISHERIES

The Eel River once played host to prolific runs of salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey. Although early fish counts are sparse, commercial canneries were operating at the mouth of the Eel as early as 1854, producing a peak output of 15,000 cases of canned salmon in 1883. Data from the canneries lead researchers to estimate that annual runs of Chinook salmon ranged between 100,000 and 800,000 fish a year. Today, runs of Chinook average about 1,000 fish a year- a 99% decline. The decline of coho, steelhead and Pacific lamprey are of a similar magnitude.²

² Yoshiyama and Moyle, "Historical Review of Eel River Anadromous Salmonids, with Emphasis on Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon and Steelhead."

California Trout and the UC Davis Watershed Sciences Center recently published a peer-reviewed report detailing the risks of California native fishes. The report notes that all of the Eel's native salmonids (Chinook, Coho, and Steelhead) are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.³

Eel River Chinook runs are considered valuable as they are not supported by a hatchery and thus preserve 'wild' genetics unlike runs on neighboring large rivers such as the Klamath which are hatchery influenced.

THE EEL IS A FEDERALLY DESIGNATED WILD AND SCENIC RIVER

A total of 398 miles of the Eel River and its major tributaries are protected under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, with 97 miles classed as Wild, 28 miles as Scenic, and 273 miles as Recreational. About 155 miles of the main stem are designated, from the mouth to a point just below Cape Horn Dam. The Middle Fork is also Wild and Scenic from its confluence with the Eel to the boundary of the Yolla Bolly–Middle Eel Wilderness. The South Fork is designated from its mouth to the Section Four Creek confluence, the North Fork from its mouth to Old Gilman Ranch, and the Van Duzen River from its mouth to Dinsmore Bridge.⁴ These designations effectively preclude the construction of additional dams and diversions in the future.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Clearly, the Eel River Basin is important to Humboldt County's economy, cultures, and water resources. Given that the relicensing proceeding currently underway will determine to what extent the next generation of Humboldt residents will enjoy and use Eel River fishery and water resources, four guiding principles are suggested for engaging in the FERC relicensing process and any settlement discussions related to the fate of the PVP and Eel River restoration:

1. Science Based Decision Making. Policy decisions are a product of our beliefs and our values – both of which are predicated on the known facts of a matter. Fisheries and water quality restoration are complex issues guided by a host of scientific disciplines ranging from biology to physics. Our decisions regarding the specific elements of a new PVP FERC operational license, project surrender license, or settlement agreement should be predicated on the best available science that meets the criteria: a) it is generated by a reputable source, b) it has been subject to independent peer review, and c) it discloses the uncertainties associated with any conclusions.⁵
2. Achieve a more Natural Flow Regime. Although dams and diversions have long served to provide for energy, recreation, drinking water, irrigation and flood control, ecologists have come to understand that the native flora and fauna of a given river basin evolved under a natural flow regime that created the complex web of connected life cycles. Today, it is broadly accepted that a fundamental component of river restoration is to, as closely as possible under current conditions, re-create the natural flow regime.⁶
3. Acknowledge and Respect the Regional Needs. Although the PVP was developed as a power project, the resulting water diversion to the neighboring Russian River has become important to

³ Moyle et al., "State of the Salmonids: Status of California's Emblematic Fishes 2017."

⁴ "Wild and Scenic Rivers Program (U.S. National Park Service)."

⁵ Sullivan et al., "Defining and Implementing Best Available Science for Fisheries and Environmental Science, Policy, and Management."

⁶ Poff et al., "The Natural Flow Regime."

Russian River Basin agricultural interests and a direct benefit to the Sonoma County Water Agency and its customers. The PVP links the two watersheds along with the interests of Lake, Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. The reality of this linkage was acknowledged by the county governments in 1978 which led to the formation of the Eel-Russian River Commission. In order to reach a politically and legally durable outcome that serves Humboldt County's interests, the needs of Russian River Basin stakeholders who have depended on PVP diversions for a century will need to be considered.

4. Restore the Eel River Fisheries. The Eel River has provided sustenance to residents of what is now Humboldt County for millennia. After colonization, the abundance of salmon in the Eel River supported canneries from 1857 to 1921 when diversions and aggressive logging practices led to steep and rapid declines.⁷ Humboldt County should seek restoration of the Eel River fisheries that exceeds the minimal requirements of the Endangered Species Act. The Eel River fishery should be restored such that it once again has self-propagating populations of wild Chinook, Summer Steelhead, Winter Steelhead, Pacific Lamprey, and Coho salmon that allow harvest opportunities for Humboldt County's sport, commercial, and tribal fishermen.

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Attachment C

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 18-56

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT'S POSITION REGARDING
THE FUTURE OF THE POTTER VALLEY PROJECT ON THE EEL RIVER**

WHEREAS, the Potter Valley Project, currently owned by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), was constructed on the main stem of the Eel River in Mendocino County between 1905 and 1922 to generate hydroelectric power, and through its operation serves as an inter-basin transfer of water from the Eel River basin to the Russian River basin; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of water diversions to the Russian River have come at the expense of substantial downstream impacts to the Eel River and its fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the main stem of the Eel River flows through Humboldt County for approximately 81 river miles before discharging into the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the export of water from North Coast watersheds is one of Humboldt County's most significant water resource policy issues; and

WHEREAS, the ecosystem services and beneficial uses of the Eel River are a vital part of Humboldt County's core community values; and

WHEREAS, residents and communities within Humboldt County depend on the Eel River for water supply, fishing, recreation, and many other uses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt recognizes the importance of the Eel River to the Wiyot Tribe, Bear River Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and other affected tribes for ceremonial, medicinal, practical, and subsistence uses; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Valley Project has contributed to habitat degradation, declining fish populations, economic losses, and loss of recreational opportunities within Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Valley Project has redistributed the natural wealth of the Eel River to the detriment of downstream communities in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Valley Project has deprived the residents of Humboldt County from fully utilizing the resources of the Eel River; and

WHEREAS, PG&E's hydropower license for the Potter Valley Project expires on April 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Jared Huffman convened an ad hoc committee of interested parties in 2017 to work toward a two-basin solution that addresses issues and concerns in the Eel River and Russian River watersheds; and

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WHEREAS, PG&E announced, on May 10, 2018, its intent to put the Potter Valley Project up for auction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt has a duty, as a political subdivision of the State of California, to protect and restore the natural resources within County boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE POTTER VALLEY PROJECT:

- The County of Humboldt believes that decommissioning and full or partial removal of the Potter Valley Project is inevitable due to the aging infrastructure, low power production, and high cost of upgrading the facility to comply with current dam safety and environmental regulations.
- The County of Humboldt believes that restoration of fish populations in the Eel River will be best achieved through removal of Scott Dam to allow volitional fish passage to spawning and rearing habitat historically used by migrating salmonids.
- The County of Humboldt will actively participate in the hydropower re-licensing process administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Congressman Jared Huffman's Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee, and discussions exploring the potential transfer of the Potter Valley Project to a regional (multi-county) entity.
- The County of Humboldt recognizes that the Potter Valley Project provides tangible benefits to other counties and supports a collaborative approach to solving the regional issues and concerns.
- The County of Humboldt supports Congressman Huffman's call for a two-basin solution with co-equal goals and believes that consideration of Russian River water users' interests will be essential to achieving a comprehensive solution.
- The County of Humboldt will advocate strongly on behalf of the water users and natural resources within Humboldt County for water supply reliability, fish populations that support sustainable harvest opportunities, and full restoration of beneficial uses within the Eel River.
- The County of Humboldt will advocate for elimination of summer and fall water diversions and restoration of the Eel River's natural flow regime to restore and enhance fisheries, water quality, water supply, and recreational opportunities.
- The County of Humboldt will advocate for thorough consideration of the decommissioning alternative through the hydropower re-licensing process.

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- The County of Humboldt will advocate for PG&E (or its successor) to sponsor a participatory process involving all affected stakeholders prior to the submittal of a final re-licensing application.
- The County of Humboldt will advocate for technical studies that fully address the primary concerns for Eel River watershed health and sustainability, which include: fish passage necessary for access to spawning and rearing habitat above Scott Dam; fish passage survival at Cape Horn Dam (for both adults and juveniles); downstream geomorphic effects; effects on environmental cues (flow and temperature) for migrating salmonids and other fish species; effects on invasive species (such as the Sacramento pikeminnow); effects on tribal uses and resources; and effects on downstream municipal, domestic, and agricultural water supply.
- With regard to a potential regional entity assuming operation of the facility, the County of Humboldt will advocate for full recovery of the County's costs; protection from liability; fair and equitable representation in the governance structure; and assurances that the needs of the Eel River and downstream communities will be satisfied.

Dated: June 5, 2018



Ryan Sundberg, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors


Adopted on motion by Supervisor Fennell, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Bohn, Sundberg, Fennell, Wilson, Bass
NAYS: Supervisors --
ABSENT: Supervisors --
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By Ryan Sharp
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California

Attachment D



Congressman Jared Huffman
Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee
08.01.2018

Proposed Goals and Principles for a Two-Basin Solution

We as interested parties in the Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee are committed to joint problem solving and working toward an outcome of the PVP relicensing process that reflects the following goals and principles:

- Co-equal goals:
 - Improve fish passage and habitat on the Eel River sufficient to support recovery of naturally reproducing, self-sustaining and harvestable native anadromous fish populations including migratory access upstream and downstream at current project dam locations; and
 - Minimize or avoid adverse impacts to water supply reliability, fisheries, water quality and recreation in the Russian River and Eel River basins
- Other goals:
 - Respect tribal rights and their traditional connections to aquatic life, water and cultural resources in both basins
 - Minimize and mitigate adverse impacts to Lake County, including Lake Pillsbury businesses and residents
 - Ensure accountable governance and financially viable operations, including addressing potential liabilities
 - Jointly pursue public funding based on environmental and water supply benefits
 - Ensure that implementation of fish passage improvements in the Eel River basin happens in parallel and ideally simultaneously with water supply solutions in the Russian River basin

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TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Karen Dunham, City Clerk

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

DATE: September 17, 2019

SUBJECT: Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION

Open the public hearing and receive input on any unmet transit needs in the community. Close the public hearing and make a motion to direct staff to send a letter to Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) relaying the comments made during the public hearing regarding unmet transit needs.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Each spring the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) conducts a citizen participation process to assess unmet transit needs within Humboldt County. This annual "unmet transit needs" process helps HCAOG properly apply funds provided by the Transportation Development Act. HCAOG will hold a public hearing for community members to express any unmet needs they have for specific public transit and paratransit service.

In addition to the County unmet transit needs hearing, HCAOG recommends each entity conduct a separate hearing to receive comments specific to their jurisdiction. Any public comments made at the local meeting will be sent to HCAOG and included in the Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings.

Provided there are no unmet transit needs identified, all of the funds will be allocated for street improvements.



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August 23, 2018

Mr. Kyle Knopp, City Manager
City of Rio Dell
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Rio Dell, CA 95562

Every year, as established by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA), the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) is required to conduct a citizen participation process to identify any "unmet transit need" (UTN) in the County. This is done before TDA funds are distributed to local jurisdictions for non-transit purposes. If UTN's are identified, we further need to determine whether or not that need is "reasonable to meet".

The HCAOG Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 17, 2019, to provide members of the public, local transit agencies, and local jurisdictions with the opportunity to discuss new or previously identified unmet transit needs.

Though not required, we encourage your agency to also conduct a public hearing between the timeline of September 12, 2019 through the end of October and forward us a record of all comments received.

Please provide your public hearing date to Christie Smith at christie.smith@hcaog.net by Friday, September 6, 2019. HCAOG will publish an ad in the Times Standard, on September 11, 2019, which will include a schedule of all hearing dates, times, and locations.

Enclosed for your information is a synopsis of the UTN process. If you hold a hearing, an HCAOG or SSTAC representative will attend to answer questions.

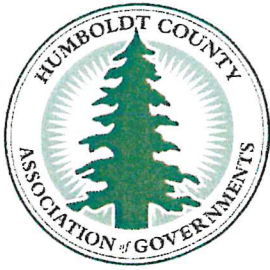
Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Philip Johnson
Associate Planner

Enclosures

ec: City Clerk



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SYNOPSIS:

Citizen Participation Process for Assessing Unmet Transit Needs

Transportation Development Act

California's Transportation Development Act (TDA) legislates funding for transit purposes primarily, and for non-transit purposes under certain conditions. TDA funds are distributed through transportation planning agencies throughout the state. HCAOG is required to assess unmet transit needs prior to allocating any TDA funds for purposes *not* directly related to public transit.

Public Process to Make a Finding

Each year, HCAOG conducts a citizen participation process to gather public input concerning transit needs within the region. HCAOG's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) leads the process to solicit broad input from transportation-dependent and transportation-disadvantaged persons. In consideration of public input, the SSTAC's recommendations, and adherence to HCAOG's adopted definitions, the HCAOG Board is required to make one of the following findings:

- (a) there are no unmet transit needs; or
- (b) there are no unmet transit needs which are "reasonable to meet"; or
- (c) there are unmet transit needs, including those that are "reasonable to meet".

If a documented unmet transit need that meets the test of "reasonable to meet", is identified within a specific jurisdiction the following will occur:

- The jurisdiction's Local Transportation Funds must be used to rectify the identified unmet transit need prior to using these funds for non-transit purposes, such as maintenance of streets and roads;
- The addition and/or modification of the existing transit system(s) must be considered to resolve the identified unmet transit need.

Report of Findings

HCAOG's SSTAC considers all public testimony and input, applies the adopted definitions and "reasonable to meet" criteria, and forwards a recommendation to the HCAOG Board in an annual report. The HCAOG Board will consider and adopt the Report of Findings no earlier than February of each year.

Opportunities for Public Comment on Unmet Transit Needs

Public hearings are held in the fall of each year. Comments may be provided at any of the unmet transit needs public hearings or submitted to HCAOG throughout the year via website, email, Facebook, in person, or telephone through the contact information below:

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/y38tlx9v>
Email: philip.johnson@hcaog.net
Facebook: www.facebook.com/hcaog
Mail or in person: HCAOG Office
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Telephone: (707) 444-8208

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS DEFINITIONS

Unmet transit needs are, at a minimum:

- (1) Trips requested from residents who do not have access to public transportation, specialized transportation, or private transport services or resources for the purpose of traveling to medical care, shopping, social/recreational activities, education/training, and employment; or
- (2) Proposed public transportation, specialized transportation, or private transport services identified in the following (but not limited to): a Transportation Development Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan.

Additionally, the HCAOG TDA Rules stipulate that, for this process, unmet transit needs do not include:

- ❖ Improvements funded or scheduled for implementation in the next fiscal year
- ❖ Minor operational improvements or changes such as bus stops, schedules, and minor route changes
- ❖ Trips for primary or secondary school transportation
- ❖ Sidewalk improvements or street and road needs

Reasonable to meet criteria:

- (1) To be considered “reasonable to meet”, a service must be operationally feasible and financially sustainable, as defined below:
 - a) The service must have adequate roadways, and must be safe to operate.
 - b) Enough money should be available from identified sources of funding to pay for the marginal operating costs of the service continuously for three years.
- (2) The service must be projected to meet a minimum “marginal farebox-return-ratio” of 10 percent within 2 years. If multiple competing services are requested, other factors may also be considered such as estimated subsidy per passenger trip and passengers per vehicle hour of service. For new service, ridership and farebox-return-ratio thresholds will be considered.
- (3) Pursuant to the requirements of TDA Statutes (Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5c, a determination of needs that are “reasonable to meet” shall not be made by comparing unmet transit needs with the need for streets and roads, for the allocation of TDA funds.
- (4) Once a service is determined to be "reasonable to meet" and is implemented, it can be expected that the ridership in the first 1-2 years of the new service will be less than the projected optimal ridership. Ridership should be evaluated at 6-month intervals to determine if service is meeting performance standards adopted by the transit provider, and specifically, whether the service meets a minimum 10 percent marginal farebox-return-ratio. If the service is being adequately promoted and fails to be within 60 percent of the identified standards after six months, 90 percent with the first year, or 100 percent within two years, the service may be cancelled and deemed "no longer reasonable to meet." An exception to this rule is when a community or group is willing to participate in sharing the ongoing cost of the new service.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Dell City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers at Rio Dell City Hall, 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO DISUCSS:

1) UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

The Public Hearing will give citizens the opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, you may direct your written comments to the City Clerk, City of Rio Dell, 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, CA 95562 or you may call City Hall staff at (707) 764-3532.

All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Karen Dunham, CMC
City Clerk
Posted 9/5/19