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Mike Schonherr
Director, Strategic Agreements
PG&E Power Generation Department
245 Market Street
Mail Code N11E, San Francisco, CA 94105 **Re: Potter Valley Project (Project No. 77)**

Dear Mr. Schonherr,

The Potter Valley Irrigation District (PVID) wishes to support the request made by the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission and Sonoma Water for discretionary flow releases, up to the capacity of the Potter Valley Project (Project) powerhouse bypass channel if, and when, all required Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license minimum flows are met on the Eel and Russian Rivers.

PVID's contract delivery of 5 cfs for winter maintenance water is currently being met with non-discretionary flow releases from the Project. We, however, wish to support all of our downstream neighbors who are dependent upon Project water stored in Lake Mendocino. Our entire region has been severely impacted by the ongoing drought. Lake Pillsbury is now spilling for the first time since June of 2019. When license conditions are met PG&E could release up to 140 cfs via their bypass channel even with the equipment failure at the Powerhouse. 140 cfs is just over 50% of what would normally be diverted if PG&E were capable of producing power.

The requested discretionary flow releases are needed to protect both health and human safety water needs for all of the communities dependent upon Lake Mendocino and also for listed fish species in the Russian River below Coyote Valley Dam.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Stroh, President