

*Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control  
& Water Conservation Improvement District*

## Customer Surplus Notice

First notice: April 27, 2026

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### FIRST NOTICE

#### 2026 Water Supply Availability & Surplus Notice

##### 2026 Water Availability

Potter Valley Project diversions from the Eel River to the Russian River may be reduced at some point this summer if/when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approves PG&E's flow variance request. This will reduce or eliminate the water available for many appropriative water rights. While the State Water Board is not expected to issue formal curtailments, to fully comply with appropriative water right terms it is important to verify the water source for a right when allocating your water use and completing annual reporting. **In other words, be mindful of how you allocate water this summer and how you report your water use on your own water rights.**

The District anticipates being able to serve all customer contracts in 2026, though Lake Mendocino is less full than in the last three years at this time. If you are concerned your contract will not meet your needs when the Eel River diversions are reduced this year or post-decommissioning of the Potter Valley Project, you may request surplus; please contact me.

##### Projections for Your 2026 District Water Use

The District recognizes the difficulty of projecting water use with the Eel River flow variance undetermined. Therefore, customer 2025 gross pumping quantities are being used to estimate 2026 water use. This is not contractual or binding; it is only used for planning purposes. If you would like to make the District aware of any changes, please contact me.

##### Surplus Water – Need or Want to Offer

If you want to request any surplus water for the 2026 growing season, please contact me by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to make any of your unused contract water available as surplus supply to other District customers and Redwood Valley County Water District, please contact me. The benefits of making your unused water available for transfer include reducing your annual invoice and aiding in the health of the District's water license by putting District Water to beneficial use. The quantity of water actually transferred may not be equal to the quantity you make available to the District. The final accounting will be reflected in your next annual invoice which will indicate the final acre feet quantity transferred and the dollar amount savings.

##### More Information

Visit the District website for more information: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/updates>

This letter can also be found **attached** and posted here:

<https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/2026-customer-correspondence>

As always, if you have questions, feel free to contact me. ~ Beth

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