

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

**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item 8: Application for Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement  
by Redwood Valley County Water District  
Monday, May 5, 2025**

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The Strategic Plan relevant priority is **use** through effective and beneficial use of water under the District water right license and as a public resource.

**Background**

Customers enter into the Uniform Water Sale and Purchase Agreement (Agreement) to contract for water service. The Proposed Ordinance 25-01 Establishing Regulations and Rules For Water Sales states the following with regards to an application for the Uniform Water Sales & Purchase Agreement:

3.10 **Application - Required.** Each Applicant for the purchase of water from the District shall complete, sign, and submit an application in writing on a form provided by the District. The Applicant shall be the Customer who proposes to purchase District Water from the District. Submission of an application shall not constitute a contract or other obligation requiring the District to sell District Water to the Applicant.

3.15 **Application - Contents.** The application shall be in the form and contain such information as the District may prescribe. The application shall accurately describe the point of diversion at which the Applicant proposes to divert District Water to be sold and supplied by the District. The application shall also contain covenants by the Applicant to comply with this Ordinance and all the regulations of the District regarding the purchase and sale of District Water, to promptly pay all fees and charges for District Water purchased from the District, and to enter into a form of Uniform Water Sale and Purchase Agreement approved by the District's Board of Trustees. The application shall contain an estimate and documentation of the quantity of District Water the Applicant proposes to purchase from the District over a one (1) water year period.

**Discussion**

The Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD) is currently within the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District (RRFC) water right license place of use. However, only a small southern portion of the RVCWD is within the RRFC District boundary. RVCWD currently accesses RRFC water through the 1980 Stipulated Judgement and is only eligible to receive surplus water for the majority of its service area. The two Districts are currently cooperating in the development of an annexation application to include the remaining portions of RVCWD into the RRFC boundary.

RVCWD has submitted an application for an Agreement to serve the portion of its service area currently within the RRFC boundary with the intention of expanding the contractual place of use if/when the proposed annexation is approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo.) Members of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority (RVCWD, Millview Water, Willow Water, Calpella Water, and the City of Ukiah) are expected to merge all water resources including RRFC contracts.

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The amount of water requested by RVCWD is 400 acre feet for 95 irrigated acres served through four agricultural service connections that could use up to 380 af a year. Additionally, there are 15 domestic hookups and Barra of Mendocino Winery & Event Center receives treated water for their facilities and 20 acres of irrigation.

As of May 1 2025, RRFC has only 328.85 acre feet uncontracted and available to RVCWD to contract.

**Recommendation:**

- Move to approve the Redwood Valley County Water District application for a Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement for “x” acre feet and direct Staff to proceed developing Agreement;

Or

- Deny the request.

**Attachments:**

- Redwood Valley County Water District application for a Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement

**Links:**

RRFC Annexation Webpage:

<https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/lafco-msr-soi-update-annexation-application-2025>

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*Mendocino County*

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

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***Application for***

***UNIFORM WATER SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT***

Please complete the information below and return, including a \$400 application fee per diversion. See Ordinance #17-01 for information on metering diversions.

<b>Name for Contract:</b>	Redwood Valley County Water District
<b>Other names, contacts:</b>	President Adam Gaska
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	151 Laws Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482
<b>Office phone:</b>	707-463-6228
<b>Cell phone:</b>	(707) 272-5477
<b>Email:</b>	mendocinoorganics@gmail.com

**Place of Use:**

<b>Physical Address:</b>	Southern portion of the Redwood Valley County Water District within the MCRRFC&WCID district boundary and licensed place of use.
<b>Parcel Numbers:</b>	(see map)
<b>Size of area to be Irrigated: (if applicable)</b>	95 acres irrigated acres served through 4 agricultural service connections that could use up to 380 AF per year. In addition to agricultural service connections, we would supply Barra winery, 20 acres of irrigated vineyards and 15 domestic hookups with treated domestic water..
<b>Points of Diversion:</b>	Redwood Valley County Water District intake at Lake Mendocino (licensed point of diversion on MCRRFC&WCID water right.)
<b>Description of Diversion Facilities: (Direct Diversion, Underflow)</b>	Lake Mendocino Intake-3 500 hp vertical drive turbines which draw from different elevations of Lake Mendocino manifolded together. 2 Intakes are screened.
<b>Description of crops to be irrigated: (if applicable)</b>	wine grapes, pears, row crops, pasture, livestock watering

Applicant Name:	Redwood Valley County Water District
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**Purpose of Use:**

Examples: Domestic, Municipal, Industrial, Irrigation (includes frost protection, heat protection, heat suppression, etc.)
irrigation for ag, redundancy for health and human safety for municipal customers
<i>NOTE: The use of Project Water available to Customer under this Agreement shall be restricted exclusively to the uses specified above. Should Customer wish to change the purpose of use of Project Water provided under this Agreement to any other use, Customer is required to apply to the District for approval and a revised Exhibit A.</i>

**Quantity of Use:**

Average Annual Use in Acre Feet per parcel number:	
Parcel Number:	Acre Feet:
see attached map	aggregate of 400 AF primarily for agricultural customers but to include municipal customers using water for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes
Total Acre Feet:	Requesting up to 400 acre feet

**Customer Water:**

Water Sources:
Lake Mendocino, East Fork Russian River
State Water Resources Control Board Application/Permit/License Numbers:
Application # 024955, Permit# 17953
Pumping Season Allowed by Application/Permit/License #:
March 1-April 30 for frost protection; November 1-April 30 for domestic purposes
Place of Use allowed by Application/Permit/License #:
within the district boundaries of Redwood Valley County Water District

*Application for UNIFORM WATER SUPPLY AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT (Continued...)*

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Redwood Valley County Water District
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<b>If this is an application to continue water supply through a property transfer, list previous owner, their contact information, and date of final sale.</b>

The undersigned applicant applies for untreated water as specified above. The signing of this application signifies the applicant's willingness and intention to comply with the District's Policies and Ordinances.

Submitted by: Colona Haskins 4/18/2025  
Applicant Signature Date

Received by: Elizabeth Salenow 4/18/25  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Date

**MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Redwood Valley County Water District

Application for Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement Attachment

Proposed place of use: area shown in orange that is south of the red RRFC Boundary line.

