

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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Dear Customers,

RE: 2025 Water Supply Availability & Surplus Notice

2025 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 water use and completing the annual reporting. In other words, be mindful of how you allocate water this summer and how you report your 2025 water use on your own water rights.

The District anticipates being able to serve all customer contracts in 2025. Lake Mendocino is full, thanks to ample precipitation and the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO); stored water is in sufficient supply. 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 and/or changes to your contract by contacting me.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2025 DISTRICT WATER USE

The District recognizes the difficulty of projecting water use with the Eel River flow variance undetermined. Therefore, customer 2024 gross pumping quantities are being used to estimate 2025 water use. This is not contractual; it is only used for planning purposes. If you would like to make the District aware of any changes, please contact me.

DISTRICT SURPLUS

If you want to request any surplus water for the 2025 growing season, please contact me by July 1, 2025.

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 to 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 Project 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 on your 2026 annual invoice which will indicate the final acre feet quantity transferred and the dollar amount savings. This opportunity is first come, first serve.

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OTHER UPDATES

- The District is preparing a change petition on our main water right to create more flexibility in serving water, especially with the short and long term changes in the Potter Valley Project. [Webpage on Change Petition.](#)
- The District is preparing an annexation application for the remainder of the Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD) that will allow RVCWD to enter into the Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement with RRFC for a determined amount of water. [Webpage on Redwood Valley Annexation](#)
- The District is updating both the Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement and the District's Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Rules For Water Sales. [Webpage for next Board meeting introducing updated contract and ordinance.](#)

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

Thank you,



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