

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

General Manager's Report for July 2026
Presented at Regular Meeting of Monday, August 3, 2026

Priority 1: Water Supply Security ~ Ensure reliable, resilient, and available sources of water.

(1: Improve river & reservoir operations. 2: Advance fair & reliable trans basin diversions. 3: Increased storage capacity. 4: Ensure effective and beneficial use of District water as a public resource.)

1-PG&E Drought Working Group (DWG): With the approval of the 2026 flow variance, the DWG started meeting regularly to receive reports on storage conditions at Lake Pillsbury and other operations of PVP. PG&E does not propose dropping flows below 25 cfs at this time; will reassess conditions at the August DWG meeting. When the report is provided, it will be posted on the District website:
<https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/current-pg-e-potter-valley-project-operations>

2-Future of the Trans Basin Diversion: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission published a Notice of Scoping Meeting and Request for Comments on the Proposed Surrender, Decommissioning, and Non-Project use of Project Lands (NERF) dated May 22, 2026. FERC will prepare a document discussing the environmental impacts of both the decommissioning and the building of the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF.) FERC will use this document in its decision-making process to identify potential adverse and beneficial impacts of the proposed project surrender and reasonable alternatives. The scoping process gathers input regarding the environmental impacts of the proposal. Specifically, FERC staff request comments on potential alternatives and impacts, as well as identification of any relevant information, studies, or analyses concerning effects on the quality of the human environment. FERC has extended the comment period on the Scoping Document 1 for the Proposed Surrender, Decommissioning, and Non-Project use of Project Lands (NERF) to September 18, 2026 at 2 PM Pacific Time. Comments continue to be submitted, and organizational letters are posted on the District webpage: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/future-of-the-eel-river-to-russian-river-trans-basin-diversion-potter-valley-project>

More information can be found on the District's website: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/future-of-the-eel-river-to-russian-river-trans-basin-diversion-potter-valley-project>

3-US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation for Increased Storage Capacity at Lake Mendocino: The Inland Water & Power Commission Ad Hoc Committee met to develop and review draft content regarding options for progressing the study. The Commission is receiving presentations over several meetings and will then provide direction. More information can be found on the District's website: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/lake-mendocino-s-coyote-valley-dam-general-investigation-study>

4-LAFCo Application for Annexation of Redwood Valley County Water District's service area: (1) The Board of Supervisors approved adoption of the zero tax sharing agreement with RRFC for the RVCWD annexation at their Tuesday July 7, 2026 meeting with no public comment or opposition. A brief recorded presentation was played and is available on the District project webpage.

More information can be found on the District's website: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/proposed-annexation-of-redwood-valley-county-water-district-2025-2026>

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Priority 2: Strategic Partnerships ~ Collaborate with partners to achieve aligned goals for a mutual benefit. (1: Cultivate trusted relationships with community partners for regional water security. 2: Expanded relationships with non-traditional partners and stakeholders in pursuit of enhanced Environmental Stewardship. 3: Promote clarity on shared goals and initiatives with our strategic partners.)

1-Water Sharing Program: The working group met to assess progress and plan next steps for developing a memo proposing the voluntary management of the 10k acre feet reserve in Lake Mendocino for water rights in Sonoma County. A brief presentation will be given at the Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting on July 30, 2026 and is posted on the District's webpage: <https://rrfc.specialdistrict.org/upper-russian-river-voluntary-water-sharing-program>

Priority 3: Advocacy & Engagement ~ Be an influential voice for our region through outreach, education, funding, regulation, & legislation. (1: Improve public awareness and understanding of the importance of water issues. (2) Pursue State and Federal governmental policy and funding support.)

1-Groundwater Sustainability Agency Tribal Meeting: A well-attended meeting by Tribal representatives. GSA Staff and consultants provided background, updates, and Tribal seats on the Board and Technical Advisory Committee.

2-R3MP Steering Committee Meeting: Topics included reviewing the 2027-2028 annual monitoring work plan outline, a funding update, overview of coordination with Russian River Confluence, and an update on the SWRCB Telemetry Pilot.

Priority 4: Governance and Operational Excellence ~ Foster sustainable leadership and management of agency resources. (1: Capable and high quality executive leadership. 2: Engaged, diverse, and knowledgeable Board leadership. 3: Effective systems, administration, and human resources to execute the strategic plan. 4: Sound and sustainable management of District finances.)

1: Executive Leadership: Attended or watched: (1) CalPERS webinar on Power of Attorney.

4-Financial: The County provided an estimated tax revenue for FY 26-27 that is about \$10,000 less than the District's approved budget. Staff will consider a budget amendment at mid-year budget review, if needed.

Community Meetings

Note: District Board members and GM will no longer be attending all community meetings and reporting here. Please contact the individual organizations for more information on public meetings and updates.

City of Ukiah (7/1/26): Nothing water related to note.

LAFCo (7/6/26): LAFCo Staff noted that both RRFC and County of Mendocino were scheduled to consider approval of a tax sharing agreement and if/when resolutions were received by LAFCo, consideration of the Annexation Application would be scheduled for the LAFCo September meeting.

Inland Water & Power Commission (7/9/26): Consultant provided an update from Communications Ad Hoc Committee. Sonoma Water presented results from a modeling exercise regarding observed and modeled Eel River diversions. Sonoma Water offered to work with IWPC representatives to incorporate information into the outreach efforts. The Executive Director Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the staff report and approved the proposed process. It was clarified that the priority is to find the right person and hiring as an employee or an independent contractor second priority. LWA provided an update on the Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation Study – Alternative Delivery Options.

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City of Ukiah (7/15/26): Councilmember Rodin provided a brief update on Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission's most recent meeting.

GSA joint Board and TAC meeting (7/19/26): A quorum was not reached for the Technical Advisory Committee but the Board did meet. Staff and consultants provided updates and a presentation on the first periodic evaluation for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A workshop style item was held on the GSA Strategic Plan that is in development.

Ukiah Valley Water Authority (7/2/26): Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for August 6, 2026.

Attachments:

- Letter of Support for the formation of an Alexander Valley Water District
- Email from Lee Howard, member of the public, regarding the July 6, 2026 Board Meeting requesting cure and correct actions by the District.

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July 8, 2026

Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission
11 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Commissioners,

RE: Formation of the Alexander Valley Water District

The Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (RRFC) supports the formation of the Alexander Valley Water District, as first stated in our letter of support dated May 1, 2026.

The District now writes to encourage the Sonoma County LAFCo to reconsider and rescind the May 6, 2026 denial of the petition of formation and proceed with the formation as presented in the application.

RRFC is aware of concern regarding landowner representation if formation of the Alexander Valley Water District is a registered voter formed district rather than a landowner formed district as the form of governance for AVWD. It is the District's understanding that development of the proposed district spanned five years during which it was determined that a landowner district is the only viable model for this boundary.

Please refer to this District's original letter of support for more information and thank you for your focused attention on the approval of the Alexander Valley Water District formation.

Yours Sincerely,



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General Manager

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Christopher Watt

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Trustee
Dave Koball

Elizabeth Salomone

From: Lee Howard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 10:40 AM
To: rrfc; Elizabeth Salomone
Cc: John Sharp
Subject: Cure/Correct

To the Board of Directors of the Russian River Flood Control District

This Letter serves as a formal demand regarding a violation of the Brown Act that occurred at your meeting last night 7/6/2026.

Specifically the discussion and any action regarding the close session agenda, as they were not properly noticed or aggrandize.

Government Code Section 54954.3(A) explicitly mandates that members of the public must be given the opportunity to address the

legislative body, before the Board consideration of the item.

To cure and correct this violation , I formally demand that the Board take the following actions within statutory time frame.

1. Declare any and all action decisions, votes, or directions given to staff during the July 6, 2026 close session NULL and VOID.
2. Place any matter discussed during that closed session onto the agenda for a subsequent, properly noticed public meeting
3. Provide the legally required opportunity for public testimony before taking any further action or entering into close session on these matters..

As provided in Government Code Section 54960.1 you have 30 days from the receipt of the demand to cure or correct the vitiation or to inform

me of your decision not to do so.

I reserve the right to seek judicial relief , including an injunction or declaration that the actions taken during the illegal session are completely void.

Thank you for your prompt attention to correcting this matter and upholding the public's right to open governance.

Lee Howard