

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

**STAFF REPORT**

To: Board of Trustees  
From: E. Salomone, General Manager  
Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023  
RE: Agenda Item 5: Water Supply Conditions

**The Strategic Plan** relevant priorities are: **Security** through ensuring reliable, resilient, and available sources of water; **Advocacy** in support of equitable water resource stewardship; and **Use** of water in effective and beneficial ways as a public resource, all in alignment with the District’s Mission to steward water resources for the benefit of people and the environment.

**Operations of the Inter-Basin Diversion of Water Through PG&E Owned “Potter Valley Project”**  
PG&E filed a to FERC in June. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, FERC issued a notice of comment period on PG&E’s submitted flow variance. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is August 4, 2023.

**Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River**

Lake Mendocino storage level was 96,212 acre feet (af) on July 9, 2023, down from 99,325 af on May 30, 2023. The mainstem Russian River continues to operate under a Temporary Urgency Change Order. [www.sonomawater.org/tucp](http://www.sonomawater.org/tucp)  
The approved modifications include the following changes:

- From May 1 through October 15, 2023, the instream flow requirements for the upper Russian River will be reduced from 185 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 125 cfs.
- From May 1 through October 15, 2023, the instream flow requirements for the lower Russian River will be reduced from 125 cfs to 70 cfs.

