December 12, 2023

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## Re: PG&E Initial Draft Surrender Application

Dear Mr. Gigliotti,

On behalf of the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (RRFC), I would like to express our enthusiastic support for the inclusion of a proposal from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Trout, Humboldt County, Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, the Round Valley Indian Tribes, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Trout Unlimited for Project facilities in the Cape Horn Dam Area (the "New Eel Russian Facility Proposal" or "Proposal") in PGE's Initial Draft Surrender Application. RRFC has been following this process as it has developed, as RRFC has a seat on the Mendocino Inland Water and Power Commission. RRFC, like Sonoma Water Agency, has a water right on the Russian River, which includes the right to store and re-divert water in and from Lake Mendocino. RRFC provides water to multiple municipal water districts, as well as agricultural and industrial customers within the Upper Russian River watershed in Mendocino County.

RRFC recognizes the changing economic and environmental conditions that have led to the present situation with the Potter Valley Project. We believe that the proposal represents a viable course of action that will ensure water supply reliability for the Upper Russian River environmental and economic interests while improving conditions on the Eel River. RRFC is encouraged by the inclusivity that is occurring in this stage of the process. The focus on mutual benefits is vital to a successful outcome, and we are heartened that so many diverse groups are respectful of each other's positions. We are grateful for PGE's support of this proposal and are committed to the development of a new project that will provide long-term benefits to our entire North Coast region.