

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

STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item 8: Ukiah Valley Water Authority: Consideration of Combining
Member Agency Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreements**

May 4, 2026

The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are (1) **Water Supply Security** by ensuring effective and beneficial use of water under District water rights; (2) **Strategic Partnerships** through promoting clarity on shared goals and initiatives; and (3) **Governance and Operational Excellence** by enhanced transparency, accountability, and consistency across the District.

Background

Staff of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority member agencies (listed below) is interested in learning more about the process for combining the member agency individual Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreements (Agreement) into one Agreement under the Ukiah Valley Water Authority (Water Authority.) No formal request for change has been made; this is an information seeking exercise.

Ukiah Valley Water Authority Member Agencies and current Agreement quantities:

- Calpella County Water District (85 acre feet a year)
- Millview County Water District (1171.15 acre feet a year)
- Willow County Water District (593 acre feet a year)
- Redwood Valley County Water District (328.85 acre feet a year)
- (City of Ukiah is a member but has no UWS&PA with RRFC at this time.)

Discussion

The Board is not required to approve combining Agreements; it is considered an administrative process conducted by the General Manager. Due to the scale of this possible action and the inclusion of Redwood Valley Water District (Redwood Valley Water) prior to being annexed to the Russian River Flood Control District (RRFC), Staff and Legal Counsel agreed that a Board briefing was appropriate.

A combined Agreement could offer the Water Authority member agencies:

- Ability to internally manage allocating the combined contract quantity (acre feet per year) within the membership as needed while infrastructure is expanded and improved over the coming years.
- Ability to add all member agency points of diversion to the Agreement, including the City of Ukiah's.
- Ability to include the combined service areas of all member agencies in the Agreement's place of use (those within the RRFC licensed place of use and boundary.)
- Ability to better manage projected District water demand and potentially offer surplus water annually.
- If the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) approves the application for annexation of the Redwood Valley County Water District service area to RRFC, Redwood Valley Water entire service area could be included in the Agreement's place of use.

Note: prior to a LAFCo approved annexation of the Redwood Valley Water service area to RRFC, surplus water would be provided to Redwood Valley Water as it is now, under terms of the Stipulated Judgement.

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