

# City of Santa Rosa



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**Title:** UPDATE ON PG&E'S POTTER VALLEY PROJECT

In July 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) accepted Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) proposed 30-month schedule to prepare and submit a license surrender application and decommissioning plan for the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project (Project), which is located along the Eel River and diverts water into the East Fork Russian River providing water supply to Sonoma Water. PG&E will continue operating the Project under annual FERC licenses in the interim, but it remains unclear whether diversions from the Eel River to Russian River will continue after decommissioning of the Project. Sonoma Water and a collection of regional partners are initiating a collaborative process - the Russian River Water Forum - that aims to preserve the flow of water from the Project into the Russian River while also fostering collaboration to support water supply resiliency in the Russian River watershed. Santa Rosa's Water Advisory Committee (WAC) member, Councilmember Rogers, and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member, Water Director Jennifer Burke, have been invited to provide input on Santa Rosa's perspective on the future of the Project. Santa Rosa Water staff will provide an update on the Project and next steps. The Board of Public Utilities may receive information, ask questions, discuss and provide direction regarding the future of the Potter Valley Project to inform Santa Rosa's WAC and TAC member for participation in the Russian River Water Forum.

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