

Potter Valley Project Ad-Hoc Committee Quarterly Update

January to April 2023

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc is to work with Sonoma Water staff to explore options related to the future of the Potter Valley Project and Russian River water supply reliability and resiliency. The Ad Hoc will recommend options for full Board consideration.

In addition to working with staff, the Ad Hoc may engage with various stakeholders, as appropriate, in Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Lake counties, as well as state and federal representatives, to formulate its recommendations.

Ad Hoc Members

Supervisor Gore
Supervisor Rabbitt

Attendees

Sonoma Water Staff

- Grant Davis, Sonoma Water General Manager
- Pam Jeane, Sonoma Water Assistant General Manager
- Don Seymour, Sonoma Water Deputy Chief Engineer
- Cory O'Donnell, Chief Deputy County Counsel, Natural Resources + Resiliency
- Adam Brand, Chief Deputy County Counsel, Infrastructure
- As-needed support may also be provided by other staff

Other

- As-needed subject matter support may also be provided by consultants

Meetings Held

01/26/2023: Ad Hoc Meeting

03/20/2023: Ad Hoc Meeting

Status

The Ad Hoc members met with staff twice, once in January and once in March.

The January meeting began with a review of the basics of the Potter Valley Project (Project). That review included information about past, current and potential future

operations of the Project. There was also a discussion about options for responding to potential changes in Project operations and water rights associated with the Project.

The March meeting included a discussion of the recent information received from Pacific Gas & Electric Company regarding a change in operations at the Project, the status of a possible proceeding to amend the operating license for the Project, the development of the Russian River Water Forum, and the tentative plan to respond to the US Bureau of Reclamation's notice of funding opportunity under their WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Grant program.

Upcoming Meetings

04/17/2023: Ad Hoc Meeting

05/15/2023: Ad Hoc Meeting

06/2023: Not yet scheduled