



Item 6b: Workshop Potter Valley Irrigation District

Municipal Service Review & Sphere of Influence Update

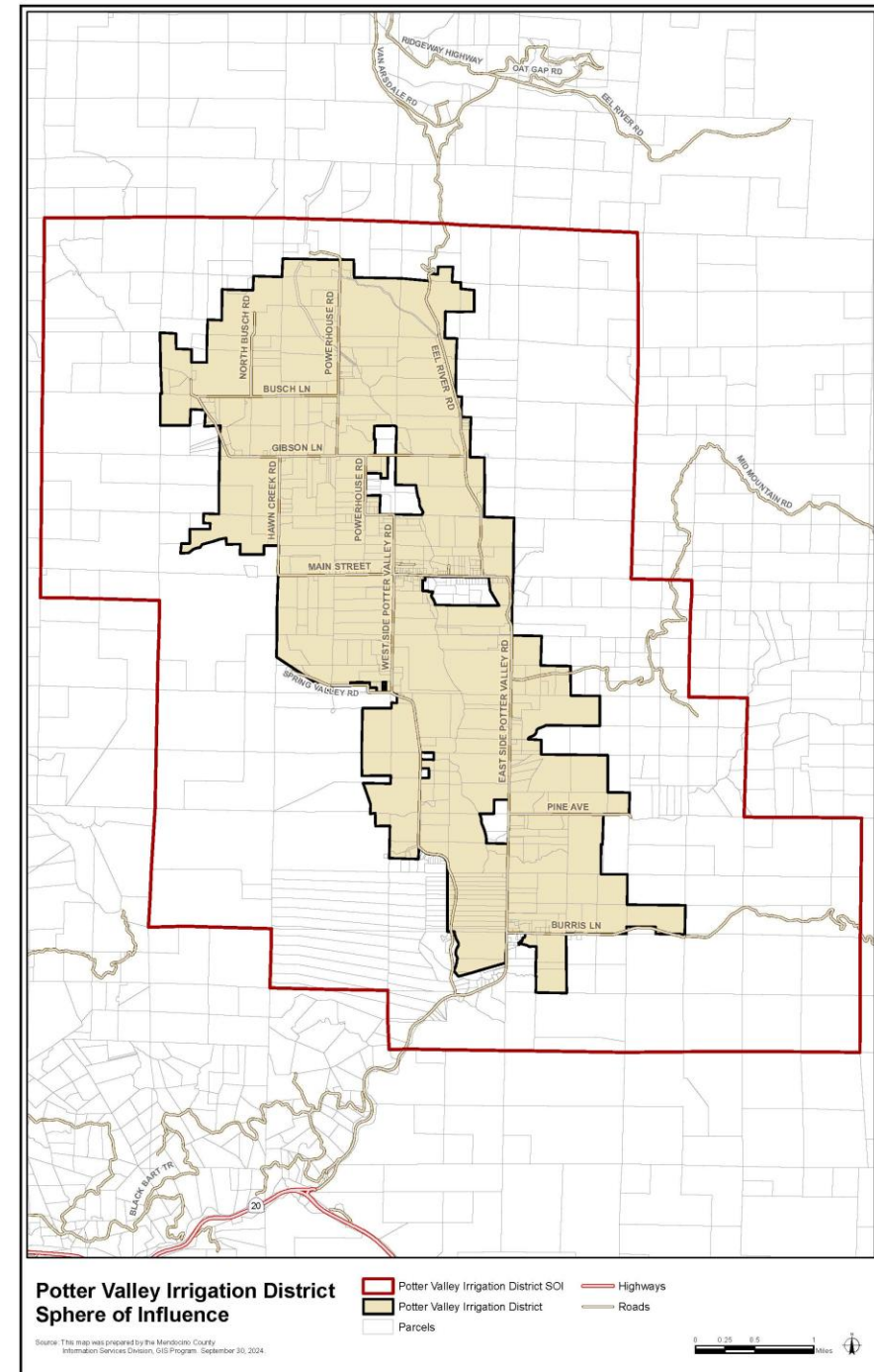
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Municipal Service Review (MSR)

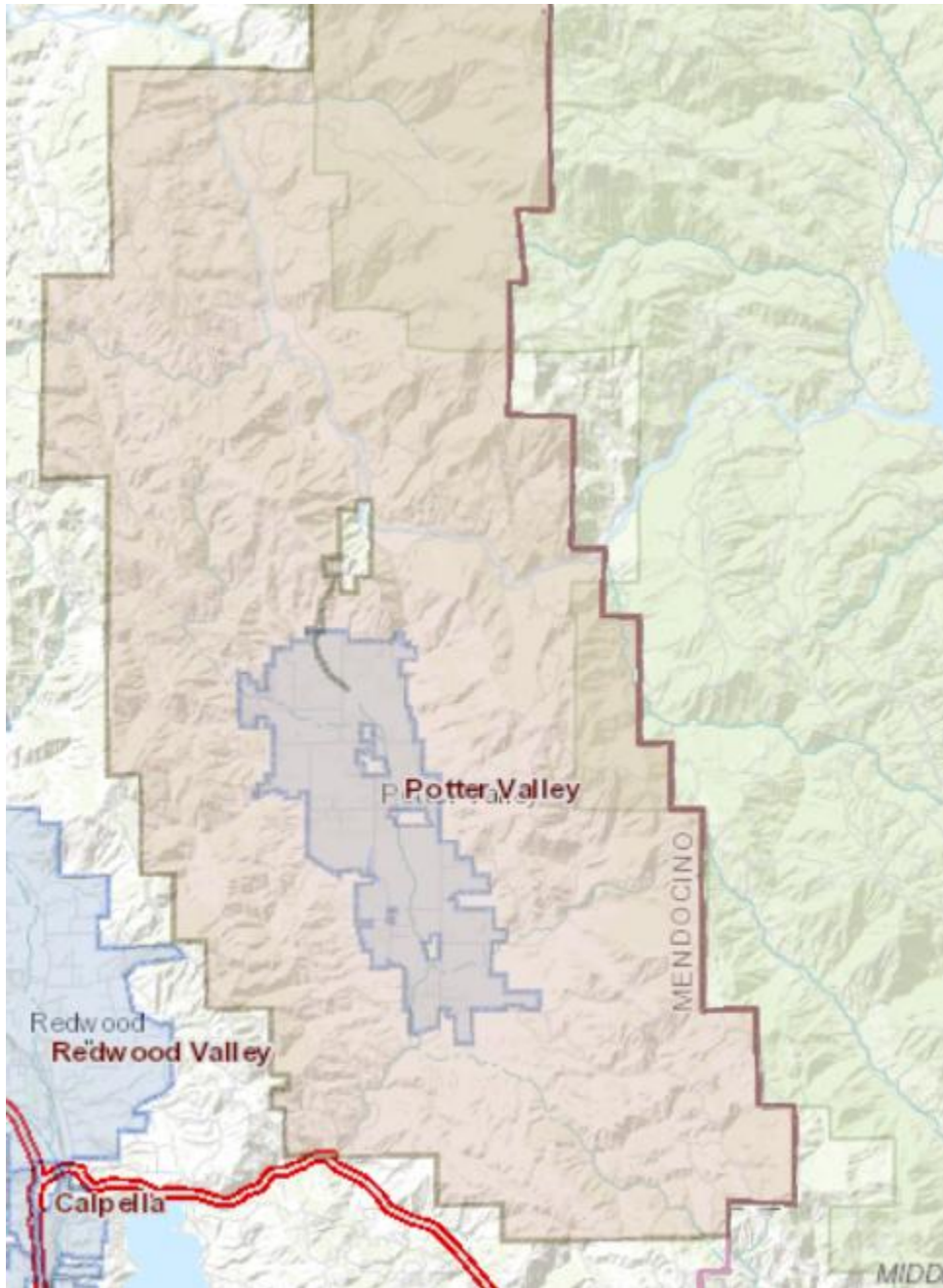
- A MSR is a study of a local agency's governance and operations
- Provides an inventory and analysis of agency services:
 - Capacity
 - Financial ability
 - Accountability
 - Anticipated growth
- Second MSR for the District
 - 2013 Ukiah Valley Special Districts MSR

Potter Valley Irrigation District

- Formed April 1924
- Single-Service Provider: irrigation water
- District boundary is 6,966 acres in size
- Provides service to approximately 275 agricultural customers



Municipal Services



- Water
 - Private wells
- Sewer
 - Private septic systems
- Fire/Emergency Services
 - Potter Valley Community Services District
- Police
 - Mendocino County Sheriff

District Management & Operations

MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION

- District Superintendent
- 5 FT employees
 - Superintendent
 - Secretary/Treasurer, Assessor-Controller, Operator/Maintenance Supervisor
- 7 PT employees
 - Administrative assistant
 - Seasonal ditch tenders

OPERATIONS

Water supply

- Primary Source: Eel River diversion
 - 19,000 acre-feet per year
 - 3,670 acre-feet per year when available

Canal/pipeline network

- Distribution System
 - 18 miles of canals
 - 18 miles laterals
 - 88 service gates
 - 4 flumes
 - 6 siphons

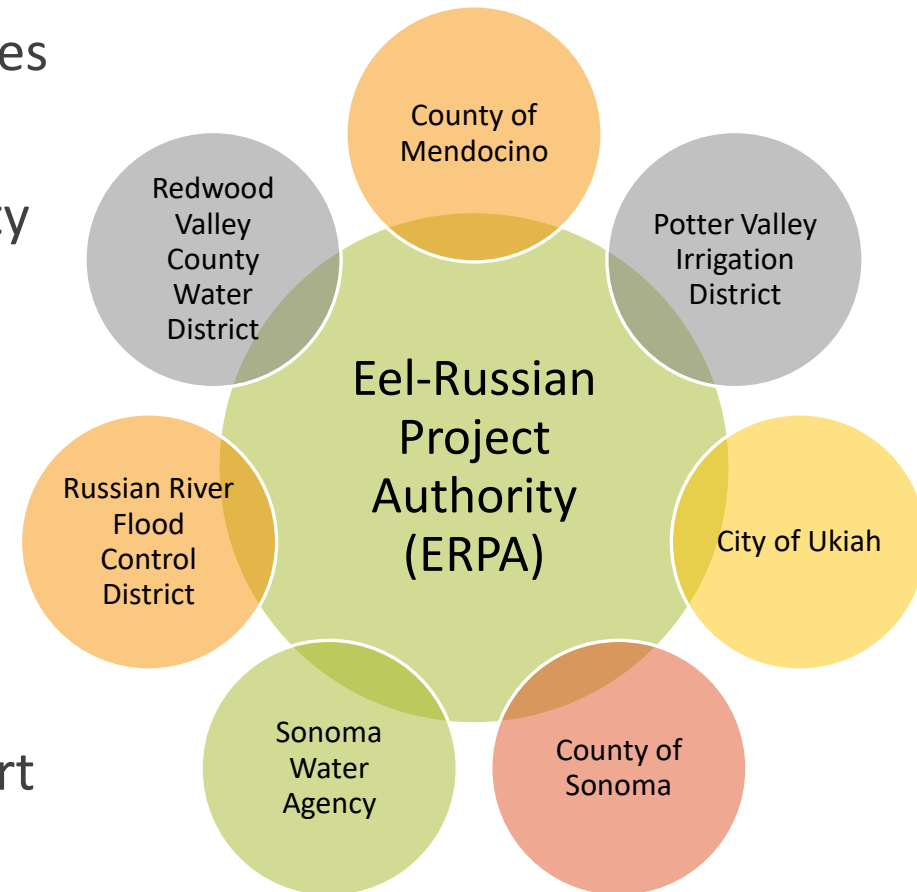
Potter Valley Project (history)

- **1905-1917:** Potter Valley Project (PVP) constructed
 - Cape Horn Dam (Van Arsdale)
 - Diversion tunnel (from Van Arsdale into Potter Valley and Russian River)
 - Potter Valley Powerhouse (9.4 MW)
- **1920-1922:** Scott Dam (Lake Pillsbury) constructed to increase storage to support year-round diversion
- **1926-current:** PVID contract for diverted water up to 19,000 AFA with PG&E (previously Snow Mountain Water and Power)



Potter Valley Project

- **2018-19:** PG&E announced intent to relinquish PVP, FERC invites interest
- **2019-22:** MCIWPC, Sonoma Water, Cal Trout, Humboldt County and Round Valley Indian Tribes pursue licensing
- **2022:** PG&E's FERC license to operate the PVP expired; operating on an annual basis
- **2022:** PG&E filed notice to surrender the PVP with FERC; FERC directed plan for decommissioning
- **2023-current:** ERPA negotiating with PG&E, Tribes, and other stakeholders to build a new diversion and acquire right to divert water



Sphere of Influence

- Plan for the probable future boundary and service area of an agency as adopted by the Commission
- SOI last updated in 2016 – reflects Place of Use (additional 16,074 acres)
- No proposed changes to the SOI
- District concurs

Process

- Hold the workshop for the Commission to review, discuss, and request revisions on the Draft MSR/SOI Study and welcome public comment
- No formal action will be taken on the Draft MSR/SOI Study today
- A public hearing will be scheduled for formal consideration of the study by the Commission

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