



## Legislation Text

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**FROM:** ANITA L. GRANT, County Counsel

**DATE:** August 20, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 9:30 A.M. - Potter Valley Project - Resolution of Intent to participate in a Consortium Formed to Address the Region's Water Supply and the Endangered Salmon Species in the Eel River and the Upper Russian River

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Your Board has given significant consideration to whether and to what extent to support continuing efforts of the consortium comprised of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Mendocino Inland Water and Power Commission, California Trout, Inc., and Humboldt County in regard to the Potter Valley Project. Those entities, having filed a pre-application and notice of intent in response to the solicitation of applications for licensure of the Potter Valley Project issued by the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC), have entered into a project planning agreement to address the region's water supply and the endangered salmon species in the Eel River and the Upper Russian River.

Your Board has previously indicated your support of the pre-application. With this resolution, you will signify your desire to participate in the above-referenced planning agreement and your intention to pursue funding sources and potential in-kind contributions to participate in a feasibility study to be commissioned by this consortium to consider a wide range of options to effect a "Two Basin Solution" and, thereby, address the issues and concerns of all participants.

If your Board is in agreement with the language of this resolution, it may be offered for passage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \_\_\_ None \_\_\_ Budgeted \_\_\_ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt Resolution of Intent to participate in a Consortium Formed to Address the Region's Water Supply and the Endangered Salmon Species in the Eel River and Upper Russian River.