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November 22, 2010

Mr. Bill Cowan
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I. Street, 14th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Proposed Russian River Frost Regulation EIR

Dear Mr. Cowan,

The Potter Valley Irrigation District (PVID) is concerned that the Project Location, illustrated on the map listed as Figure 1 in the October 27, 2010 Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Report and Notice of Scoping Meeting- Russian River Frost Protection Regulation, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, now includes the watershed above Coyote Valley Dam in Mendocino County.

Coyote Valley Dam was completed in 1959 and does not have a fish passage way. The East Branch of the Russian River, upstream of Coyote Valley Dam, has been above the point of anadromy for over 50 years.

PVID controls all water deliveries to their customers for frost protection and irrigation. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's License for the Potter Valley Project requires that Pacific Gas and Electric Company maintain minimum flows in the East Branch of the Russian River, above Coyote Valley Dam, for the California Department of Fish and Game's "put and take" trout planting program. Again, there are no anadromous fish above Coyote Valley Dam on the East Branch of the Russian River.

For this reason we request that the boundaries of your proposed Project Location be redrawn to exclude the watershed above Coyote Valley Dam.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kenneth Stroh, President

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