

KEEP WATER FLOWING

IN MENDOCINO COUNTY AND BEYOND WITH

THE POTTER VALLEY PROJECT

Since 1922, we've had reliable year-round water and enough power to create thriving communities from Potter Valley to Hopland and beyond. That water supply may be threatened because of PG&E's recent decision to give up the Potter Valley Project.



FISH

Fish habitats are impacted by water flows. Our goal is to maintain and improve conditions for threatened and endangered species in both the Eel and Russian River Watersheds.



FARMS

Agriculture has evolved and thrived with the water supply from the Potter Valley Project, providing an economic foundation for local communities.



COMMUNITY

The quality of life in our rural communities depends on having reliable year-round water and power for local households.

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Currently, a coalition of local governments and private enterprises are working together to figure out how to safeguard our water supply and protect wildlife habitat for the future.

Issues include:

- Acquiring the license that allows the Potter Valley Project to continue
- Meeting regulatory requirements, including strict environmental safeguards
- Maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Stay informed! Send an email with the subject line "Potter Valley Project Mailing List" to director@mendofb.org. (We promise not to share your info with anyone else.)

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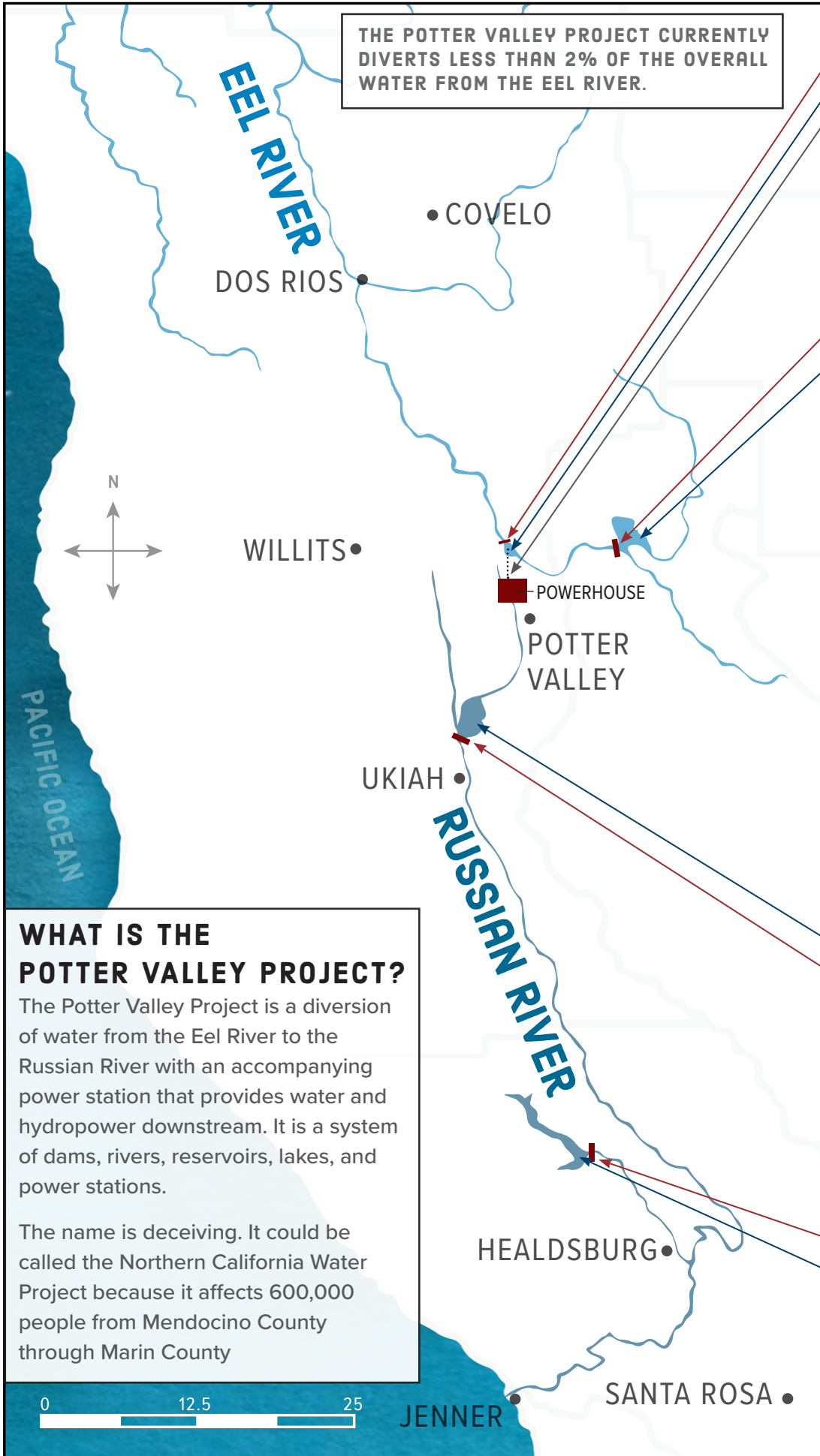
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COMPONENTS AND HISTORY OF THE POTTER VALLEY PROJECT



1907 & 1908

CAPE HORN DAM

VAN ARSDALE RESERVOIR

TUNNEL & POWERHOUSE
 Built to supply hydropower for the Ukiah Valley. Tunnel connects the Eel and Russian Rivers through the powerhouse in Potter Valley.

1922

SCOTT DAM

LAKE PILLSBURY

Collects winter rainfall and snow melt- and suddenly downstream communities have year-round water and power (all infrastructure was based on power production, water at the time was secondary).

1930

PG&E purchases Potter Valley Project and license.

1937 & 1955

Floods wipe out the Ukiah Valley. Plans are made to mitigate future risk by building Coyote Valley Dam and Warm Springs Dam.

1959

LAKE MENDOCINO

COYOTE VALLEY DAM

1972

50-year license for the Potter Valley Project expires. Project runs on year-by-year license until 1983.

1983

WARM SPRINGS DAM

LAKE SONOMA

Project is relicensed until April 2022.

2004

Studies done since 1983 lead to a 50% cut in water diversion.