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Dear PVID Customers,

Due to the present drought situation, PVID has been in communication with Pacific Gas & Electric, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Friends of Eel River, Round Valley Indian Tribe, and Sonoma County Water Agency in an effort to draft a variance proposal to FERC that we hope will go into effect by May 15, 2015. This group of agencies will be known as the Potter Valley Drought Working Group. This action will move the Eel River, and the East Branch Russian River into a dry year classification rather than normal, and help protect the PVID Contract water delivery. Lake Pillsbury storage is in jeopardy of being below 10,000 acre feet (minimum safe pool) by September if we don't conserve now.

The following data will help explain where we are now, and where we hope to be by November 1, 2015.

**On May 1, 2014 storage was 68,625 AF and On May 1, 2015 one year later, storage was only 42,969 AF**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Projected Storage in Lake Pillsbury AF</b>	<b>Target Storage Level AF</b>
July 1	32,299	26,000
Aug 1	25,857	22,000
Sept 1	19,633	18,000
Oct 1	13,899	14,000
Nov 1	10,000	12,000

**The Variance flows if approved by FERC at the Dry Year releases in Cubic Feet/Second.**

E-11= Below Cape Horn Dam =	9 cfs
E-11 = Buffer flow =	3 cfs
E-16 = EBRR =	25 cfs
E-16 = buffer flow =	3 cfs
E-16 = PVID =	50 cfs

As the summer progresses the Potter Valley Drought Working Group will meet bi-weekly to address storage levels in Lake Pillsbury and consult if target numbers are not being met. These meetings will help determine how to further adjust flows if necessary. FERC will receive monthly progress reports. The drought variance will be in place until Dec 1.

If storage in Lake Pillsbury falls below the target storage level set for each month then it can be expected that reductions in the EBRR flow will be made. This could immediately reduce the amount of water available to PVID by 20 cfs. This would leave PVID with only 50 cfs instead of 75 cfs as is normally needed during periods of peak demand. If this happens, PVID expects to be able to deliver your normal CFS rate but at an extended rotational delivery schedule. This increase in rotational schedule is estimated to extend delivery intervals by 25% to 30% longer. PVID will notify everyone if this change is required.

Please remember, we are in a drought of record. PVID Bylaws must, and will be, strictly enforced.

Chronic and excessive tail water running off your field will be grounds for termination of water delivery. The Board of Directors will be the final authority in this matter. Remember, while water is running off your field it is considered wasting water, and there will be other customers waiting for it!

Please, feel free to contact one of our Directors or the Superintendent with any questions.

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