

Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council  
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"Serving the People of the Greater Round Valley"

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The Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council writes to express our unanimous resolution that both dams on the upper main stem of Eel River should be removed, and all diversions from the Eel River watershed should permanently cease.

The RVAMAC council sees removal of water retention and extraction infrastructure on the Main Stem as essential to the long-term health of the Eel River and its endangered salmonid populations. As appointed to be a voice for the Round Valley area community, the RVAMAC council joins the Round Valley Indian Tribes (RVIT) in demanding removal of Scott and Van Arsdale dams and an end to all diversions of Eel River water into the Russian River, as expressed in RVIT Tribal Council Resolution RV-2009-067 (2009). The board emphasizes that the Potter Valley Project is a legacy system of power generation no longer serving its purpose, and any future system developed for the purpose of water diversion would constitute new development, requiring California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act review, including full environmental impact reporting and mitigation.

The RVAMAC council believes survival of the Eel River fishery, fundamental to Native life and maintained in abundance for millennia under Tribal care, requires immediate dam removal and permanent elimination of

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all water extraction from the Eel.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Britton, Marylou Mileck, Dane Downing and Kay Richards