State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL SCOPING MEETING RELATED TO THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE POTTER VALLEY HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT SURRENDER AND DECOMMISSIONING FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 77

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties, California Native American Tribes, and Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

On September 22, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued a *Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meetings for an Environmental Impact Report for the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project Surrender and Decommissioning*[1] (NOP). The Proposed Project involves the removal of Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project facilities and the cessation of hydroelectric project operations and maintenance. The NOP for the Proposed Project announced three public scoping meetings located in Ukiah, Santa Rosa, and Sacramento; the Sacramento scoping meeting includes a virtual attendance option. This notice is to announce an additional public scoping meeting related to the Proposed Project as follows:

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (In-person Only)
6:00 to 8:00 pm
River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

The NOP includes additional information concerning the Proposed Project, the State Water Board's regulatory authority over the Proposed Project, and the Board's preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Proposed Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At the scoping meetings, the State Water Board will provide information about the Proposed Project and the CEQA process, and receive written or oral comments from trustee agencies, responsible agencies, Tribes, and other interested persons concerning the range of alternatives, potential significant effects, and mitigation measures that should be analyzed in the EIR. Please note, the time allotted for each commenter to provide oral comments may be limited if the number of people in attendance so requires. Scoping meetings will conclude after all interested persons have provided their comments. The scoping meetings will be recorded and documented by transcript. Comments concerning the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR for the Proposed Project that are not provided at a

[1] The NOP is available online at: https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/2025/potter-valley-nop.pdf

scoping meeting are due by 4:00 pm on November 3, 2025, and should be submitted as follows:

Email (preferred) to:
Wr401program@waterboards.ca.gov

or

Mail to:
Wilhelmina Chon
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

It is possible that one or more State Water Board members will attend one or more of the scoping meetings. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present at the scoping meetings. However, no State Water Board action will be taken.

If you have questions related to these meetings or would like to make a request for reasonable accommodations for a disability, please contact Wilhelmina Chon, Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project Manager, by email to: Wilhelmina.Chon@waterboards.ca.gov or phone call to: (916) 319-0745.

Sincerely,

Parker Thaler _____ September 30, 2025
Parker Thaler Date
Water Quality Certification Program Manager
Division of Water Rights