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## Status of the Potter Valley Project Surrender/Decommissioning

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# PG&E Decision to Surrender

Date	Action
Nov. 17, 2023	Distribution of Initial Draft Surrender Application including decommissioning plan
Dec. 22, 2023	Deadline for comments on Initial Draft Surrender Application
Dec. 2023 – Feb. 2024	Initial consultation with resource agencies and tribes
June 2024	Consultation with resource agencies and tribes
June 3, 2024	Distribution of Final Draft Surrender Application
July 18, 2024	Deadline for comments on Final Draft Surrender Application
Jan. 29, 2025	Filing and distribution of Final Surrender Application



# Proposal Submitted to PG&E

- Original Proposal: Round Valley Indian Tribes, Sonoma Water, and Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission
  - PG&E issued a non-binding acceptance in concept
- Proposal Included:
  - Formation of Eel-Russian Project Authority
  - Convening table to negotiate a settlement agreement
  - Acquiring and modify the PVP's water diversion facilities and construct a New Eel-Russian Facility



# Revised Proposal

- Key stakeholder meetings facilitated by California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Round Valley Indian Tribes
- Revised Proposal: adds CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, CalTrout, Humboldt County and Trout Unlimited
- Establishes principles for negotiating terms and conditions for water diversion facility:
  - Ensures reliable water supplies to Russian River and restores Eel River fisheries
  - Dam deconstruction and diversion construction would be coordinated to not result in delays
  - A License Surrender Agreement would be agreed upon by November 2024
  - Coalition will also focus on regional outcomes



# Status of Surrender Process

- PG&E released initial draft License Surrender Application on Nov. 17, 2023
  - High-level description
  - Includes references to revised proposal and description of two diversion facility options
  - Comments to be posted very soon
- Next (according to PG&E schedule):
  - Consultations with tribes and agencies
  - Distribution of final draft Surrender Application and public review
  - Filing final Surrender Application in January 2025



# Questions and Discussion

