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To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

The October 2017 Fire Storm left much of Redwood Valley devastated. So many residents lost their homes and loved ones. The Fire Department had very little time to react. Most of the paid and volunteer Fire Fighters were out on the roads trying to waken people to get them evacuated safely. Many left their own homes and families to respond to the fire call, but were unable to return to their own homes to help their own families evacuate. Some didn't know until a day later where their families were; if they were safe or not. Yes, some lost their homes while helping others. We do not want to have a repeat of that night's events. We cannot prevent it but with the help of the P G & E funds, we might be able to help more people finish the clean-up, have sirens to awaken people to evacuate sooner, and have up-to-date equipment to meet the challenges of another fire.

Therefore, we are requesting the Board of Supervisors consider granting the Redwood Valley Community a fair share of the P G & E Funds in order to make improvements to the Fire Department, Water System, and our living environment.

Please see the attached list of the possible purchases we would make with of some of the P G & E Funds, should we be granted a fair share of the Fund. All amounts listed are estimates based on current pricings. These items would make Redwood Valley a safer place to live and work.

The items are listed by category not by priority.

The items are also in line with the proposals and interests of the RVMAC and the Redwood Valley Water District.

The Board of Directors of the Redwood Valley Calpella Fire District met on April 21, 2021, to review and approve this request for funding. We hope the Board of Supervisors will approve our request.

Thank you for your time.

Fire Chief Don Dale

Board Chair Linda Talso

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	A	B	C	D
1	REDWOOD VALLEY CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT	REQUESTING PG&E Funds		4/22/2021
2				
3	EQUIPMENT			
4				
5	Type 1 Structure Fire Truck	To Replace	\$ 1,000,000.00	*2020-2021 Price
6	Type 3 Wildland Truck with 4 1wh dr.	To Replace	\$ 500,000.00	*2020-2021 Price
7	4 Warning Sirens and poles	Warning System to fully alert residents	\$ 135,000.00	RVCFD paid \$64,000 for 1st Siren
8	Community training for sirens	Educating community what to do	\$ 2,500.00	
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10	FIREHOUSE NEEDS			
11	Repairs/Replace Septic System	Out dated and problematic	\$ 40,000.00	
12	Repairs and resurfacing Pavement	30yrs. Old/needs repairs / replacing	\$ 50,000.00	
13	Updating computers/office equip.	Out dated and problematic	\$ 10,000.00	
14	2 Bedroom Modular vs remodel	Sleeping quarters for 24hr. Shifts	\$ 100,000.00	
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16	COMMUNITY NEEDS			
17	Cleanup from 2017 Fire	Down trees, cleanup not finished	\$ 75,000.00	
18	Cleanup from 2021 Snow storm	Dead trees, branches, etc. along rds.	\$ 20,000.00	
19	Creek Crossings/Brush removal	So Tomki is passable to Willits all yr.		Co. Road Dept.
20	Road B bridges are narrow one-way	Make Bridges 2 lanes		Co. Road Dept.
21	Mowing and Brush Removal	On all County roads before Fire Season		Co. Road Dept.
22	Prescribed Burns/Fire Acess Roads	To cut down on the fuel on the hillsides		Cal-Fire
23	Education of Community	How to protect homes, clearance, etc.	\$ 5,000.00	
24	Upgrade Emergency Microwave System	Needed for all County Emergencies		County OES
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26	WATER			
27	Fire Hydrants	Add/replace Fire Hydrants	\$ 500,000.00	
28	Locks for Fire Hydrants	Protect RV water. Approx. \$1,000ea.	\$ 150,000.00	
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30	Sub-Total		\$ 2,587,500.00	