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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Attn: Supervisor McGourty and Mulheren 501 Low Gap Rd., Rm 1010 Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Potter Valley Community Parks and Recreation would like to sincerely thank you for your recent visit and meeting at our facility and for your continued support of our community. We are writing this letter regarding the PG&E Settlement funding and our interest in being considered as a beneficiary.

The Potter Valley Community Parks and Recreation (PVCPR) was created in 2006 when a Community Action Plan in our community indicated a need for a piece of property that would house a community building, the rodeo grounds facility, and a community park. A 23-acre property was purchased that year and we began conversion of the property from a grape vineyard to what it is now today. Along with hosting the annual Spring Festival and Rodeo each Memorial Day weekend our facility has been used as a community gathering place for meetings, parties, weddings and funerals along with sanctioned events held by the Redwood Empire Sheep Dog Association, California District 2 High School Rodeo and others. In recent years, during the fires in the county we have been a location for PG&E to stage from, allowed the county to place food disposal containers during the week-long power outage, evacuees have used our livestock pens to house their animals and we have offered camping and bathroom facilities to any evacuees and fire personnel. We are always open and ready to help those in need and have the facilities to support a large-scale evacuation which includes animals. That is why we believe we would be the perfect candidate for the settlement grant money. We have attached a list of projects that would enhance our facility in the case of emergency. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Delbar Chairman

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## **PG&E Settlement Funding Projects**

 There is a shallow well on the property that has been our main source of water. The well has a slow re-charge and does not meet the needs of the facility that we have in place, no less any expansion.

a. New Well Installation: \$20,000

b. Pump: \$2,000

c. Pump House for protection: \$2,500

Total Cost: \$24,500

2. Our facility has ample room to grow at the existing livestock corrals. Having livestock panels on-hand at the grounds would enable us to set-up additional pens for evacuated livestock.

a. 30 - 12' livestock panels: \$6,000

b. Panel trailer for storage and efficiency: \$2,500

c. 60 - 7' T-posts: \$500 Total Cost: \$9,000

- 3. Ultimately, we could serve many evacuees and community members if we had a community building with bathrooms, showers, a commercial kitchen and a large enclosed meeting space. Since the beginning the PVCPR's long-term plan has been to pay off the property loan and then apply for matching funds through a USDA, Rural Development loan. This building would be an asset to all surrounding communities, not just Potter Valley.
  - a. A 7,500 sq. ft. commercial building with 1,000 person capacity estimated at \$700/sq. ft.
    Cost: \$5,250,000. We anticipate an estimated 50% matching funds loan through USDA Rural Development: \$2,625,000.