

Greetings Dear Board of Supervisors,

This letter is in support of recognizing the important role Redwood Valley Grange plays in the community and how supporting that role with funding from the PG&E settlement is in the best interests of the community.

Redwood Valley Grange has proven itself through past disasters by hosting services for those burned out of their homes, providing meals and resources and continuing to offer help to the community wherever possible. Just recently the Grange has hosted distribution of water conservation resources, acted as a polling station, hosted the Fire Department so more members of our community can learn how to be safer, and helped local farmers distribute excess crops and plants for free.

Our building is old, our kitchen needs investment in order to be fully available to the community, and funding from the PG&E grant would insure that the repairs that are needed to keep Redwood Valley Grange Hall available as a community resource for the next generations can happen in a timely fashion.

The track record of our Grange as an important and well used resource for the community is solid. During past fires Grange members opened the Hall for all in need, and afterwards, celebrated recovery and honored those lost and those who helped save Redwood Valley with a community art event that helped many heal. That legacy lives on with the mosaic on the front of our Hall.

Supporting funding to the Grange makes sense. I hope you agree and advocate for this valuable contributor to our community.

In faith, hope, charity and with fidelity
Wendy DeWitt
President
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382