

To Members of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

Re: This is a request for funding specific capital projects of the Redwood Valley Grange.

We own property in Redwood Valley that suffered consequences of the Redwood Complex Fires of October 2017. Of the 40 acres my wife and I own, 35 burned. While we were prevented from accessing our property immediately after the fire, the Redwood Valley Grange provided a place of refuge for many of us. There were many opportunities for my fellow victims at the Grange. Without the presence of the Grange Hall and actions of Grangers and others it would have been very difficult for us to begin our recovery. That building and those individuals were essential in that time of our need.

While the Grange managed that wonderful work, it was clear that our Grangers were working miracles given the physical state of the kitchen, bathrooms, etc. In the time between then and now, the Grange has managed to replace the roof, a first step toward bringing the Grange Hall up to date. To complete that work the members of the Grange have worked diligently. However, the Grange's main source of income has been rental of the Hall, which has been impossible for the last year and a half due to the pandemic.

Since the Redwood Valley Grange has served the community in the past and wishes to continue that work in the future it seems only fair that a portion of the PG&E settlement funds be dedicated to bringing the Grange Hall up to date so that it may continue to serve the community in the future. The Grange has ambitious plans to upgrade the building; those plans will cost approximately \$550,000 to complete. The list of needs is extensive: upgrading the kitchen to meet modern health and safety codes; HVAC replacement of two of the three units; modern ADA compliance; structural and foundation issues; flooring, ceiling and insulation replacement as well as siding repair and painting.

Please consider investing some of the PG&E settlement funds in the Redwood Valley Grange Hall, an integral resource for the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Jane and Clint Kelley