

Board of Supervisors:

I am concerned about the proposed plans to use several million dollars of the PG&E 2017 Wildfire settlement to truck water from the inland county to the town of Mendocino. I live in Redwood Valley and experienced the trauma of the 2017 fire as did our entire community. There was a tremendous loss of property and life, as you are well aware, and our community will forever bear the scars of it.

Now, we are experiencing extreme drought and are on water rationing. Our family pulled out acres of vineyard last winter and purchased new vines with the intention of replanting. We have been unable to do so due to the shortage of adequate water to sustain them.

Of course, we are concerned about the water shortage in the town of Mendocino as well. Nevertheless, the PG&E settlement fund exists because of the fire in REDWOOD VALLEY and that is where the bulk, if not all, of this money should be spent. We are in dire need of funding for important projects to help provide future water security for this community.

I would ask you to remember that just because you can do something doesn't mean that you should. It is not right and you should NOT divert the PG&E settlement dollars for the 2017 Redwood Valley fire to the town of Mendocino. We have urgent needs in this community and are entitled to those specific funds to meet those needs.

Sincerely,
Lori Barra