



MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION

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Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Arnett
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Arnett:

Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (MCIWPC) is willing and able to participate as the Sponsor for the Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation (GI) study in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to cooperatively investigate raising Coyote Valley Dam at Lake Mendocino to determine if there is a Federal interest in increasing flood damage reduction and to provide an increase in the water supply for municipal, industrial, agricultural and recreational purposes in the Russian River, Mendocino County, CA.

Our agency understands that a study cannot be initiated unless it is selected as a new start study with associated allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. If selected, we intend to sign a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) to initiate the study with USACE. It is our understanding the FCSA targets completion of the feasibility study within 3 years at a total cost of no more than \$3 million. After signing the FCSA, a Project Management Plan will be developed and agreed upon by MCIWPC and USACE. The study will be conducted and managed by USACE. The cost-sharing for the study is based on a 50% contribution by the Federal government, with our agency's 50% contribution provided in cash, or by a portion or all of the contribution provided through in-kind non-monetary services.

MCIWPC is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent to initiate a study partnership to address the specified water resources problems and is not a contractual obligation. We understand that work on the study cannot commence until it is included in the Administration's budget request, funds are appropriated by the Congress, and an FCSA is signed. It is understood that we or USACE may opt to discontinue the study at any time after the FCSA is signed but will commit to work together as partners from the scoping phase, and subsequent decision points throughout the feasibility study, on providing the necessary support to risk-informed decision making. If it is determined that additional time or funding is necessary to support decisions to be made in order to complete the study, our agency will work with USACE to determine the appropriate course of action.

If you require additional information, please contact Janet Pauli at pauli@mendoiwpc.com or 707 391-7574.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet K. F. Pauli".

Janet Pauli Chair, MCIWPC