

City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Ave.
Ukiah, CA 95482

May 7, 2025

Re: Notice of the Upper Russian River Water Agency's Unilateral Withdrawal from the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear City Council and Mr. Sangiacomo,

We hope this letter finds you well.

This letter is to notify you that the Upper Russian River Water Agency is unilaterally withdrawing from the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, effective July 7, 2025 (the "Withdrawal Date").

As you know, the Upper Russian River Water Agency ("URRWA") is a member of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the "GSA") and signed the GSA's Joint Powers Agreement (the "Agreement") on April 5, 2017.

Since then, we have been proud to participate with you in creating and administering the GSA to secure a bright future for our neighbors in the Ukiah Valley. Since 2017, however, the Ukiah Valley has gone through a series of positive changes from the perspective of better coordinated water management. With these structures now in place, including the creation of the Ukiah Valley Water Authority, the primary intent of URRWA, namely, to provide more effective and economical services to their customers and to respond in union to water issues arising in the Upper Russian River Watershed, is being accomplished elsewhere. The URRWA Board of Directors therefore intend to take steps to dissolve URRWA in the near future and wind up its affairs.

This notification is provided to you in accordance with Section 17.1 of the Agreement, which provides that "[a] member may unilaterally withdraw from this Agreement without causing or requiring termination of this Agreement, effective upon sixty (60) days written notice to the remaining [members of the GSA]." Accordingly, we are providing a similar letter to each other Member and the GSA. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 17.3 of the Agreement, URRWA currently understands it has and will have paid its share of all debts, liabilities, and obligations required of URRWA under the Agreement and that URRWA has and shall have no right to its share of any distributions from the GSA as of the Withdrawal Date. However, URRWA expects and welcomes discussions between it and the GSA to ensure there will be no outstanding liabilities or distributions between them as of the Withdrawal Date.

URRWA is grateful for the opportunity it had to engage with the GSA and its Members and wishes you each the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Theresa McNerlin". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Theresa McNerlin

Chair of the Board of Directors