

# Planning Group Meeting #2

Monday, June 12, 2023

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Zoom

# Welcome and Introductions

## Meeting Objectives

- Revisit outcomes from the May 17 Planning Group kick-off meeting and follow up on action items and key discussion topics.
- Discuss the PG&E decommissioning schedule and its relationship with the Planning Group process and schedule.
- Discuss preparation and timing of upcoming technical briefings, Working Group meetings, and convening Steering Committee.
- Provide opportunity for public comment.

# Welcome and Introductions

## Planning Group Member Introductions

- Members and alternates, please write your name and affiliation in the chat.
- E.g., Ben Gettleman, Kearns & West

# Agenda Review

Time	Topic
1:00 pm	Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
1:15 pm	Outcomes and Follow-Up from May 17 Kickoff Meeting
2:15 pm	PG&E Decommissioning Schedule and PG Process
2:45 pm	Technical Briefings, Working Groups, Steering Committee
3:15 pm	Public Comment
3:45 pm	Recap of Meeting and Next Steps
4:00 pm	Adjourn

# Participation Guidelines

## **Planning Group**

- Please be mutually respectful and generally follow participation guidelines outlined in charter.
- One person speaks at a time.
- One Planning Group member may participate per slot (member or alternate).

## **Members of Public**

- Members of public are invited to share input during public comment.

# Participation Instructions: Planning Group

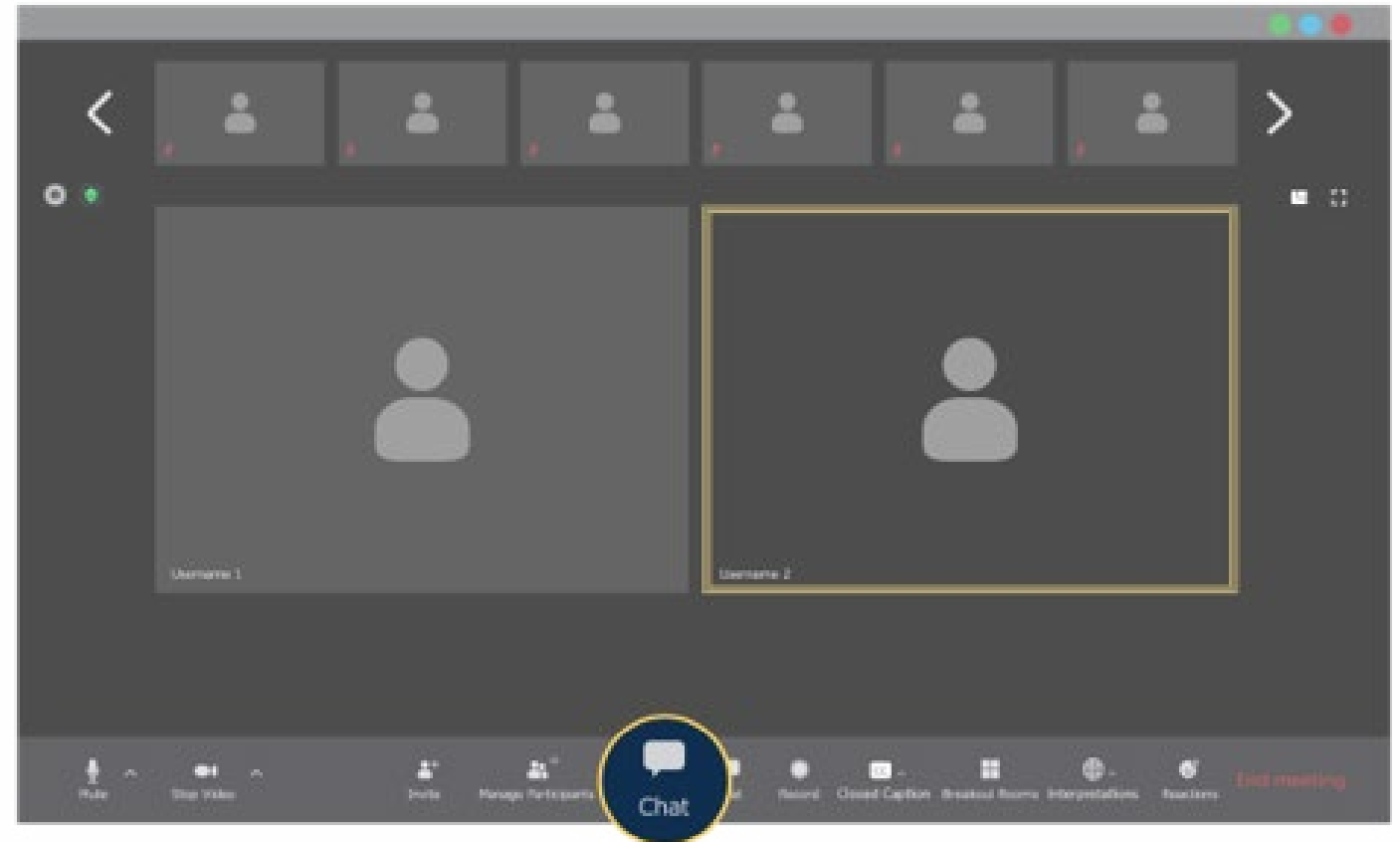
- Please use “raise hand” function to participate.
- Please use “chat” function sparingly.
- Please rename yourself: “PG: First Name Last Name, affiliation”
  - To rename yourself, click on “Participants”
  - Hover over your name and click the three dots on the right
  - Click “rename,” then follow the format above
  - E.g., “PG: Ben Gettleman, Kearns & West”

# Participation Instructions: Members of the Public

- Members of public are invited to share input during public comment.
  - Please stay on mute throughout the meeting.
  - During public comment, please use the “raise hand” function and/or the Q&A function.
- Please use chat function for technical assistance only.

# Zoom Instructions: Chat

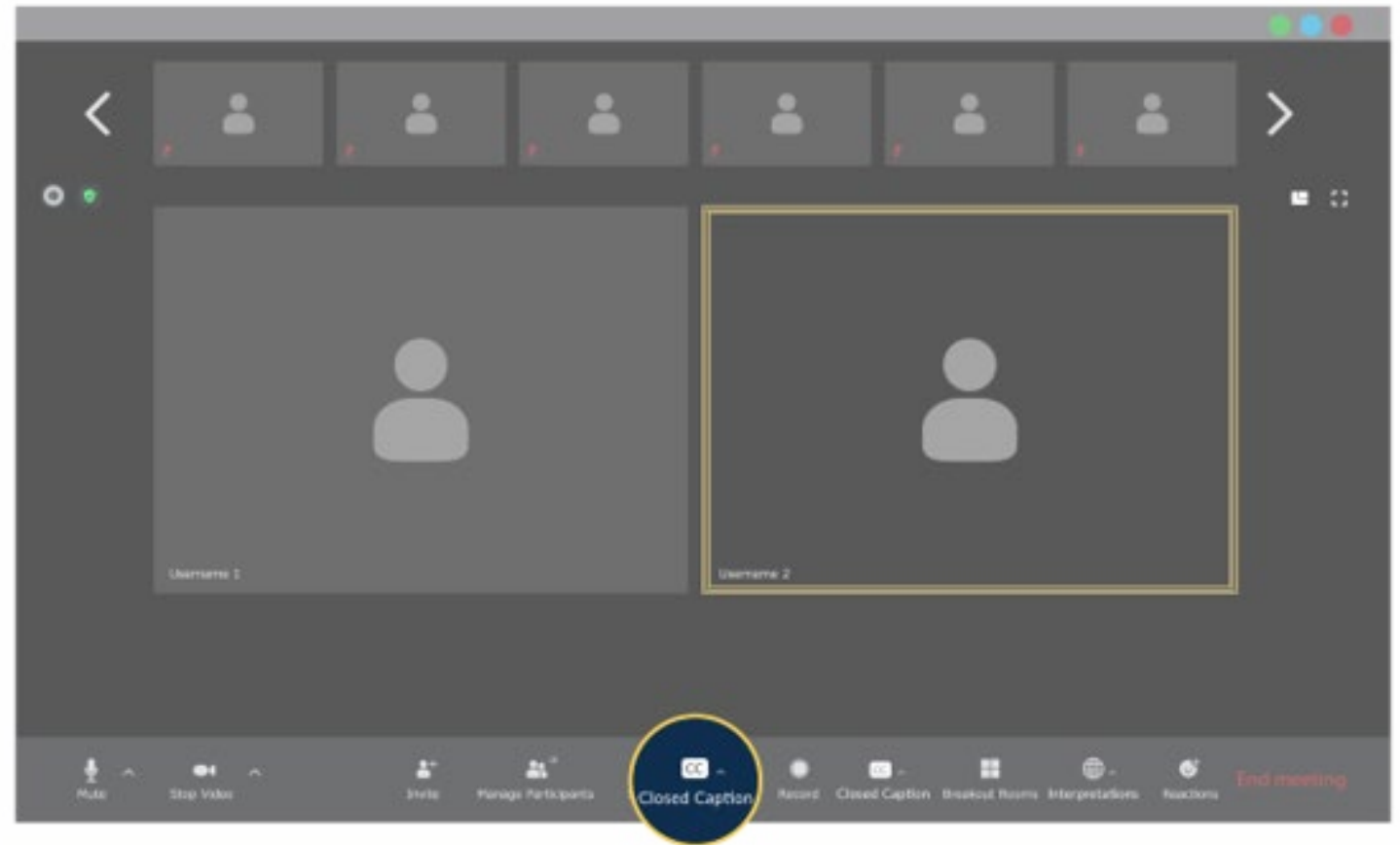
- Members and alternates: please use the chat sparingly and for discussion only.
- Public: please use the chat only for technical assistance.
- For technical assistance, please send a message to Tech Support – Henry DeRuff.





# Zoom Instructions: Closed Captioning

- Closed captioning can be found here.



# Outcomes and Follow-up from May 17 Planning Group Kick-off Meeting

# Meeting 1 Outcomes

- Achieved meeting objectives
- Broad support for PG charter w/ some clarifications
- PG members identified interests and hopes for PVP decommissioning process
- Discussed tension b/n achieving common understanding and identifying path forward quickly
- Group agreed (by consensus) to add Lake Pillsbury Alliance to PG
- Significant interest in convening RR Resilience Subcommittee sooner than proposed

# Revisions to Planning Group Charter

- Planning Group description (p5): addition of Steering Committee to help reach consensus
- External Communications (p7):
  - Added: Members may share progress updates and publicly available documents from Planning Group meetings.
  - Removed: requirement to consult Planning Group before outreach to state and federal policy contacts.
  - Added: if asked to speak on behalf of the Planning Group or provide a briefing, consult Facilitation Team and Steering Committee.

# Consideration of Additional Planning Group Members

- Lake Pillsbury Alliance: Carol Cinquini & Frank Lynch
  - Upper Eel River Recreation
- Save California Salmon: Nikcole Whipple
  - Tribal conservation
- Robinson Rancheria
  - Tribal nation in Lake County

# Planning Group Decision-Making

- Concerns from PG members re: including voting in decision-making
- Facilitation team proposal:
  - Strive for consensus across group, i.e. “can live with”
  - If not, provide explanation and alternative solution
  - Steering Committee is a resource to identify path forward
  - Revisit approach after PG Meeting #4 (August)
- Important to work from interests when striving for consensus
- Consensus/agreement not always required to move forward, document areas of convergence and divergence

# Summary of Planning Group member interests

- Review synthesis of interests, confirm we have all key interests identified.
- Revisit group's commitment to satisfying multiple interests.

# PG&E Decommissioning Schedule and Planning Group Process



# PG&E Clarifying Statements

- In response to a requested action from May 17 kick-off meeting, K&W sought clarifying statements from PG&E regarding statements shared during that meeting and in other public forums.
- Statements in black on slides that follow are K&W's representations of these statements.
- Statements in **green** on the coming slides are PG&E's clarifications, shared verbatim; PG&E's interest is that everyone has the same information regarding the decommissioning process.
- Kearns & West cannot speak for PG&E.

# PG&E Clarifying Statement 1

- PG&E's decommissioning plan will include full facilities removal.
- Clarification: PG&E's decommissioning plan will include the removal of in water facilities such that no feature will continue to impound water and the natural flow of the river will occur.

## PG&E Clarifying Statement 2

- PG&E opened the door to additional conversation, but applications will only be considered if interests are met from both basins. One of PG&E's requirements is that both dams are removed.
- Clarification: PG&E is open to proposals for project facilities. Our hope is that there is buy in by multiple stakeholders.

# PG&E Clarifying Statement 3

- PG&E is considering expedited partial or full removal of Scott Dam as a long-term mitigation measure.
- Clarification: PG&E is continuing to evaluate Scott Dam and will mitigate any dam safety concerns as appropriate.

# PG&E Clarifying Statement 4

- PG&E plans to remove Scott Dam as soon as 2028.
- Clarification: PG&E's final draft surrender application and decommissioning plan is due to FERC in January 2025. Once we have filed with FERC there will be an environmental review. There is no regulatory timeline for FERC to issue an order for the decommissioning. PG&E is hopeful that an order will be issued in 2028.

# PG&E Clarifying Statement 5

- The cost of Scott Dam removal would be \$30 million.
- Clarification: At this time PG&E does not have the cost of removal of Scott Dam.

# PG&E Clarifying Statement 6

- PG&E will be allowed to recover the cost of dam removal from ratepayers.
- Clarification: PG&E proposed and the CPUC approved a Decommissioning fund in the 2020 General Rate Case Proceeding. The Decommissioning funds will be used to remove the dams. PG&E determined that it was less costly for our ratepayers to remove the dams than continue to own and operate the facilities.

# PG&E Decommissioning Schedule and Planning Group Process

- Members and alternates, please open the Miro Board linked in your email.
- Please use the “add comment” function to add comments to the timeline.
  - Please do not move boxes on the timeline



# Preparation and timing of Technical Briefings, Working Group Meetings, and convening Steering Committee

# Technical Briefings

- **Water Supply & Fisheries:** Wednesday, June 21, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m
- **Water Rights and Water Management:** Thursday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Governance:** Overview in Meeting 3; technical briefing later in summer
- **Economics & Finance:** Overview in Meeting 3; technical briefing later in summer
- **Russian River Resiliency Subcommittee:** July/August technical briefing

# Working Group Membership and Participation

- Working Groups open to all Planning Group member and alternates (closed sessions)
- Planning Group members can designate technical experts to participate
- Monthly meetings, regular participation expected
- Working Groups will identify co-leads
- Russian River Resiliency Subcommittee will be open to the public

# Water Supply and Fisheries Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Fritz Carlson	CH2M Hill	Russian River
Adriane Garavalde	Russian River Confluence	Russian River
Adam Gaska	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Vivian Helliwell	Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations	Statewide
Andy Jahn	REMWC	
Pam Jeane	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Dave Koball	Agriculture Landowner	Russian River
Frank Lynch	Lake Pillsbury Alliance	Eel River
Peter Martin	City of Santa Rosa	Russian River
David Manning	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Terri McCartney	Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Russian River
Tyrone Mitchell	Yokayo Tribe of Indians	Russian River
Cathy Monroe	Mendocino County RCD	Russian River

# Water Supply and Fisheries Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Jaime Neary	Russian Riverkeeper	Russian River
David Noren	EBA Engineering	Russian River
Janet Pauli	Potter Valley Irrigation District, IWPC	Russian River
Dakota Perez	Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Russian River
John Reardon	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River
Elizabeth Salomone	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River
Charlie Schneider	CalTrout	Eel River
Joe Scriven	Mendocino County RCD	Both basins
Don Seymour	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Mike Shaver	Potter Valley Tribe	Both basins

# Water Supply and Fisheries Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Park Steiner	Potter Valley Tribe	Both basins
Bert Whitaker	Sonoma County Parks	Russian River
Sean White	City of Ukiah	Russian River
Gregg Young	Potter Valley Tribe, MLSTEP	Both basins

# Finance and Economics Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Carol Cinquini	Lake Pillsbury Alliance	Eel River
Julie Golden	Agriculture Landowner	Russian River
Adam Gaska	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Gary Helfrich	Camp Meeker	Russian River
Nick Harvey	Santa Rosa Water	Russian River
Bree Klotter	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Don McEnhill	Russian Riverkeeper	Russian River
Guinness McFadden	Potter Valley Irrigation District, IWPC	Russian River
Dennis Murphy	Agriculture Landowner	Russian River
Frost Pauli	Mendocino County Farm Bureau	Russian River
Charlie Schneider	CalTrout	Eel River
Mike Thompson	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Chris Watt	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River

# Governance Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Morgan Biggerstaff	City of Santa Rosa	Russian River
Redgie Collins	CalTrout	Eel River
Adam Gaska	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Pam Jeane	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Bree Klotter	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Frank Lynch	Lake Pillsbury Alliance	Eel River
Michael Makdisi	County of Sonoma	Russian River
Glenn McGourty	Mendocino County Board of Supervisors	Russian River
Dennis Murphy	Agriculture Landowner	Russian River
Cory O'Donnell	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Frost Pauli	Mendocino County Farm Bureau	Russian River
Mary Grace Pawson	City of Rohnert Park, TAC Member	Russian River
Meghan Quinn	American Rivers	Eel River
Elizabeth Salomone	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Russian River



# Water Rights Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Brandon Axell	Mendocino County Farm Bureau	Russian River
Letty Belin	CalTrout	Eel River
Ryan Bezerra	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Peter Chevalier	Agriculture Landowner	Russian River
Matt Clifford	Trout Unlimited	Russian River
Redgie Collins	CalTrout	Eel River
Eddie Crandell	Lake County Board of Supervisors	Eel River
Terry Crowley	City of Healdsburg	Russian River
Adam Gaska	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Vivian Helliwell	Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations	Statewide
Ted Hernandez	Wiyot Tribe	Eel River
Frank Lynch	Lake Pillsbury Alliance	Eel River
Michael Makdisi	County of Sonoma	Russian River
Laurel Marcus	California Land Stewardship Institute	Russian River

# Water Rights Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Terri McCartney	Pinoleville Pomo Nation, MLSTEP	Russian River
Glenn McGourty	Mendocino County Board of Supervisors	Russian River
Tyrone Mitchell	Yokayo Tribe of Indians	Russian River
John Nagle	Sonoma Resource Conservation District	Russian River
Tyler Nelson	Agriculture Landowner	Russian River
Janet Pauli	Potter Valley Irrigation District, IWPC	Russian River
Dakota Perez	Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Russian River
Cliff Paulin	PVID IWPC	Russian River
Mary Grace Pawson	City of Rohnert Park, TAC Member	Russian River
Elizabeth Salomone	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River
Todd Schram	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Scott Shapiro	Downey Brand	Russian River
Brenda L. Tomaras	Lytton Band of Pomo Indians	Russian River

# Water Rights Working Group

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Sean White	City of Ukiah	Russian River
Phil Williams	City of Ukiah	Russian River
Jeanne Zolezzi	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River

# Russian River Resiliency Subcommittee

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa, TAC Member	Russian River
Matt Clifford	Trout Unlimited	Russian River
Adriane Garayalde	Russian River Confluence	Russian River
Adam Gaska	Redwood Valley County Water District	Russian River
Vivian Helliwell	Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations	Statewide
Gary Helfrich	Camp Meeker	Russian River
Michael Makdisi	County of Sonoma	Russian River
Stephen Maples	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Don McEnhill	Russian Riverkeeper	Russian River
Terri McCartney	Pinoleville Pomo Nation, MLSTEP	Russian River
Tyrone Mitchell	Yokayo Tribe of Indians	Russian River
Cathy Monroe	Mendocino County RCD	Russian River
John Nagle	Sonoma RCD	Russian River

# Russian River Resiliency Subcommittee

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Jaime Neary	Russian Riverkeeper	Russian River
David Noren	EBA Engineering	Russian River
Dakota Perez	Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Russian River
Meghan Quinn	American Rivers	Eel River
Elizabeth Salomone	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River
Charlie Schneider	CalTrout	Eel River
Don Seymour	Sonoma Water	Russian River
Brenda L. Tomaras	Lytton Band of Pomo Indians	Russian River
Bert Whitaker	Sonoma County Parks	Russian River
Sean White	City of Ukiah	Russian River
Jay Jasperse	Sonoma Water	Russian River

# Steering Committee Membership and Role

- Small, cross-interest group of Planning Group members
- Will begin meeting in early July
- Role:
  - Advise on Planning Group and Working Group meeting topics
  - Coordinate communication with PG&E and other entities on behalf of Planning Group
  - Support coordination/info sharing between Planning Group and Working Groups, and among Working Groups
  - Help identify path forward where Planning Group is unable to reach consensus
  - Support broader community engagement and education

# Steering Committee

## Roster of Nominees

Name	Affiliation	Basin
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa, TAC Member	Russian River
Redgie Collins	CalTrout	Eel River
Frank Lynch	Lake Pillsbury Alliance	Eel River
Glenn McGourty	Mendocino County Board of Supervisors	Russian River
Tyrone Mitchell	Yokayo Tribe of Indians	Russian River
Jaime Neary	Russian Riverkeeper	Russian River
Janet Pauli	Potter Valley Irrigation District, Inland Water and Power Commission	Russian River
Meghan Quinn	American Rivers	Eel River
Elizabeth Salomone	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	Russian River
Hank Seeman	Humboldt County	Eel River
Mike Thompson	Sonoma Water	Russian River

# Public Comment



# Instructions for Public Comment

- To comment virtually, please use the “raise hand” function.
- Each speaker will have 90 seconds to provide their comments.
- The facilitation team will not be responding to comments at this time. Comments will be captured in the meeting summary.

# Meeting Recap and Next Steps

# Next Steps and Future Meetings

- Meeting Recap
- **Meeting #3:** Thursday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Ukiah/Hybrid)
- Recurring Meetings: First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Hybrid)
  - **Meeting #4:** Thursday, August 3
  - **Meeting #5:** Thursday, September 7
  - **Meeting #6:** Thursday, October 5
  - **Meeting #7:** Thursday, November 2
  - **Meeting #8:** Thursday, December 7
- Technical Briefings
  - **Water Supply & Fisheries:** Wednesday, June 21, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m
  - **Water Rights and Water Management:** Thursday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- SharePoint site invitations coming



Meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for attending!