



Water Executive Committee Regular Meeting **AGENDA**

Ukiah Valley Conference Center ♦ 200 South School Street ♦ Ukiah, CA 95482

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August 6, 2026 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a. Approval of the Minutes for the June 4, 2026, Regular Meeting.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA) / Water Executive Committee Members welcomes input from the audience. In order for everyone to be heard, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per person and not more than ten (10) minutes per subject. The Brown Act regulations do not allow action to be taken on audience comments on non-agenda items. If you wish to submit written comments, please provide information to the UVWA, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA, 95482.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.a. Status Update/Presentation from Carollo Engineers on Application for SAFER Planning Grant Application
- 5.b. Presentation from State Water Resources Control Board on SAFER Program & Application Updates
- 5.c. Consideration and Possible Action for the Ukiah Valley Water Authority Joining Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission
Attachments:
 - 1. NERF water flow modeling presentation 7.9.2026

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- 6.a. General Management Report.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- 8.a. Discussion, Consideration, and Scheduling of Next Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, at 5:00 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION - MAY BE HELD AT ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING

Closed Session may be held at any time during the meeting. Any public reports of action taken in closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code section 54957.1

9.a. **Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Two Cases

9.b. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 1850 Talmage Road, Ukiah, CA 95482
Negotiator: Jared Walker
Negotiating Parties: Rogina Water Company
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Agreement

10. ADJOURNMENT

Please be advised that the Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA)/ Water Executive Committee needs to be notified 24 hours in advance of a meeting if any specific accommodations or interpreter services are needed in order for you to attend. UVWA complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the UVWA Committee Members after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the front counter at the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Any handouts or presentation materials from the public must be submitted to the clerk 48 hours in advance of the meeting; for handouts, please include 10 copies.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Ukiah City Hall, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California; and at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, located at 200 South School Street, Ukiah, California; not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda.

Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC
Dated: 8/3/26



WATER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
UKIAH VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER
200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83268733029>
Ukiah, CA 95482
June 4, 2026
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Water Executive Committee (WEC) met at a Regular Meeting on June 4, 2026, having been legally noticed on June 1, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83268733029>. Chair Schoeneman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Members Present:** Juan Orozco, Douglas Crane, Devon Boer, Adam Gaska, Tami Baarsch-Bogart, Steve Bogart, Bryan Ross, and Tom Schoeneman. **Member Absent:** Tim Prince. **Staff Present:** Jared Walker, City of Ukiah Water Resources Director and Kristine Lawler, UVWA Clerk. **Also Present:** Phil Williams, City of Ukiah Legal Counsel and Christopher Neary, Millview County Water District Legal Counsel (*departing at 6:00 p.m.*)

CHAIR SCHOENEMAN PRESIDING.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes for the May 7, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Baarsch-Bogart to approve the minutes for the May 7, 2026, Regular Meeting, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Orozco, Crane, Boer, Gaska, Baarsch-Bogart, Bogart, Ross, and Chair Schoeneman. NOES: None. ABSENT: Prince. ABSTAIN: None.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was received.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation and Consideration of FY 2026/27 Ukiah Valley Water Authority Annual Budget.

Presenters: Dan Buffalo, City of Ukiah Finance Director; Olga Keough, City of Ukiah Finance Controller; Mary Horger, Assistant Finance Director; and Liz Patton, Billing and Customer Services Manager.

No public comment received.

Member Consensus to direct Staff to go with Option 1* and schedule Mr. Hildebrand to return to address discrepancies in rate study.

*Option1 as presented:

Adopt Preliminary Budget

Committee Action:

- Approve the Preliminary Budget as presented (or with modifications)
- Memorialize through minute action
- Goes into effect July 1, 2026
- Staff to conduct road show with districts
- Return in August final budget adoption through resolution

Advantages:

- Establishes spending authority before the start of the fiscal year
- Without an additional meeting
- Gives time for further review and digestion without looming July 1 clock

Member Consensus to direct Staff to cancel the July 2, 2026, regular meeting and hold the next meeting on the regularly scheduled August 6, 2026, date.

b. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff to Work with Russian River Flood Control to have Member Agency Contracts Assigned to the UVWA.

Presenters: Jared Walker, City of Ukiah Water Resources Director and Phil Williams, City of Ukiah Legal Counsel.

No public comment received.

Directive to Members to let Jared know how many acre feet each agency would want of Russian River Flood Control water.

Member Consensus to direct Staff to go forward in drafting an activity agreement based on the water calculations from the number of acre feet needed and expressed by the various agencies, and bring back to the August meeting for Member consideration.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business items were placed on the agenda.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL REPORT

a. Report on Status of Application for SAFER Planning Grant.

Presenter: Jared Walker, City of Ukiah Water Resources Director.

No public comment received.

Report was received.

b. General Manager Report.

Presenter: Jared Walker, City of Ukiah Water Resources Director.

No public comment received.

Report was received.

Member Consensus to direct Staff to bring back to the August meeting with the contribution amount for Inland Water and Power Authority (IWPC) membership, and how that contribution can be split between the UVWA member agencies based on either service connections or water production.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

No reports were received.

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Discussion, Consideration, and Scheduling of Next Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, at 5:00 p.m.

Presenter: Chair Schoeneman.

(Discussed under Agenda Item 4a)

Member Consensus to direct Staff to cancel the July 2, 2026, regular meeting and hold the next regular meeting on the scheduled date of August 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., with the meeting to be held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

DIRECTORS ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:09 P.M.

9. CLOSED SESSION7

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No action reported; direction provided to Staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Kristine Lawler, UVWA Clerk



**Sonoma
Water**

New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF) Modeling Analysis July 9, 2026

Don Seymour, P.E., Sonoma Water Deputy Director of Engineering

John Mendoza, P.E., Sonoma Water Engineer



Lake Mendocino
4/9/2022: USACE

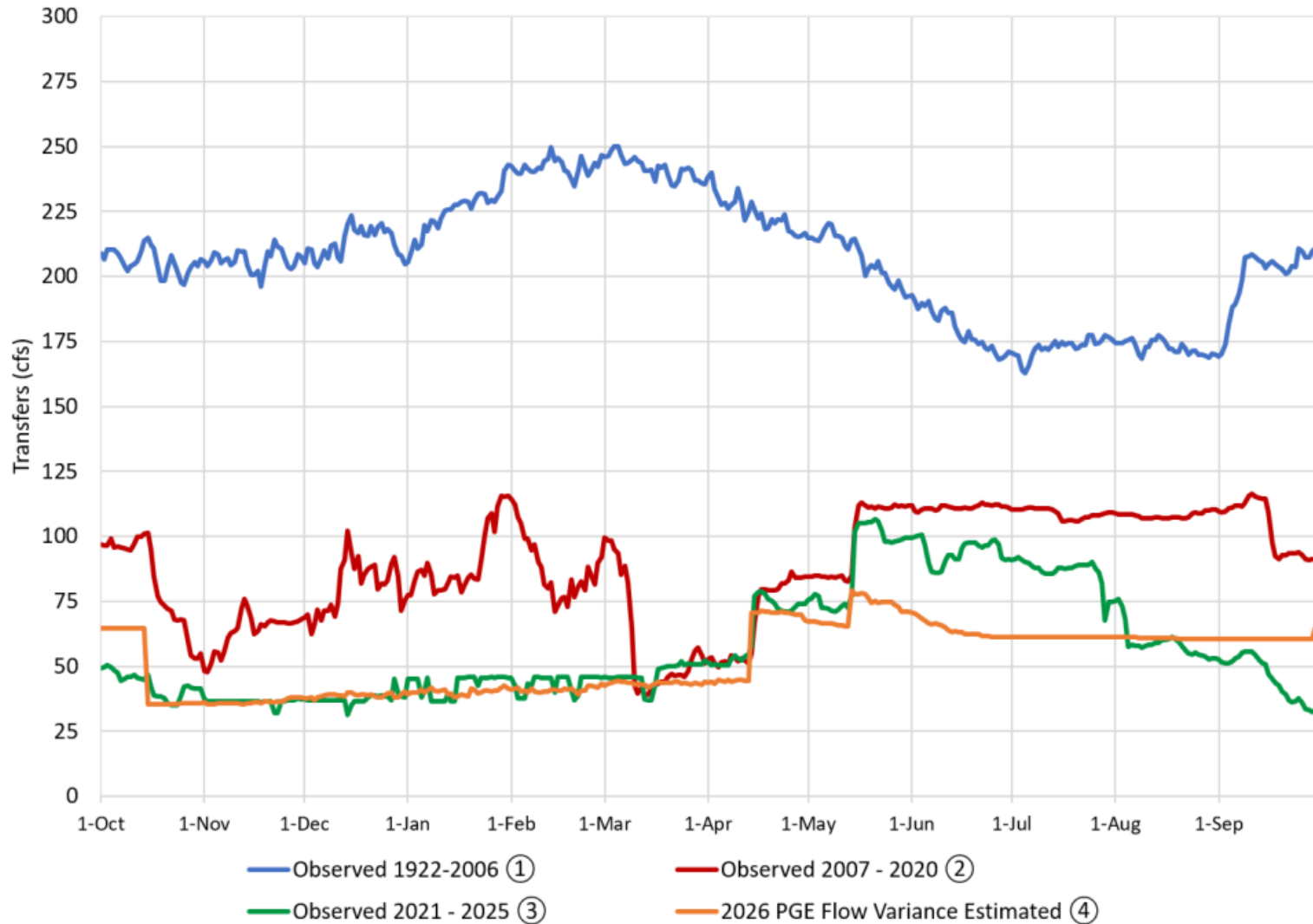
Presentation Overview

- Sonoma Water has been modeling how transfers from the Eel River to the Russian River will be different than historical diversions as a result of the decommissioning of the Potter Valley Project and the construction of the New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF) .
- This modeling is made more complicated by major changes in the diversion rules implemented over the last 20 years as a result of the 2004 FERC License Amendment, the transformer bank failure, seismic risk assessment that reduced operational storage capacity at Lake Pillsbury, major drought, and FERC flow variances.
- Under the NERF rules, there is water for diversion in all year types, even drought years such as 2020 and 2021, and water would have been diverted in water years 2025 and 2026.
- In general, the average annual water available to be transferred through NERF under the Water Diversion Agreement each year is similar to transfers under the 2004 FERC License Amendment, but we need more Russian River storage to maximize those transfers because of change in seasonality of the transfers.
- The Eel-Russian Project Authority continues to lead the effort to design, permit, and construct NERF so that water can continue to be diverted. Design and permitting are currently 100% funded.



Historical Eel River Transfers

Daily Average Eel River Transfers through the Potter Valley Project



1

Water Years 1922-2006:

Post Scott Dam construction, Pre-2004 FERC License Amendment

Average WY Volume: ~150,000 ac-ft

2

Water Years 2007-2020:

Pre-2004 FERC License Amendment

Average WY Volume: ~64,000 ac-ft

3

Water Years 2021-2025:

Post transformer bank failure, Scott Dam seismic risk determination, and major drought

Average WY Volume: ~42,000 ac-ft

4

Water Year 2026 Estimated:

Estimated average transfers with FERC Flow Variances until NERF construction

Average WY Volume: ~38,000 ac-ft



Eel River Transfer Analysis: 2 Operational Scenarios

Scenario #1: Observed (reported values)

- Eel River Transfers = observed (reported values)
- Lake Mendocino storage and outflow = observed (reported values)

Scenario #2: NERF Modeled

- *Eel River Assumptions*
 - Flow at Cape Horn Dam (NERF Facility)
 - Calculated using reported/estimated values from Scott Dam, Cape Horn Dam, and Potter Valley Project transfers
 - Transfer Operations (NERF Operations)
 - Consistent with the 2025 Water Diversion Agreement (WDA) Terms (Table 1)
 - Developed to allow transfers through the NERF while being protective of salmonid life stages in the Eel River
- *Russian River Assumptions (Current Lake Mendocino Operations)*
 - 2025 Lake Mendocino Updated FIRO Water Control Manual
 - Lake Mendocino Storage Thresholds Hydrologic Index
 - 2025 Biological Opinion Minimum Instream Flow Requirements
 - Inflows and downstream flows/losses = observed

	Fall Flows	Winter Flows	Spring Flows	Summer Flows
	Oct 1 – Dec 31	Jan 1 – Feb 29	Mar 1 – May 31	June 1 – Sept 30
Floor (cfs)	300	250	125	35
Diversion Rate (% of flow)	20%	30%	20%	20%
Additional Rules	Require 1 freshet over 500 cfs	N/A	N/A	N/A

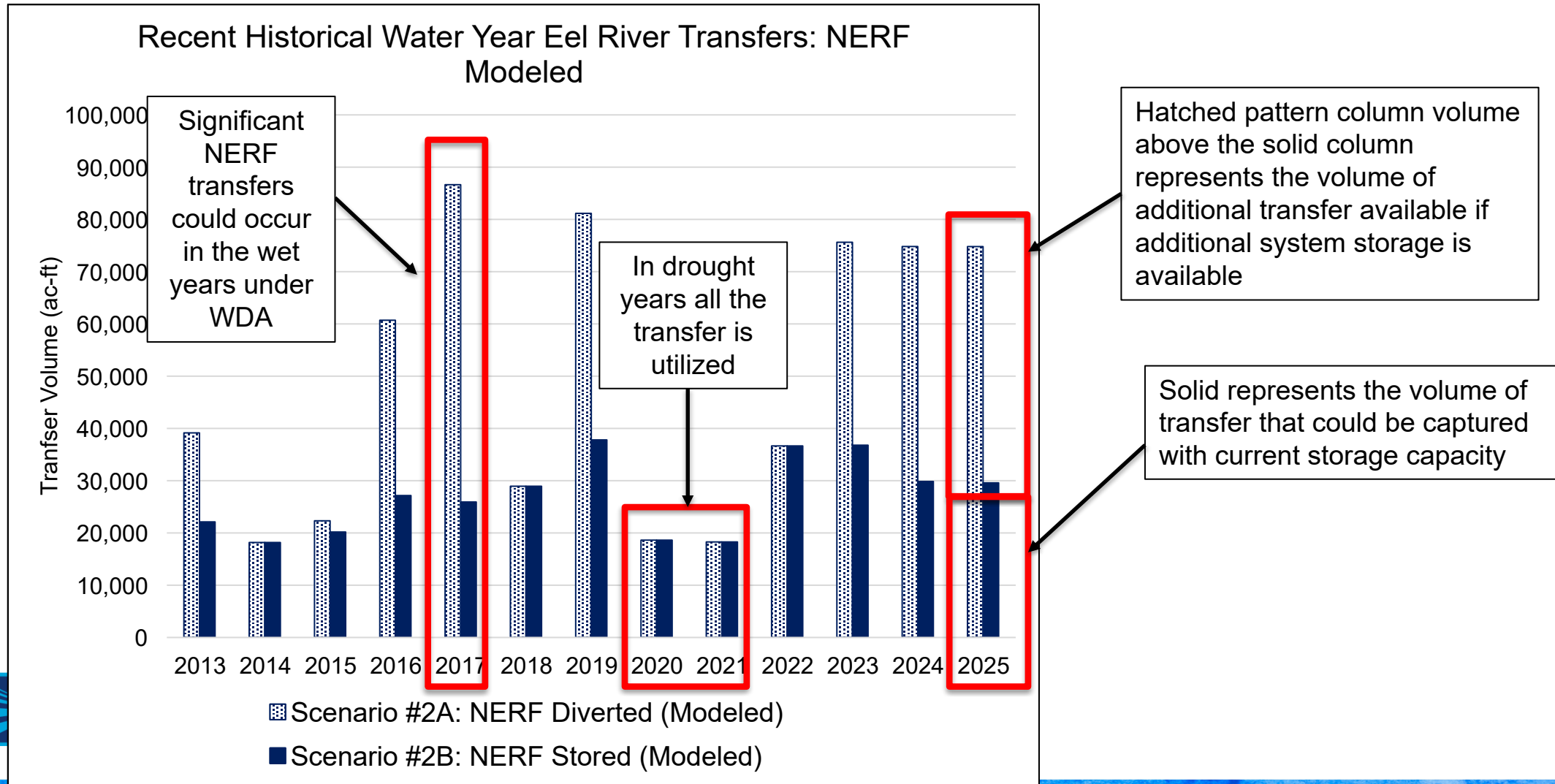
Table 1: NERF operation assumptions



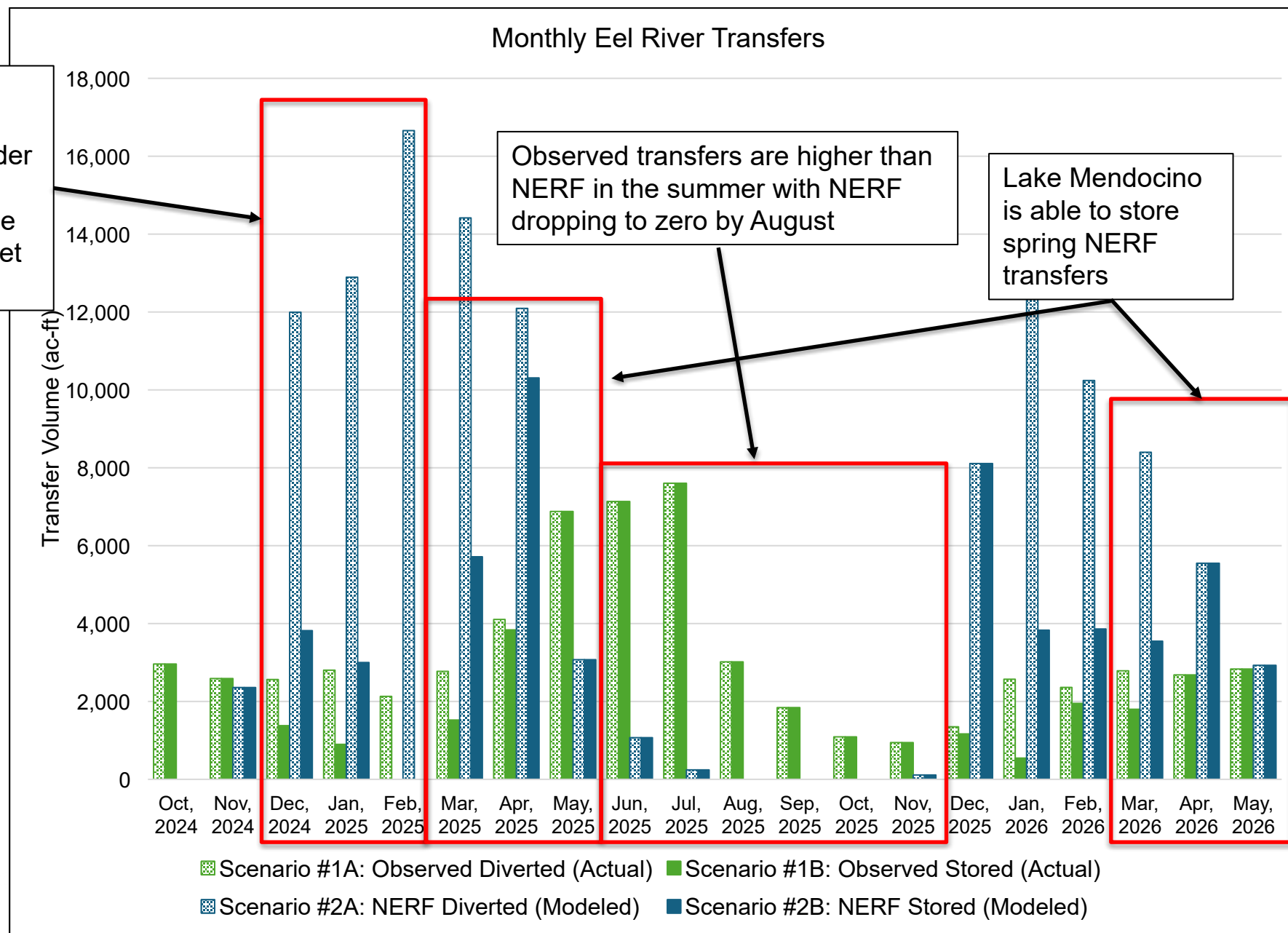
Modeled NERF Eel River Transfers last 13 Water years (WY2013-WY2025)

Analyze Two Metrics (A and B)

- A) Diverted: Total transferred based on Eel River conditions. NERF modeled based on WDA.
- B) Stored: Transfers that can be currently stored in Lake Mendocino or passed through for downstream beneficial use (not released for flood control). NERF model assumes a PVID future storage project. The modeling has included a placeholder 3,000 ac-ft.



Measured versus Estimated NERF Eel River Transfers last 20 months



NERF versus Measured Eel River Transfers

	Monthly Volumes (ac-ft)			
	Scenario #1A: Observed Diverted (Actual)	Scenario #1B: Observed Stored (Actual)	Scenario #2A: NERF Diverted (Modeled)	Scenario #2B: NERF Stored (Modeled)
Oct-24	2,961	2,961	0	0
Nov-24	2,588	2,588	2,358	2,358
Dec-24	2,563	1,379	11,994	3,818
Jan-25	2,803	899	12,894	3,000
Feb-25	2,130	0	16,658	0
Mar-25	2,773	1,523	14,416	5,715
Apr-25	4,106	3,838	12,093	10,308
May-25	6,879	6,879	3,073	3,073
Jun-25	7,135	7,135	1,070	1,070
Jul-25	7,603	7,603	243	243
Aug-25	3,017	3,017	0	0
Sep-25	1,843	1,843	0	0
Oct-25	1,091	1,091	0	0
Nov-25	944	944	112	112
Dec-25	1,349	1,166	8,109	8,109
Jan-26	2,571	545	13,560	3,830
Feb-26	2,360	1,950	10,241	3,861
Mar-26	2,787	1,799	8,399	3,547
Apr-26	2,682	2,682	5,549	5,549
May-26	2,832	2,832	2,928	2,928
Period Total	63,016	52,674	123,695	57,522

Lake Mendocino stores NERF diversions in a springs:
Spring 2025 (wet spring):
~19,000 ac-ft for NERF (modeled)
~12,000 ac-ft for observed

Spring 2026 (dry spring):
~16,000 ac-ft for NERF (modeled)
~9,000 ac-ft for observed

Over the October 2024 through May 2026 period:
NERF is modeled to have stored more transfers over the last two years compared to observed



2025 FERC Variance implemented August 2025. 2026 Variance implemented May 2026

Large NERF transfers available if system storage is available

Key Take Aways

- **NERF Transfers would occur every year**
 - In the last 13 years the annual NERF transfers (modeled) range from ~18,000 ac-ft in the 2021 drought to ~86,000 ac-ft in the 2017
- **Last 2 years the NERF stored transfers (modeled) are similar to observed transfers**
 - In the last 2 years NERF (modeled) stored transfers are modeled ~57,000 ac-ft and observed stored transfers ~52,000 ac-ft
- **This analysis shows the significant benefits to be achieved by constructing additional storage in the Russian River watershed.**
 - In the last 13 years (non-drought years) there is an average of ~40,000 ac-ft/yr of additional NERF transfers that can be utilized with additional water supply projects

