# Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

#### STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item 8c: Customer Request for Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement Change Monday, December 9, 2024

<u>The Strategic Plan</u> relevant priority is **use** through effective and beneficial use of water under the District water right license and as a public resource.

#### **Background**

The Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement states:

## ARTICLE 12. REDUCTION IN USE AND ALLOTMENT

12.1. **Customer Initiation.** On or before September 1 of any Year, Customer may initiate an increase or reduction in the Contract Quantity as to the following Year and the remainder of any Original or Extended Term, by providing written notice to District of such determination, and, in the case of an increase, subject to CEQA compliance and District written confirmation of the availability of the additional water requested.

#### **Discussion**

Hildreth Farms, Inc. is a current customer in good standing with 150 acre feet contract quantity. Hildreth Farms has requested an additional 50 acre feet starting contract year 2025.

As per the Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement Article 12.1 shown above, customer requests for contract changes to the following calendar year need to be made by September 1. As the request was made after this date, the request is coming to the Board to consider approval. Legal Counsel was consulted and confirmed the change can be approved by the Board through a motion. If the Board does not approve the request, the Customer's request will be processed and effective January 1, 2026.

As seen in the "Project Water Worksheet as of November 30, 2024" in the consent calendar, there is currently 662.85 acre feet of uncontracted Project Water, enough to meet this customer request. Uncontracted water is provided first to current customers and second to Redwood Valley County Water District as surplus water supply.

#### **Recommendation:**

 Move to approve Hildreth Farms, Inc. request to increase the contract quantity in its Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement from 150 acre feet to 200 acre feet beginning January 2025;

Or

o Deny the request.

#### **Attachments:**

o Hildreth Farms, Inc. request for additional contract quantity.

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Prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees by: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

### Hildreth Farms Inc. 1520 Ruddick Cunningham Rd. Ukiah Ca. 95482

November 14, 2024

To Elisabeth Salomone, General Manager Mendocino County Russian River Flood and Water Conservation Improvement District

Hildreth Farms Inc. would like to add three points

diversion if possible.

1st at 1001 Babcock Lane Parcel # 180-0500-200

2<sup>nd</sup> at 1101 Babcock Lane Parcel # 180-0500-400

3<sup>rd</sup> at Home Ranch Diesel Pump 1520 Ruddick Cunningham Rd Parcel# 183-0100-400

WE would also if possible like to increase our contract

from 150 acft to 200acft.

Thank You,

Michael L. Hildreth Pres. Hildreth Farms Inc.