# EEL RIVER CLEAN UP 2026

PG&E owns approximately 4000 acres between Van Arsdale reservoir and Scott Dam at Lake Pillsbury as part of their Potter Valley hydro-electric project. Although involved in the event for years, they no longer participate.

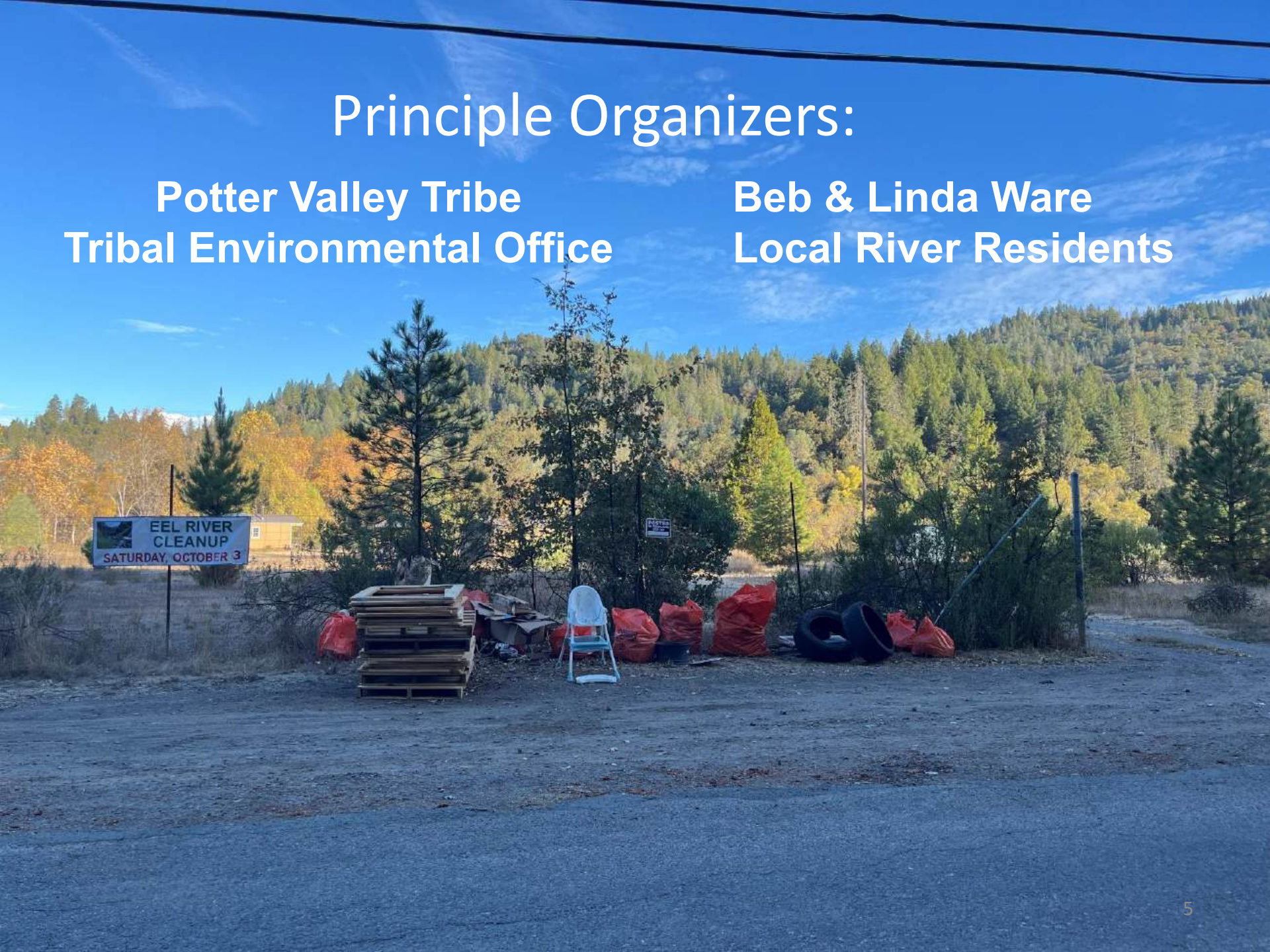
The Potter Valley Tribe owns 893 acres of forested land, just north of Eel River Road and at the SW corner of the Eel River Bridge

The 2026 Eel River Cleanup was held Saturday, October 3, on a hot, sunny day. 16 volunteers arrived to once again clean the shores, gravel bars and roads of the beautiful main stem Eel River drainage. Volunteers have been getting together for this event every October for the past 35 years.

# Principle Organizers:

**Potter Valley Tribe**
**Tribal Environmental Office**

**Beb & Linda Ware**
**Local River Residents**



Trash was picked up along the river and roads on a 6 to 8-mile stretch & taken to the PVT's ER14 property near the Eel River.

# The Tribal Environmental Office inspected and assisted with separation of as many recyclables as feasible

Trash & recyclables are taken to either the Potter Valley Transfer Station, or the Ukiah Transfer Station. Hazardous waste, mainly used paint and fertilizers, was delivered to the hazardous material station in Ukiah or recycled.

# 2026 statistics:

VOLUNTEERS: 16

TOTAL: 12.2 yds REMOVED, including:

RECYCLED: 4.2 yds

9 TIRES

**HAZ WASTE DELIVERED TO UKIAH:**

1 STOVE, 1 REFRIGERATOR (RECYCLED), 5 GAL LIQUIDS

**Cumulative statistics for the past 35 years:**

Volunteers---- 2036

Tires---- 675

Cubic Yards of Loose Trash---- 593

Donated Dump Fees----$14,625

Abandoned autos---- 40

Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who keep the Eel River Cleanup going. Sincerely,
Beb Ware - Eel River Cleanup organizer
Potter Valley Tribe Environmental Office
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