Dear Governor Newsom,

Please ensure that any resolution of Pacific Gas and Electric’s bankruptcy includes provisions for the utility’s liabilities for the two dams on the upper Eel River that are part of the Potter Valley Project.

Scott Dam, built in 1922 next to a major earthquake fault, faces a number of serious safety problems. Highly toxic mercury has accumulated in the sediments trapped behind Scott Dam. And crucially, the dam lacks any fish passage, blocking access to hundreds of miles of prime habitat.

Cape Horn Dam, 12 miles downriver, has been obsolete for a century. Its fish ladder has been blocked repeatedly by high flows during fish migrations over the last few years.

Experts estimate that decommissioning and removal of the Eel River dams is likely to cost in excess of $100 million. It would be deeply unfair to burden the public with the cleanup costs for a facility that PG&E has operated for nearly a century.

Please don’t let PG&E off the hook.