

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: August 13, 2020 Thursday

Time: 6:00 pm – Open Session

6:05 – Closed Session

7:00 pm – Open Session (time approximate)

Zoom online video conference:

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Meeting ID: 894 5577 7738

Dial in by phone only: 669 900 6833

The Commission meeting will be held via video/teleconference. The public may observe and comment by phone or by Zoom webinar. If the public wishes to provide comment before the meeting on any of the agenda items, please email mciwpc@mendoiwpc.com by 5:00 pm Thursday August 13, 2020.

6:00 pm Open Session

6:05 pm CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiators
(Gov't Code §54956.8)
Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project
Agency Negotiators: Janet Pauli & David Aladjem
Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

7:00 pm

1. Roll Call
2. Public Expression - See information above for information on public expression
3. Minutes
 - a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meetings of July 9, 2020
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for July 2020
 - b. Update on financial accounts
5. Commissioner Reports — Reports by Commissioners on meetings attended or actions taken by their agencies as well as informational items, including:
 - a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use
 - b. Eel/Russian River Commission meeting update
 - c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update
 - d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues
 - e. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA

- f. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting
 - g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt. Act (SGMA)
 - h. Update on the City of Ukiah recycled water purple pipe project
 - i. CalCannabis regulation update and related issues
6. Potter Valley Project
 - a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project
 - b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian Rivers and related issues
 - c. Update on the Sandoval Study
 7. Update on the IWPC Communication Program and Website
 8. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study on Coyote Dam – Update on Corps' activities and input from Participating Members
 - a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam
 - b. Update on new Feasibility Study & possible funding
 - c. Progress on Congressman Huffman's 'Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation's bill
 9. NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened
 - a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
 - b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update
 10. Discussions and reports of additional water supply sources and storage sites
 11. State Water Resources Control Board - Updates on various activities from the SWRCB
 - a. AB2121
 - b. D1610
 12. Adjournment

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

The Commission welcomes participation in their meetings. Comments shall be limited so that everyone may be heard. This item is limited to matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission which are not on the posted agenda and items which have not already been considered by the Commission. The Commission limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to three (3) minutes per person. No action will be taken. Individuals wishing to address the Commission under Public Expression are welcome to do so throughout the meeting day. To best facilitate these items, please notify either the Chairman of the Commission or the Secretary of the Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

If agendized, the Commission may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or real estate negotiations. Discussion of real estate negotiations may be held in closed session - Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8. Discussion of litigation or pending litigation may be held in closed session -- Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9. Discussion of personnel matters may be held in closed session -- Authority: Government Code Section 54957.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

(If any) in accordance with Section 54954.2 (b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act) Two-thirds Vote Required for Action Items. (Upon determination by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take action arose after the Agenda was posted.)

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MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 July 9, 2020

Closed Session

The Commissioners entered Closed Session at 6:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code §54956.8)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:08 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. via video conference by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present on the call:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Carre Brown—Vice-Chair (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley Water District)

Juan Orozco—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Matt Froneberger—Alternate RRFCD

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager

Devon Jones—MCFB Manager

Glenn McGourty—public member

Public Expression

Chair Pauli explained that anything not currently on the agenda may be discussed at this time, however no action could be taken. She further advised that comments would be welcome throughout the meeting.

Vice-Chair Brown discussed the importance of completing the 2020 Census and that the deadline has been extended to October. Large amounts of funding for our County depend on these numbers.

Page 2**Minutes**

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Reardan, the minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2020 were unanimously approved with the following change: page 2, section g: at the end of the paragraph add the words ‘URRWM meeting’.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for June 2020 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use—No report.
- b. Eel/Russian River Commission meeting update—No report.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—Vice-Chair Brown reported that the prevention program is currently functioning at both Lake Sonoma and Mendocino.
- d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—No report.
- e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—It was reported that the City of Ukiah and Sanitation District have indicated their interest in joining the JPA.
- f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager’s meeting—The next meeting is scheduled for August 12.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Vice-Chair Brown reported that the next meeting will be in August, on the second Thursday at 1:30 pm.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—It was reported that all treated water from the WWTP is being used for irrigation by the contracted purple pipe customers.
- j. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Vice-Chair Brown reported that she is getting many calls regarding illegal grows and resultant degradation of the environment.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project— Pauli reported that the Feasibility Study report was filed on time and there were hundreds of comments that were submitted to FERC during the comment period. Many of the letters in favor of taking down Scott Dam were form letters. There were a large number of

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commenters in support of relicensing the PVP. FERC is reviewing the comments at this time. Several of the comments from the Forest Service, County of Lake, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies were in regards to the studies that they believe need to be performed and what they should consist of. By mid-September, the Planning Partners need to have a report on the PG&E's studies that were originally required and how much of that work was done as some were only partially completed. Those studies were estimated to cost \$11 million. An extension of deadlines may be required as more time will be needed to collect data for the studies. The proposed Project Plan outlined in the FS report is not final as there are many uncertainties that are still in play, such as the large amount of sediment behind Scott Dam and how it would affect the Eel River if released. The impacts of these issues still need to be studied.

Vice-Chair Brown reported that she has received a notice from PG&E that they are announcing conservation easements and sale of property in the nearby area of Potter Valley. This could include the Lake Pillsbury watershed, campgrounds and other important parcels of land.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Pauli reported that there is a variance on the FERC license due to the current drought and the low inflows into Lake Pillsbury. This occurred in 2014,15,16, and 2018 due to low inflow into Lake Pillsbury. All of the Storage Target Curves are being met and it looks like all of the water user needs will be met.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—No report.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Jones reported that they are continuing to work on the video production regarding the PVP and are hoping to have them ready by mid-August. They are also working on a virtual version of the tours of the Eel River watershed and PVP that are normally offered in the spring.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study on Coyote Dam

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—No report.

b. Discussion of Feasibility Study (FS)—The funds left over at the Corps for the FS have been sent back to IWPC and deposited. The Corps has transferred their Savings Bank of Mendocino County funds to the IWPC bank account.

c. Discussion of grant funding for the FS—No report.

d. Progress on Huffman's Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—Approximately 11,000 AF was saved in Lake Mendocino because of FIRO. The late May rainfall was completely captured in the lake which would have gone down the Russian River under the old operation method.

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NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—No report.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

Discussions and Reports of Additional Water Supply Sources and Storage Sites

No report.

State Water Resources Control Board Items

AB2121—No report.

D1610—No report.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
July 2020

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 1,487	As of 8/7/20
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 0	As of 8/7/20
Mendocino County Auditor's Office (No report yet this month due to year-end accounting load)	\$145,103	As of 5/2020*

*After July bills are paid and the \$150,000 deposited in July for the PVP, there will be: \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study; \$175,624.66 for the PVP.

NOTES

County, City, RRFCD & PVID have paid the \$50,000 billed for PVP in June/July

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

July 2020

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/9	Meeting	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
7/10	Accounting	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
7/18	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
July	Website downloads (5x)	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
July	SDRMA financial audit/County	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
July	Misc, special billing, PG&E	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
August 9	Agenda packet	1.50	\$18.00	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$297.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for June 2020	\$23,985.00
Thomas Johnson billing for July 2020	\$ 7,900.00
Post Office Box annual fee	\$ 106.00
Jendi Coursey, website analytics	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Subtotal	\$32,066.00

TOTAL **\$32,363.00**