

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Date: August 12, 2021 Thursday**

**Time: 6:00 pm – Open Session...Zoom link**

Join Zoom Meeting at--

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83814571117>

Meeting ID: 838 1457 1117

Dial in by phone only: 669 900-6833

**6:05 – Closed Session**

The meeting will be open to Commissioners only during this time

**7:00 pm – Rejoin Open Session (time approximate)**

Same information as above for 6:00 pm

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](mailto:mciwpc@mendoiwpc.com) by 5:00 pm Thursday, August 12, 2021.

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 & Scott Shapiro

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

7:00 pm Open Session—approximate time

1. Roll Call
2. Public Expression - See information above for information on public expression
3. Minutes
  - a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2021
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for July 2021
  - 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 and approval of letter to continue funding of Mussel Inspection Station at Lake Mendocino
  - 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
- j. Discussion of individual water agency plans for water conservation efforts
- 6. Potter Valley Project
  - a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project
    - 1. Continued discussion of PVP Funding Needs for 2021 and how to disseminate the potential costs of this effort to the public
    - 2. Discussion, selection and award to ballot measure RFP consultants
  - b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian Rivers and related issues
  - c. Update on the Sandoval Study: Hydrologic Characterization and Modeling for Evaluating Human and Environmental Water Supply Tradeoffs on the Upper Eel and Upper Russian River - Potter Valley Project proposal
- 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 General Investigation 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 agendaized, 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 8, 2021

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. via video conference by Chair Janet Pauli.

**Closed Session**

Pauli, Reardan, Schoeneman, Orozco, McGourty, Mulheren, Froneberger, Johnson and Attorneys Shapiro and Dreher entered Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:24 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

**Open Session** was reconvened at 7:25 pm

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

Juan Orozco—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following individuals were participants:

Mo Mulheren—Alternate Commissioner County of Mendocino

Joseph Kowalski

Gregg Young—Potter Valley Tribe environmental director

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager

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**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.

Gregg Young Environmental Director of the Potter Valley Tribe spoke to the group as they have acquired 893 acres of former PG&E forest land on the mainstem of the Eel River. They are hoping to be able to provide some funds towards the PVP studies from PG&E grant funds if they

relate to wildfires, under a wildfire management plan. There would need to be a wildfire assessment completed that would take about two years and would involve several different groups. The grant is for \$100,000.

### Minutes

**On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2021 were unanimously approved.**

### Consent Calendar

**On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the consent calendar items for June 2021 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—No report.

d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—No report.

e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—No report.

f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting—No report.

g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—  
Commissioner McGourty stated that the County will be having a public meeting on in Redwood Valley next Thursday at 5 pm, to roll out the Plan and receive comment. They are scheduled to submit the Plan to the State in October. The cost for the program is estimated at \$200-250,000 and they are still discussing how to pay for it. If it is going to be a public tax, he suggested that we should look at bundling all the water issues in the County on the 2022 ballot measure.

h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—The City has produced about 150,000 million gallons of recycled water but the storage is running low. The staff is meeting to determine how to handle use of the remaining water. Commissioner Orozco mentioned that he met with staff from the Governor's office and had relayed the need for extension of the purple pipe program.

i. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Commissioner McGourty relayed that the new Ordinance has much more protection for neighborhoods and includes requirements for new grows, water trucks and other safety issues. However, there is some effort going on to overturn the Ordinance by referendum with petitioners out asking for signatures.

j. Discussion of individual water agency plans for water conservation efforts—Salomone reported that the Resource Conservation District has developed lawn signs regarding water

conservation that anyone can ask for and they are free. The State Board emergency regulations are tied to the Lake Mendocino water levels and haven't been implemented as yet, but it is assumed that it will be by August 1. The RRFCDD is concerned that property owners are taking water and selling to water truck haulers to make a profit from water they are not even using.

### **Potter Valley Project**

a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project—Pauli reported that next week there will be a face to face meeting of the Partners in Sonoma County.

Approval of two Ad Hoc committee members to review the consultant proposals—Chair Pauli and Vice-Chair Reardan agreed to be on the Ad Hoc committee to review the submittals.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Pauli reported that the inflow to Lake Pillsbury is now at a negative number because it is based on the height of the water at the dam. Though there is a little water coming in, the evaporation rate is removing more water than is coming in. The variance ends on August 13, but she is hoping that FERC will come out to extend the variance as otherwise the outflows will increase. The lake levels are such that they will not reach the 12,000 AF limit this summer if the variance is extended.

c. Update on the Sandoval Study and possible approval of the Discussion of Hydrologic Characterization and Modeling for Evaluating Human and Environmental Water Supply Tradeoffs on the Upper Eel and Upper Russian River - Potter Valley Project proposal—No report.

### **Update on the IWPC Communication Program**

a. Website—No report.

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

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—Currently there is 30 cfs of flow going through the PVP which is about 60 AF per day. 5 is for East Branch minimum flows and 25 for the PVID. Normally it would be 125 cfs flowing through the penstock.

b. Discussion of Feasibility Study (FS)—No report.

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

d. Progress on Huffman’s Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—The next meeting on FIRO will be in July.

**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 8:39 pm.

Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

## **IWPC Financial Accounts**

August 2021

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 1,764	As of 8/7/2021
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$292,348	As of 4/2021*

\*After July bills are paid, we will have \$165,710.08 in the PVP account.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

July 2021

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/8	Meeting	2.50	\$18.00	\$ 45.00
6/11	Accting & meeting follow-up	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
6/25	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
June	Website maint. & domain	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
June	RFP	6.00	\$18.00	\$108.00
7/4	Agenda packet	1.50	\$18.00	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$414.00

***2. Miscellaneous:***

P.O. Box annual renewal	\$ 134.00
Domain annual registration	\$ 25.00
IWPC portion of Partnership meeting expense	\$ 463.68
Downey Brand billing for June 2021	\$ 8,105.50
Thomas Johnson billing for July 2021	\$10,313.80
Jendi Coursey, analytics	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Subtotal	\$19,116.98

**TOTAL**

**\$19,530.98**