

**A G E N D A**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Place: County Ag Building meeting room, 890 N. Bush St., Ukiah**

**Date: March 9, 2023 Thursday**

**Time: 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link**  
Join Zoom Meeting at-  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85233245107>  
Meeting ID: 852 3324 5107  
Dial in by phone: 669 900-6833

**6:00 pm Open Session**

**1. Roll Call**

**Public Expression** - The Commission meeting will be held in person and by video/teleconference. The public may observe and comment in person or by Zoom webinar. See end of agenda for additional information on public expression.

**2. Minutes**

a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2023

**3. Consent Calendar**

a. Approve expenses on billing statement for February 2023  
b. Update on financial accounts

**4. Commissioner Reports** — Reports by Commissioners/Staff on meetings attended or actions taken by their agencies as well as informational items. Each Commissioner will be given an opportunity to speak on any activities of interest regarding drought response, groundwater updates, committee meetings etc. that are relevant to the IWPC members.

**5. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee**

- 6. Potter Valley Project**
  - a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
  - b. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E
  
- 7. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam**
  - a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study
  
- 9. NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**
  - a. Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
  - b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update
  
- 10. 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  
February 9, 2023

**Open Session**

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

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)  
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)  
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)  
Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)  
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following individuals were participants:

Chris Watt—Alternate Commissioner RRFCD  
Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD Manager  
Jason Lee—The Circle Law Group  
Sean White-- City of Ukiah Director of Water & Sewer

**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.

**Minutes**

**On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2023, were unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the consent calendar items for January 2023 and Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-B Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Re-ratifying the Covid-19 State of Emergency, and Re-authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of MCIWPC Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act were unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner Reports**

- White reported that they have non-matching grant funding of \$53.7 million for phase four of the water recycling program. 800 AF of recycled water is produced right now that mostly goes to Ag users. The city realized that they not only needed to increase the distribution area but also the amount of recycled water that was produced due to demand. After phase 4, they will be producing 1,500 AF a year of recycled water, that is a 50% conservation level of the city's current water use of 3,000 AF. The project will include improvements at the WWTP that will increase their capacity to produce recycled water and to add the new connections. They will be able to provide recycled water up to Low Gap and Brush Street to Vinewood

Park, Frank Zeek school, the cemetery, the High School, Pomolita soccer field, Giorno field, Anton Stadium and the Golf Course. This all lowers the amount of water drawn from the Russian River and Lake Mendocino.

- Schoeneman reported that all of the water districts have committed to the proposed consolidation with the City of Ukiah. Sean White and Jared Walker are the leaders in this effort. The grant funds they hope to get from the state for consolidating the small water districts and the city is \$55 million that will be used for infrastructure improvements.
- McGourty reported that the BOS will be appointing a fifth member to the RVCWD at the supervisors next meeting.

### **Report from the Ad Hoc Committee**

Horsley relayed that three draft public information documents, as requested by the Ad Hoc Committee, have been completed. She will be sending them out to the members for review and comment, and also to the Commissioners as requested. They are trying to coordinate the timing of the documents release with media information and launching of the Russian River Water Forum website.

### **Potter Valley Project**

a. Status report and discussion of the Potter Valley Project and Funding efforts—Pauli reported that Alexander Valley is forming a water district to help Ag landowners to acquire legal standing, improve infrastructure, support monitoring of water rights, and support property owners with sustainability and restoration projects. They are very concerned about threats to the Alexander Valley water supply, including curtailments and potential groundwater pumping restrictions. They could be partners with us on conservation in the RR watershed including continued diversion from the Eel and increased storage in Lake Mendocino.

Pauli went on to discuss the Russian River Water Forum (WF) DWR grant that includes:

1. A facility assessment of the PVP diversion and how it would function under various conditions, including the possibility of Scott Dam being removed. As of today, PG&E has not allowed access to the facility.
2. The grant covers the effort to look for more storage upstream from Lake Mendocino, either surface or groundwater storage in Potter Valley. If Scott Dam is removed, the only water coming through the diversion will be in the wintertime. McGourty asked about the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) where there would be more onsite farm water storage ponds in Potter Valley. Pauli responded that there are already 64 privately built ponds large enough for three nights of frost protection in Potter Valley, so they are looking for a larger storage site that would hold 11 to 15,000 AF of water. Additionally, there may be a potential for drilling groundwater wells and a study is underway to determine this possibility.
3. The third element and most active of the grant funding is the formation of the Russian River Water Forum (WF). They are moving forward in forming a Steering Committee that will be a temporary group with an objective to set up the Planning Group which will represent stakeholders on both sides of the PVP and eventually form a regional entity for the PVP. One of the major concerns is the timing of all this. PG&E is moving forward with the license surrender and someone needs to be able to engage with PG&E regarding the project before the process is complete.

Kerns & West and Sonoma Water have been briefing elected officials at the state and federal level on the purpose and progress that is being made on the WF, including Congressman Thompson, who stated that the WF had great merit and he wants to be involved in the future. Both he and Senator McGuire would like to see Lake County, Lake County tribes and recreational interests to be included in the process, which may help us to be eligible for some federal funding.

The first phase of \$600,000 grant funding will be running out within the next month. The WF and SW have applied for another DWR grant for \$2 million more, but it will require some matching funds. Sonoma County will be securing some of the funds, but IWPC will also need to come up with part of the match requirements.

Pauli reported that CalTrout had requested a meeting of the Two-Basin 5-member Partnership group as they had hired a consultant to perform an analysis of the economic benefits of removing Scott Dam. The report should be released to the public shortly.

Salomone added that WF will be launching a website very soon which will have a tremendous amount of information on it regarding what the WF is doing and about the PVP.

b. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—No report.

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

Pauli has sent out several emails to find out whether the Corps will utilize the federal allocation of funding they received this year, for the Coyote Dam Feasibility Study. She has not heard back as yet.

### **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.

### **New Business**

a. Discussion of IWPC in-person meetings starting March 2023—IWPC will be meeting at the County Ag building starting in March, which is located on the corner of Bush and Low Gap. Details will be included in the March agenda packet.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Candace Horsley  
IWPC Staff

**IWPC Financial Accounts**  
March 2023

Savings Bank: IWPC account                      \$ 905                      As of 3/4/2023

Mendocino County Auditor's Office              \$172,880                As of Sept. end 2022

After February 2023 bills are paid, we will have \$92,176 in the PVP account.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

February 2023

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/9	Meeting	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
2/10	Accounting & meeting follow-up	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
2/20	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Feb.	Website maint. & revisions	9.00	\$18.00	\$162.00
Feb.	Forms, insurance, Ag room, SW	15.00	\$18.00	\$270.00
3/5	Agenda packet	4.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 72.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$603.00

***2. Miscellaneous:***

Downey Brand for Jan. 2023	\$5,253.00
Tom Johnson, Feb. 2023	\$2,937.50
Jendi Coursey, annual website hosting (\$480); Jan/Feb analytics	<u>\$ 555.00</u>
Subtotal	\$8,745.50

**TOTAL** **\$9,348.50**