

Inland Water & Power Commission

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A G E N D A
Special Meeting

Place: County UCCE Farm Advisor/Ag building meeting room
890 N. Bush Steet, Ukiah

Date: November 25, 2024 **MONDAY**

Time: **5:00 pm**—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81387252986>

Meeting ID: 813 8725 2986

Dial in by phone: 669 900-6833

Open Session

1. **Roll Call**

2. **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. See end of agenda for additional information on public expression

3. **Closed Session:** est. 2 hours

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

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project

Agency Negotiators: Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

4. **Minutes**

- a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for October 10, 2024

5. **Consent Calendar**

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for October 2024
b. Update on financial accounts

6. **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.

7. Potter Valley Project

- a.** Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
- b.** Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update
- c.** Update on budget needs for 2025 and continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E
- d.** Discussion of marketing and public education programs

8. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam

- a.** Update on the Feasibility Study, Corps and funding

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 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
October 10, 2024

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present:

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

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Phil Williams, Dave Koball
Online: Jeannie Zolezzi, Scott Shapiro, Monica Huettl

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.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
John Reardan—Commissioner (RRFC)
Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeannie Zolezzi
Present: Phil Williams, Dave Koball, Sean White, Bree Klotter

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:10 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

OPEN SESSION 7:11 pm

Minutes

Motion by Reardan, seconded by Rodin , to approve the September 12, 2024, minutes was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the consent calendar items for September 2024 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Schoneman reported that letters have gone out to inform the public about the water agency consolidation which will be in effect as of January 1, 2025. White relayed that the City staff has done a review of all the facilities for the districts that are joining the new JPA. They will be inter-tying the pipelines of the various districts and improving infrastructure, using State funds.
- McGourty talked about recent developments with the GWSA. The City of Ukiah has stepped up to be the Administrator for the Agency. This should provide a reduced budget for the Agency. The Agency has signed a well-study contract with a consultant to determine where the wells are and possibly assessing Ag water use at the same time.
- Reardan relayed that the RRFC and RVCWD are working on the application process for annexation of RVCWD into the Flood Control umbrella.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Pauli reported that the partnership is meeting with PG&E every week to meet the January 2025 deadline for PG&E’s draft plan to FERC that will include the ERPA proposals. Flows are being studied to determine how much water is needed and what flows will go through the new facility. Both parties are working on coordinating the removal of Cape Horn Dam with the construction of the new ERPA pumping facility.

PG&E had requested a variance from FERC to change the license flows. FERC told PG&E that they would require an amendment to the license and a new Section 7 consultation to do so.

On October 1, there was over 36,000 AF in Lake Pillsbury so the flows went back up to 35 cfs into the East Branch of the Russian River.

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—No future meetings are scheduled until more progress with the PG&E negotiations is made.
- c. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—Funds will be required for the Jacobs consultant regarding continued work on water supply and storage alternatives in Potter Valley. Some of the costs may be covered by grants but also may need IWPC participation. Williams will come to the next meeting to discuss.
- d. Discussion of objectives for marketing and public education program—Pauli thanked the City of Ukiah for offering the KP consultants in helping us with public education and reviewing the website. Horsley is working on extensive changes to the website to update and inform.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study (FS) on Coyote Valley Dam (CVD)

- a. Pauli relayed that we have asked for an extension to sign the contract with the Corps until the end of the year to determine how the negotiations with PG&E will proceed. We are having several meetings with the Corps and Huffman's representatives to discuss the General Investigation costs and how it would be paid for.

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—The new BO will not be done until January 15, 2025.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
November 2024

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 990 As of 11/17/2024*

*PayPal monthly payments —
GSuite \$14.40
Zoom \$15.99
Total \$30.39

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$171,302 As of June end 2024

After August 2024 bills are paid, we will have **\$175,386** in the PVP account

Agency payments of \$60,000 from May 2024 billing:

PVID	Pd 5.2024	\$60,000
RRFC	Pd 5.2024	\$60,000
City of Ukiah	Pd 7.2024	\$60,000
County	Pd 8.2024	\$60,000
RVCWD	Pd 7.2024	\$30,000

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Billing Statement

October 2024

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/10	Meetings & prep	5.00	\$ 90.00
10/11	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$ 90.00
Oct/Nov	Website maint. & updates	20.00	\$360.00
Oct/Nov	Corps, misc.	9.00	\$162.00
Oct.	Public communications/media	6.00	\$108.00
Nov. 16	Agenda packet	6.00	<u>\$108.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$918.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for Sept. 2024	\$15,047.00
ERPA for Sept. 2024	\$ 1,055.00
Tom Johnson for October 2024	\$16,816.27
Eric Nagy for Sept. 2024	\$ 2,939.50
Coursey for Oct. 2024	<u>\$ 306.25</u>
Subtotal	\$36,164.02

TOTAL

\$37,082.02