

A G E N D A
Special Meeting

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

Date: January 16, 2025 Thursday

Time: **3:30 pm**—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85900859728>

Meeting ID: 859 0085 9728

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:**

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

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project

Agency Negotiators: Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli, Phil Williams

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

4. **Minutes**

- a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for December 17, 2024

5. **Consent Calendar**

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for December 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. New Business

- a. Election of Officers

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

Special Meeting

December 17, 2024

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Dave Koball—Alternate Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency) arrived at 3:45

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Phil Williams, Guinness McFadden, Sean White, Jazzmynn Randall

Online: Scott Shapiro, Eric Nagy, Beth Salomone

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 3:16 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

Dave Koball—Alternate Commissioner (RRFC)

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency) arrived at 3:45

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Eric Nagy, Beth Salomone

Present: Phil Williams, Sean White, Guinness McFadden

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 4:36 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Schoeneman, seconded by Koball, to approve the November 11, 2024 minutes was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Koball, the consent calendar items for November 2024 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Schoeneman reported that as of January, the water bills will be coming from the City of Ukiah for all of the consolidated water districts.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Pauli reported that they are working with our partners on preparing a non-binding MOU to be completed by January before PG&E releases their draft license surrender plans to the public. The public will have 30 days to comment. PG&E will then consider the comments and prepare their final plan to FERC for the July deadline. Once PG&E’s final license surrender document is approved, we will be working on a binding agreement with our partners regarding diversion rates, which will describe all the conditions under which water will be diverted.
- 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—Pauli relayed that in January there will be a discussion on IWPC’s funding options and what the possibilities are for funding the various projects and programs.
- d. Discussion of objectives for marketing and public education program—Pauli reported that KP is working on an informational video with the goal to have it on our website. It will be available for all agencies to use. In addition, the Jacobs Group PowerPoint slides for the workshop in Potter Valley by the Jacobs Groups has been matched with an audio description of the slides and should be available shortly.

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

- a. Nagy reported that there were three questions he had regarding the potential for a Feasibility Study with the Corps of Engineers. 1. What schedule could the Corps accept for execution of the Cost Share Agreement; 2. Ramifications of including a second non-federal sponsor; 3. Near term financial implications of executing the Agreement.
 1. Because of the timing of negotiations with PG&E, IWPC is asking for approval to delay the signing of a Cost Share Agreement with the Corps. The Corps agreed to the end of March 2025 versus the end of December 2024.

2. IWPC is considering including the Lytton Tribe as a second non-Federal sponsor which would include a monetary credit under Federal statute that would be applied to the FS non-Federal sponsor matching funds, at a \$658,000 maximum. The committee has met with the Tribe and are working out terms. Lytton has expressed their interest in joining into an agreement with IWPC delineating what each parties' responsibilities would be.
3. The Corps may require proof that IWPC could continue with their portion of the cost share after the first year. Nagy believes that the second year may require around \$750,000 in matching funds if the Commissioners decide to move forward.

The Corps has been very helpful and cooperative. Nagy is recommending that the Commissioners approve authority to the Commission Chair and consultant to move forward negotiating with the Corps and in signing the Cost Share Agreement. **Motion by Rodin, seconded by McGourty authorizing the consultants and Janet to move forward to negotiate and execute the Cost Share agreement, was unanimously approved.**

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.

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
January 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 960 As of 1/5/2025*

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

After November 2024 bills are paid, we will have **\$110,306** in the PVP account

*PayPal monthly payments —	
GSuite	\$14.40
Zoom	<u>\$15.99</u>
Total	\$30.39

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

December 2024

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/17	Meetings & prep	4.00	\$ 72.00
12/18	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$ 90.00
Dec.	Website maint. & updates	5.00	\$ 90.00
Dec.	Misc. email program issues	5.00	\$ 90.00
Dec.	Public/media...public requests	6.00	\$108.00
Jan. 5, 2025	Agenda packet and changes	6.00	<u>\$108.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$558.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for Nov. 2024	\$20,240.29
ERPA for Nov. 2024	\$ 340.00
Tom Johnson for December 2024	\$ 6,668.60
Eric Nagy for Nov. 2024	<u>\$ 3,061.62</u>
Subtotal	\$30,310.51

TOTAL **\$30,868.51**