

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

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

Date: March 13, 2025 **Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting **Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88994630845>

Meeting ID: 889 9463 0845

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. Minutes

- a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for February 13, 2025

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for February 2025
b. Update on financial accounts

- 5. 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.

6. Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update
1. Election of Commissioner to sit on the ERPA Board
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

7. **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam**
 - a. Update on the Feasibility Study, Corps and funding

8. **NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**
 - a. Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
 - b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update

9. **Closed Session:** Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code §54956.8)
Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project
Agency Negotiator: Janet Pauli
Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

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
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Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Phil Williams, Sean White, Dave Koball
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Eric Nagy, Doug Brown, Jonathan Guz, 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 6:06 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 6:58 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Schoeneman, to approve the January 16, 2025 minutes, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan the consent calendar items for January 2025, were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

No reports.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Shapiro reported that at the previous meeting in closed session the Commissioners authorized Chair Pauli to sign the MOU with the other partners at the signing ceremony today. The MOU commits IWPC and SCW to take certain actions over the next 30-50 years and in exchange we will have entitlement to water through the diversion facility on the Eel River. There is still a lot of work to do for ERPA including how to raise money and construct the project. Pauli stated that a press release is out to the public on how this came about and outlines the water diversion agreement that will be worked on for several more months.
- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Shapiro will be meeting with the SCW attorney to put together some of the next steps for ERPA.
- c. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—Discussion of funding options will be continued for the next several months. A budget and associated bill for the agencies will be calculated and sent out in May.
- d. Discussion of objectives for marketing and public education program—KP helped with the development of the press release that went out about the signed MOU.

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

- a. Update on the Feasibility Study, Corps and funding—Nagy reported that we have been negotiating with the Corp of Engineers on the Feasibility Study (FS) cost sharing agreement. One issue that came up was in regard to the deadline for executing the agreement. The Corps agreed to extend the deadline to March 31, 2025 instead of the original December 2024 deadline.

We are also in discussions with the Lytton Springs Tribe regarding being a second non-Federal sponsor with IWPC on the FS. They seem to be onboard, and we are moving forward, hoping to have an agreement with them by March. We also will be exploring water storage solutions with the Corps under the FS. The funding from the Feds along with the local sponsor Tribe credit should cover the first year's expenses.

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

Pauli relayed that she visited with Cal Trout regional representative Charlie Schneider who agreed to attend an IWPC meeting and explain how they have used restoration funds in the past on various projects.

- a. Election of officers:

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan, for Pauli to be elected as Chair was unanimously approved.

Motion by Schoeneman, seconded by Rodin, for Reardan to be elected as Vice-Chair was unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
March 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 749	As of 3/9/2025*
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$233,178	As of September end 2024

After February 2025 bills are paid, we will have **\$56,284** in the PVP account

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

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

February 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/13	Meetings & prep	3.00	\$ 54.00
2/14	Accounting & meeting follow-up	6.00	\$108.00
Feb.	Website maint. & updates	8.00	\$144.00
Feb.	Misc.	10.00	\$180.00
Feb.	Public/media...public requests	7.00	\$126.00
Mar. 9	Agenda packet	7.00	<u>\$126.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$738.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for Jan. 2025	\$21,489.00
ERPA for Jan. 2025	\$ 1,480.00
Tom Johnson for February 2025	\$ 1,912.50
Eric Nagy for Jan. 2025	\$ 1,964.25
Jendi Coursey for Feb. website repairs	<u>\$ 87.50</u>
Subtotal	\$26,933.25

TOTAL

\$27,671.25