

A G E N D A
Special Meeting

Place: County Admin building, **Conference Room A**
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah

Date: July 18, 2025 **FRIDAY**

Time: **3:00 pm**—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82977658958>

Meeting ID: 829 7765 8958

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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, Tom Johnson

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

4. Minutes

- a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for May 8 & June 23, 2025

5. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for June 2025
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
 - 1. Review & consider approving Water Diversion Agreement
 - 2. Review and consider approving agreement with SCWA to cover grant management services associated with the investigation of Potter Valley groundwater; give direction to Chair regarding payment plan
- b.** Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update
- c.** 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 program & Ad Hoc report

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

- a.** Update on 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

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
May 8, 2025

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—Commissioner (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: Bree Klotter, Dave Koball, Phil Williams, Glenn McGourty
Online: Beth Salomone, 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.

Koball asked if the meetings could start at 5 pm instead of 6 pm. Since IWPC will be changing its meeting place, we could change the time also.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Cline, to approve the April 10, 2025 minutes, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

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

Commissioner Reports

- Klotter reported that part of RVCWD is already in the Flood District and has 325 AF of contracted water.
- It was reported that RRFCD, PVID and the City of Ukiah have approved payment to IWPC.
- Williams reported that the Water Authority asked him to research what it would take to allow them to join IWPC as a JPA. The current IWPC JPA doesn't give specifics on how a new member would be able to join.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Pauli reported that meetings between the Partners and PG&E are continuing to define the details of the water diversion agreement and to determine what PG&E will have in their final decommissioning plan that will be submitted to FERC by the July 29 deadline. The \$2 million grant from the Bureau of Reclamation that was frozen, has been unfrozen and the Eel Russian New Facility design will be allowed to move forward.
- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Pauli reported that the next meeting is planned for July 21st in Santa Rosa in the BOS chambers.
- c. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—There was a discussion of the eventual need to hire a general manager for IWPC.
- d. Discussion of objectives for marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—Rodin reported on the Ad Hoc meeting with Cline, Rodin, Horsley, Alison MacLeod and Williams. There was a 3 prong approach—1. Personal outreach 2. MacLeod will develop handouts to distribute to the public. She sent a draft to the group to make comments. 3. Develop a ‘talking points’ document that members of the Commission would all have for consistency when talking with the public.

Cline talked about setting up a line of communication with Sonoma Water to coordinate outreach and press releases. Pauli asked the Ad Hoc members to give an update on their progress at the All Boards meeting.

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

- a. Update on the Feasibility Study, Corps and funding—There were two Commissioners that indicated interest in being on an Ad Hoc for these meetings. Pauli expressed her desire to be on the Ad Hoc as did Schoeneman and Koball. Williams stated that staff can attend the meetings without any concern about Ad Hoc limitations, however, only two Commissioners can be on the Ad Hoc. Koball was appointed to be the second Commissioner along with Pauli.

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 was completed in April and has been distributed. The changes include a non-jeopardy opinion across the board for Coyote Valley and Sonoma dams.

New Business

- c. Discussion and adoption of the FY 2025/26 budget—**Motion by Cline, seconded by Rodin to adopt the proposed budget, including the 2025/26 contract with Nagy with a ceiling of \$117,372, was unanimously approved.**

Adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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—Commissioner (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: Guinness McFadden, Kyle Brooks
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Monica Huettl, Lilliana Selke, Eric Nagy

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 5:07 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)
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Eric Nagy, Tom Johnson, Lilliana Selke
Present: Guinness McFadden

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan, to approve the May 29, 2025 minutes, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

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

Commissioner Reports

Cline reported that PG&E is holding a meeting on July 1 in Redwood Valley regarding their Wildfire Safety Program.

Potter Valley Project

- e. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
Pauli introduced a discussion of a payment program to reimburse Sonoma Water for their staff time administering the grant for the PV consultant Jacobs Group study. At the end of last year Sonoma Water asked IWPC to pay for the staff costs associated with the grant and study analyzing water storage and additional wells for water reliability in Potter Valley. The cost for IWPC over the grant amount would be \$67,280.82. The Commissioners expressed an interest in an installment plan to pay this payment but over what time period was not determined. The issue will be brought back to the Commissioners at the next meeting to discuss and possibly approve the agreement with SW. The Jacobs consultants would like to do additional aquifer testing, but it would be at an additional cost.
- f. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—The next ERPA meeting is scheduled on July 21, from 12:00 to 5:00 in the Santa Rosa BOS chambers.
- g. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—No report.
- h. Discussion of marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—No report.

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 the Corps has officially kicked off the start of the FS. The first six months will be dedicated to scoping the study to understanding how long the study will take and what the costs will be. Usually, they do a 3 day Planning Charette, however the meeting schedule was very difficult to execute during the month of July, so it was agreed that instead there would be a hybrid approach with a series of meetings that would culminate with a site visit to Lake Mendocino in August. A series of meetings will be occurring this week and during July. The Corps uses a six step scoping process to inform the project team on the history of the PVP and dam, what the current issues are, what is expected of a FS project and to start the process of determining a preferred alternative for the project and additional storage.

NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- d. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—No report.
- e. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

New Business

- a. Discussion and possible adoption of a Resolution establishing day and time of IWPC meetings—**A motion by Rodin, seconded by Cline, to adopt Resolution 2025-01 establishing 5 pm as the official starting time for IWPC Regular meetings was unanimously approved.**
- b. Approval of expenditure for recording and video conferencing camera—The annoying whooshing sound does not appear to be the fault of the OWL, so we will continue to use the one provided by the County.
- c. Discussion and selection of revised meeting date for July—July 18 at 3 pm is the preferred date and time. Horsley will contact the Ag department to see what conference room is available.

Adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

July 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 463*	As of 7/14/2025
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$129,828	Balance, after January 2025 payments made

After June 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$192,822 in the PVP account and \$16,412 in the Operations account.

*PayPal payments —	
GSuite	\$ 21.60
Zoom	\$ 16.99
Total	\$ 38.59

Agency Payments of \$84,000 invoiced May 2025

City of Ukiah—Pd in May
RRFCD—Pd in May
PVID—Pd in May

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

June 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/23	Meetings IWPC & Corps	9.00	\$162.00
5/30	Accounting & meeting follow-up	8.00	\$144.00
June	Website maint. & updates	7.00	\$126.00
June	Insurance, attorney reqs, misc.	15.00	\$270.00
June	Public/media...public requests	8.00	\$144.00
July 12	Agenda packet, two mins	10.00	<u>\$180.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$1,026.00

2. Miscellaneous:

SDRMA insurance premium	\$ 3,278.32
IWPC domain name renewal—3 year term	\$ 41.34
Downey Brand for May 2025	\$17,727.00
ERPA for May 2025	\$ 703.00
Tom Johnson for June 2025	\$11,945.00
Eric Nagy for April & May	\$ 8,088.95
Jendi Coursey—website fixes Mar-July	<u>\$ 262.50</u>
Subtotal	\$42,046.11

TOTAL	\$43,072.11
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