

A G E N D A
Regular Meeting

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

Date: August 14, 2025 Thursday

Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82001493028>

Meeting ID: 820 0149 3028

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 July 18, 2025

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for July 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
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

7. **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam**
 - a. Update on the Feasibility Study
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 Negotiators: Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli, Tom Johnson
 - 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 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
July 18, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. in county conference room A 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) online due to “Emergency circumstances”
whereas there was a family medical emergency that prevented Rodin from attending in
person (AB 2449).
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Guinness McFadden, Sean White, Mo Mulhern, Bree Klotter, Dave Koball
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Monica Huettl, Jeanne Zolezzi, 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 3:07 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (RRFC)
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah) online
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Guinness McFadden, Sean White, Bree Klotter, Dave Koball, Mo Mulhern
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Eric Nagy, Jeanne Zolezzi

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 4:40 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, to approve the May 8, 2025 minutes was unanimously approved, with Cline absent. Motion by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, to approve the June 23, 2025 minutes with one change: replacing Koball with Reardan as attending closed session, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Schoeneman, seconded by Cline the consent calendar items for June 2025, were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Salomone reported that on July 15 the RRFC filed a petition for change on their main water right that should allow the right to be more accessible to the broader constituency. Also, they are in a notice period for the negative declaration for the RVCWD proposed annexation. Essentially, the RRFC legal boundary would be coterminous with its place of use/water right. Both items are detailed on their website.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project

1. Review & consider approving Water Diversion Agreement for New Eel-Russian Facility—Shapiro gave an overview of the Water Diversion Agreement for New Eel-Russian Facility between the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, CalTrout, Eel-Russian Project Authority, County of Humboldt, MCIWPC, Round Valley Indian Tribes, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Trout Unlimited. The agreement outlines, among other terms, when diversions will be allowed from the Eel River, lease payment to RVIT, restoration fees, length of the diversion term and renewal conditions. **Motion to approve the Water Diversion Agreement for a New Eel Russian Facility establishing the rights and obligations of the ERPA to divert water from the Eel River basin and authorizing the Chair to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented and, in a form approved by counsel was made by Cline, seconded by Rodin and was unanimously approved.** The Agreement is on the MCIWPC website.
2. Review and consider approving agreement with SCWA to cover Potter Valley grant management services—Shapiro provided clarity on what this agreement is about. Sonoma Water asked for MCIWPC to pay for their overhead services to administer the grant associated with the Jacobs Group water reliability study in Potter Valley. The cost balance for MCIWPC over the grant amount is \$67,280.82. Vice-Chair Reardan read a letter from RRFC requesting that before any other contracts or agreements are made by MCIWPC, that the Commissioners be allowed to review and approve them first. **Motion to approve the agreement with SCWA and to bill the MCIWPC agencies, pending attorneys making non-substantive changes, was made by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman and was unanimously approved.** Discussion followed on the need for a payment schedule before June 2026. Reardan stated that RRFC was able to contribute its 20% of the total. PVID has approved payment and the City of Ukiah felt they could also pay. The other Commissioners were not sure yet how they would pay. An invoice for the agency payments will be forthcoming.

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—The next ERPA meeting is scheduled for July 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the County of Sonoma BOS chambers. MCIWPC will send out the meeting information to the Commissioners in the next few days.
- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—Salomone asked about budget timing.
- d. Discussion of marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—The City is preparing a press release for the Water Diversion Agreement.

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 there has been a flurry of activity in the last four weeks. There have been six meetings with the Corps of Engineers with representatives from the Lytton Rancheria and MCIWPC Ad Hoc being present. First and foremost, these meetings introduced the Corps to the elements of the project in order to scope the remainder of the study, including how much it will cost and how long the study will take. On August 5th, there will be a tour of Coyote Valley Dam and facilities for the parties involved.

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 5:45 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

August 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 353*	As of 8/10/2025
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$129,828	Balance, after January 2025 payments made

After July 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$239,670 in the PVP account and \$15,293 in the Operations account.

*PayPal payments —

2 Web domains, 3 yrs	\$ 68.90
GSuite	\$ 24.37
<u>Zoom</u>	<u>\$ 16.99</u>
Total	\$110.26

Agency Payments of \$84,000 invoiced May 2025

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

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

July 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/18	Meetings IWPC & Corps	9.50	\$171.00
5/30	Accounting & meeting follow-up	8.00	\$144.00
July	Website maint. & updates	9.00	\$162.00
July	ERPA insurance, misc.	10.00	\$180.00
July	Public/media...public requests	5.00	\$ 90.00
August 10	Agenda packet	10.00	<u>\$180.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$927.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Post Office box annual renewal	\$ 192.00
Downey Brand for June 2025	\$18,263.97
ERPA for June 2025	\$ 3,078.00
Tom Johnson for July 2025	\$ 6,003.50
Eric Nagy for June	<u>\$ 9,806.75</u>
Subtotal	\$37,344.22

TOTAL	\$38,271.22
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