

A G E N D A
Regular Meeting

Place: County Admin building, Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah
Date: Sept 11, 2025 Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84469454990>
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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. **Minutes**
 - a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for August 14, 2025
4. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for August 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
--Further discussion of PG&E Scott Dam seismic reports
 - 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
August 14, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. in county conference room A 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)
Bree Klotter—Alternate 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: Sean White
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Carre Brown, Kasil Willie, 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.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Cline, to approve the July 18, 2025 minutes was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Klotter the consent calendar items for July 2025, were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Koball stated that several customers have come in to talk about their concerns with the annexation of Redwood Valley Water District. They took note of the questions and will respond to the public in the near future.

Potter Valley Project

a. **Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project**

Shapiro reported that he had submitted a public records request to see PG&E's documents on the seismic study at Scott Dam as requested by McFadden. PG&E is willing to let some people look at these documents, if they first sign individual NDA's. Further information will

be discussed at the September meeting.

Pauli reported that FERC approved PG&E's variance request to reduce the amount of water going into the east branch of the Russian River and they implemented it immediately. PVID has a 50 cfs contract with PG&E but they were asked to go to a reduced 25 cfs average flow starting immediately. A week before this happened, PG&E received a letter from FERC requesting all the information, including biological impacts, that they need to consider PG&E's request for a permanent reduced flow variance. It should be noted that PG&E did not reduce the flows in the Eel River.

Pauli discussed a report that came out in July 2024 titled Potter Valley Tribe Claims Exclusion in Dam Decommissioning Process where the Potter Valley Tribe states they were ignored on the Two Basin Group and gave other examples of where their interests on the PVP were ignored. Pauli contacted a representative of the Tribe to let them know of the upcoming FERC comment periods that are coming up shortly. She also mentioned an article from the Gazette that talks about how the changes to the PVP will affect wine growers.

Shapiro talked about the appropriations of the Lytton Tribe \$650,000 credit sponsorship and need for additional funds for the non-federal sponsor matching funds in the coming year. This all depends on whether there will be an allocation for the study at the Federal level for next year. Shapiro and Nagy feel that IWPC has little chance of getting on the Corps October 2025 workplan for the 2026 year and so spoke to Lytton Tribe representatives asking if they would be willing to work with us to request funding allocations from Congress for our Feasibility Study.

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update— Shapiro reported that ERPA had a meeting at which they asked staff and attorneys to bring back a reimbursement agreement whereby staff time and expenses for each agency involving ERPA could be shared by the member agencies. The Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) have tentatively awarded \$18 million to the combined effort of the Two Basin solution, \$9 million for river restoration and \$9 million for NERF and related activities. They still need to figure out the scope of activities the DFW grant would cover. They are looking at retaining an environmental firm for the NERF facility and this would be covered by the grant funds. The restoration funds would be administered by a non-profit corporation with different Eel River interests being on the board. IWPC's restoration contribution won't start until the NERF is operating and that money will go to the Round Valley Tribe and they will decide what to do with it.
- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—Shapiro has started to put together a small working group to talk about future funding alternatives which will be brought back to the full Commission for a discussion this year.
- d. 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 on the recent Corps study team tour and site visit to Coyote Valley Dam. This was the Corps team's first chance to visit the site and interact with all the team members that had only seen each other on Zoom before. The non-Federal sponsor representatives and Tribal leaders were there. The next step will be for the Corps to refine the scope, budget and the schedule for the Study. The Corps will come to an IWPC meeting in the near future to give an overview of the process and answer questions the Commissioners may have.

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.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:27 p.m.

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

September 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 312* As of 9/4/2025

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$90,653 Balance, February 2025

After August 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$240,699.36 in the PVP account and \$14,528 in the Operations account.

*PayPal payments —	
GSuite	\$ 24.37
Zoom	\$ 16.99
Total	\$ 41.36

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

RVCWD—Pd \$36,544 in Sept.

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

August 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/14	Meetings IWPC & Corps	7.50	\$135.00
8/15	Accounting & meeting follow-up	8.00	\$144.00
Aug	Website maint. & updates	5.00	\$ 90.00
Aug	Agreements, misc.	7.00	\$126.00
Aug	Public/media...public requests	5.00	\$ 90.00
Sept. 6	Agenda packet	10.00	<u>\$180.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$765.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for July 2025	\$18,174.00
ERPA for July 2025	\$ 2,679.00
Tom Johnson for August 2025	\$ 5,083.00
Eric Nagy for July 2025	<u>\$ 9,579.25</u>
Subtotal	\$35,515.25

TOTAL	\$36,280.25
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