

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Place: County Admin building, Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah
Date: October 9, 2025 Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link
Join Zoom Meeting at—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86993845639>
Dial in by phone: 869 9384 5639

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 September 11, 2025

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for September 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.
1. Discussion and possible approval of contract with LWA to evaluate and implement funding strategies for IWPC
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 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
September 11, 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)
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)
Tom Schoeneman —Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)
Mo Mulheren—Alternate Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Sean White, Bree Klotter, Phil Williams, Glenn McGourty
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Monica Huettl, Eric Nagy, Jeanne Zolezzi

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 Schoeneman, to approve the August 14, 2025 amended minutes, was unanimously approved. Amended second sentence under PVP: change PG&E to FERC.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Schoeneman the consent calendar items for August 2025, were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

Schoeneman reported that RRFC and RVCWD got together for a joint meeting and it was made clear to the public that the City of Ukiah annexation project is totally separate from the RRFC and RVCWD annexation procedures.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
--Further discussion of PG&E Scott Dam seismic reports—The narrative from PG&E is that the PVP is not an economically viable project for them to continue to license the Project and they are not replacing the transformer at the hydroplant. Additionally, they noted that if they were to try and get a new license, among other issues, they would be challenged on the lack of fish passage past Scott Dam. PG&E has seismic concerns regarding Scott Dam and that is why

they are keeping Lake Pillsbury water levels at the spill crest and not lowering the gates. The signed MOU and Water Diversion Agreement with IWPC states we are not opposed to PG&E's License surrender plan taking down Scott Dam and the other partners will be supportive of ERPA taking over the PVP and building a new diversion facility. The Commissioners directed Chair Pauli to write a letter to the BOS discussing the above information and to attend and speak at any BOS meetings where the PVP decommissioning might be discussed.

Shapiro followed up on the request to review the seismic reports on Lake Pillsbury from FERC and that anyone that wants to see them must sign an NDA. He asked who would like to review the documents. Reardan and McFadden both expressed interest.

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—ERPA will have another meeting this year, a date to be determined. They hope to have the \$9 million grant agreement with CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife ready to sign at the next ERPA meeting.
- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—There is a meeting scheduled later this month with two Commissioners, staff and attorneys to discuss alternatives for funding options. The goal is to get down to 2-3 options for presentation to the Commissioners in October/November.
- d. Discussion of marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—Articles are being prepared on various issues to present the facts to the public.

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 he met with the Corps project team. The appropriations funds will last to about the end of the calendar year with about 50% being spent so far. They plan to finish the alternatives milestone meeting before the end of the year. It will describe what the scope, schedule and study will be from the Federal partner's viewpoint.

Secondly, the Corps is working as hard as we are on how to keep the funding coming and to keep the study moving forward. The Corps can go back to Congress and ask for a movement of funds between projects, so if there is money that isn't being used for another Corps project, it could be transferred to the Coyote Dam FS. They could move a maximum of 20% of the last appropriation or \$100,000 for IWPC by using this option.

Another option is called a Federal Interest Determination, which is a way for the Corps to spend funding that is not counted against the cost sharing agreement but to look at a study that has not reached the alternative milestone yet to see if there appears to be Federal interest in continuing funding. They will be asking the non-Federal sponsor to weigh in and express our interest in continuing funding for the project.

Thirdly, they are exploring how the Lytton Rancheria Tribe may help advocate for the project. Lytton has been gracious enough to allow Shapiro and Nagy access to their lobbying team in DC.

There has been some discussion about initiating the NEPA process for the FS, but since there is some uncertainty about funding, the Corps has decided to hold off for a while. They are moving forward with looking at alternatives to dam raising as required under the FSCS rules. They will be looking at increasing and maximizing water storage options rather than just raising the dam.

Nagy talked with the Corps about presenting updates to IWPC at the November meeting.

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.

The following Commissioners were present:

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
October 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 311 *	As of 10/4/2025
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$90,653	Balance, February 2025

After Sept. 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$219,710 in the PVP account and \$13,664 in the Operations account.

*PayPal payments —	
GSuite	\$ 25.20
<u>Zoom</u>	<u>\$ 16.99</u>
Total	\$ 42.19

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 \$50,000 in Sept. (\$36,544; \$13,456)

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

September 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/11	Meetings IWPC, Ad Hoc & Corps	9.00	\$162.00
9/12	Accounting & meeting follow-up	8.00	\$144.00
Aug	Website maint. & updates	5.00	\$ 90.00
Aug	Agreements, misc.	11.00	\$198.00
Aug	Public/media...public requests	5.00	\$ 90.00
Sept. 6	Agenda packet	10.00	<u>\$180.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$864.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for August 2025	\$10,843.30
Tom Johnson for Sept. 2025	\$ 3,825.00
Eric Nagy for August 2025	<u>\$ 6,321.00</u>
Subtotal	\$20,989.30

TOTAL	\$21,853.30
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