

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Place: County Admin building, Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah
Date: Nov. 13, 2025 Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062345025>
Meeting ID: 850 6234 5025
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** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Meeting minutes for October 9 & 28, 2025
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for October 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** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. FERC notice of PG&E application for surrender of license and non-project use of project lands, accepted for filing, soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests for comments
 - b. FERC notice requesting comment/intervention request for the permanent variance of the license
 - c. ERPA (Eel-Russian Project Authority) update
 - d. MCIWPC representation to ERPA

- e. Funding needs for MCIWPC
 - a. Short-term: Legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E and FERC process
 - b. Mid-term: Storage investigation and revenue plan development
 - c. Long-term: Construction and operation
 - f. Marketing and public education program/Ad Hoc Committee
7. **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam**
(Discussion and/or Action)
- a. Feasibility Study of Coyote Valley Dam
8. **NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**
(Discussion and/or Action)
- 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: Acquisition of PG&E's Potter Valley Project
 - Agency Negotiators: Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli, Tom Johnson
 - Negotiating Parties: MCIWPC, ERPA, SCWA, 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
October 9, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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)
Mo Mulheren—Alternate Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Sean White, Bree Klotter, Monica Huettl, Dave Koball, Guinness McFadden, Phil Williams
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Seth Wurzel, 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.

McFadden reported that he has decided to attend Closed Sessions rather than get off the IWPC board as he felt those were his options. He relayed that he doesn't agree with all of the decisions that IWPC has made and is part of a lawsuit against PG&E regarding Scott Dam.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Schoeneman to approve the September 11, 2025 minutes was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

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

Commissioner Reports

- Reardan reported that the RRFC approved the submission of an application to LAFCo for the annexation of the balance of the RVCWD boundaries that are out of the RRFC district.
- Schoeneman reported that there will be an agenda item on the Water Authority to have all of the agencies help fund IWPC and be a member of the IWPC board. At that time, RVCWD would step off the board as a single agency, with the City of Ukiah still maintaining a

separate membership position on the IWPC Commission. The Ukiah Water Authority consists of the City of Ukiah, RVCWD, Calpella, Millview and Willow water districts. Shapiro clarified that the Water Authority, RVCWD and IWPC would all separately need to approve the Water Authority taking RVCWD's seat on IWPC.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—FERC has not yet opened up the comment period after receiving the final license surrender plan from PG&E.

Shapiro reported that he submitted two requests to be able to review the seismic reports on Scott Dam, one to FERC and one to the CA Dept. of Water Resources. The State handed him documents without asking that they be confidential, but they were somewhat redacted. Reardan, McFadden and George Rau had asked to view the documents, and he forwarded the link to them. Any Commissioners can view these if they desire. The documents from FERC require a non-disclosure agreement before giving out the reports.

Pauli reported that the State Water Resources Control Board will have a scoping meeting on Oct. 15 here in Ukiah, regarding an EIR on the decommissioning of the PVP and water quality impacts.

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—ERPA will have its next meeting on December 11, from 3 to 5 pm in the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors chambers.

Shapiro reported that they had a six-hour meeting today as a kickoff meeting with other members of ERPA and PG&E to work on the PVP assets purchase and sale agreement and to be able to visit the PVP facilities to be able to work on NERF. They will be monthly meetings. It may take 2-3 years of meetings to finalize the negotiations on the purchase and sale details. After FERC takes the project out of commission, then the PUC is required to approve PG&E disposing of the assets, which will add even more years to the process.

Shapiro thanked Williams and the City of Ukiah for continuing to point out FERC's obligation to comply with Federal environmental laws.

- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—

Discussion and possible approval of contract with LWA to evaluate and implement funding strategies for IWPC—Attached to the agenda packet, a proposed contract was provided by Seth Wurzel regarding assisting IWPC in funding strategies. Wurzel gave an overview of his extensive background on many types of funding systems that he has worked on with other agencies. The Scope of Work includes a short engagement of six months to flush out a financing plan and determine the funding sources and mechanisms which are the best for IWPC. A second phase will be to put together a detailed financing plan and define the steps to implement the budget and funding source.

Shapiro went through the discussions that the Ad Hoc has gone through and the next steps that will be taken to move forward on the funding scenarios. The plan is to come up with figures for the next 3 years. This contract is for the first phase in the next six months.

Motion by Reardan, seconded by Rodin to approve the scope of work for the next six months and have LWA prepare a contract for the Chair to sign, was unanimously approved.

- d. Discussion of marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—Salomone relayed that RRFCDD would request that the IWPC Ad Hoc develop a Zoom Webinar to allow the public to ask questions regarding PVP and the Lake Mendocino.

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 is currently a Federal Corps shutdown. For our project, they have slowed down but not stopped as very few employees have been furloughed at this time. That could change if the shutdown continues. High on our list is securing additional Federal appropriations. The Lytton Rancheria representatives were very gracious to include our representatives in their virtual meetings in Washington D.C. advocating for funding for the next two years. Nagy met with SW regarding advocacy for our project and he will continue to explore how they may be able to support us. Additionally, with the Corps efforts to get through the Feasibility Studies in a cheaper and more timely way, some of the estimated costs have been way below the actual costs needed for construction of a project. They are looking to provide options to IWPC on the scope and size of the study's schedule and budget. The Project Manager, Allison Conn, may be coming up to present to the IWPC board at our 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 6:22 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)
Tom Schoneoman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

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

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

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MINUTES
Special Meeting
October 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. in county conference room A by Chair Janet Pauli.

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.

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)
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Sean White, Bree Klotter, Guinness McFadden, Mo Mulheren, Phil Williams,
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Lilliana Selke

- McFadden secluded himself from the Closed Session due to his ongoing lawsuit with PG&E.
- Salomone relayed that the CA State Water Resources Control Board has introduced the new CA Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS) which is replacing the old electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS). The state will be holding a workshop Nov. 19 in the County Ag building at 9 until noon as a drop-in service so people can register onto the new program.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
One case: *LaMalfa, et al., v. Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Case No. 25CV02754)

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 1:11 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)
Tom Schoneoman—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, Bree Klotter, Phil Williams, Mo Mulheren

Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Lilliana Selke, Jeanne Zolezzi

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 2:25p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

OPEN SESSION

a. Discussion and possible action regarding November 4th Mendocino Board of Supervisors meeting—Cline discussed that the Board took a vote to reject the original resolution and to put a new a resolution with alternative language on the next board meeting's consent calendar. She feels that the item will be pulled and then put at the very end of the agenda, at which time the public would be able to comment. The Commissioners requested that Pauli speak to the BOS on this matter rather than all of the Commissioners speaking but everyone could show up if they chose to do so. The Commission discussed whether the item could be agendized rather than be on the consent calendar. **Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan that Haschak be asked to agendize the item at a specific time so that the community can dialogue with the Supervisors, was unanimously approved.**

Adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

November 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 227 * As of 11/9/2025

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$252,044 Balance, May 2025

After Oct. 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$188,833 in the PVP account and \$12,458 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

October 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/9	Meetings IWPC, Ad Hoc	13.00	\$234.00
10/10	Accounting & meeting follow-up	8.00	\$144.00
Oct.	Website maint. & updates	6.00	\$108.00
Oct.	ERPA	7.00	\$126.00
Oct.	Funding, budget, insurance	11.00	\$198.00
Oct.	Public/media...articles/media	12.00	\$216.00
Nov.10	Agenda packet	10.00	<u>\$180.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$1,206.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for Sept. 2025	\$13,350.00
Tom Johnson for Oct. 2025	\$ 9,737.50
Eric Nagy for Sept 2025	<u>\$ 7,789.10</u>
Subtotal	\$30,876.60

TOTAL	\$32,082.60
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