

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Place: County Admin building, Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah
Date: Dec. 11, 2025 Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link
Join Zoom Meeting at—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070475790>
Meeting ID: 850 7047 5790
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 November 13 & 24, 2025
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for November 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. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
 - b. ERPA (Eel-Russian Project Authority) update
 - c. Funding needs for MCIWPC
 1. Short-term: Legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E and FERC process
 2. Mid-term: Storage investigation and revenue plan development
 3. Long-term: Construction and operation

- d. 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. Update on the Feasibility Study for 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 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
November 13, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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)
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Mo Mulheren, Bree Klotter, Dave Koball, Phil Williams, Sean White, Mike Delbar, Matt Delbar
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Eric Nagy, Paul Pisaro, David Manning, Maria G., Tom Johnson

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.

Minutes

Motion by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman to approve the October 9, 2025 minutes was unanimously approved. Motion by Cline, seconded by Reardan to approve the Oct. 28, 2025 minutes with one change: “McFadden ‘recused’ not reclused”, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Schoeneman to approve the consent calendar items for October 2025, was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Schoeneman and Cline had both listened to the ‘Like It Or Not’ podcast where Pauli and White were interviewed about the PVP. They commented that it was very good.

Potter Valley Project

- 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—Pauli reported that PG&E filed their final license application with FERC and now comments are due by the first of December. IWPC will make a motion to intervene and will be making comments, most likely with Sonoma Water and ERPA. She offered to help any agency that would like to submit comments and needs help. Shapiro offered to supply

the wording to the Commissioners by November 25 before submitting the letter to FERC, if they want to review it first. If the Commissioners has questions or requests a special meeting, they need to let Scott know right away due to the short timeframe.

- b. FERC notice requesting comment/intervention request for the permanent variance of the license—Pauli gave an overview of this notice regarding PG&E’s request to have a restrictive variance cutting flows to critical year levels, be permanent rather than having to ask for an annual variance. Comments are due by December 1. IWPC will file a motion to intervene and submit comments on this issue.
- c. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—The next meeting will be December 11 in the Mendocino Board of Supervisors chambers, from 3 to 5 pm. Manning relayed that they should have some good news regarding a grant reward from Cal Fish & Wildlife of \$9 million for the NERF and resiliency efforts in the Russian River, as well as \$9 million for Eel River restoration. He reminded everyone that there will be reimbursements available from this grant for work done by staff and consultants on the environmental permitting and engineering requirements from the respective agencies related to the NERF.
- d. MCIWPC representation to ERPA—Pauli reported that she had a request to put this on the agenda for discussion. The two ERPA representatives currently are Pauli and Cline. The recent proposed resolution submitted by Cline to the Board of Supervisors has caused concern from IWPC’s partners as to IWPC Commissioner commitments to the agreements made by and with IWPC. A discussion followed regarding a representative’s role, responsibility and expressed support for IWPC’s decisions and the approved water diversion agreement. ERPA representation remains as is, based on Cline’s response that she will support IWPC and its approved agreements.
- e. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—Shapiro reminded the Commissioners that they had agreed to hire Seth Wurzel to assist in determining the short, mid and long term funding needs and sources of revenue for IWPC upcoming activities including investigation and implementation of storage. An Ad Hoc was formed of staff and consultants to determine appropriate revenue sources and funding options. Unfortunately, moving to any of the funding streams at this time is exceedingly challenging both legally, as we do not have sufficient details on many of the options to meet the legal requirements for those funding streams or the political challenges, ie how to obtain ¾ voting levels for a particular funding source. Therefore, we pivoted to short term funding to meet the needs for the next 3-5 years.

Wurzel will be attending the December meeting to go over all the information on the revenue sources that the Ad Hoc has put together. There will be a discussion of the needs for the short term and then how we fund IWPC in the mid and long term periods. No decision will be made at the December meeting. Rodin asked for a report on Prop 4 funds and how we might use these funds. Manning reported on Sonoma Water’s work with Prop 4 to request \$5.5 million to support NERF and resiliency in the watershed to be administered by the Coastal Conservancy. Shapiro mentioned that there were several grant sources that were being investigated to further funding to the ERPA efforts.
- f. Discussion of marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—IWPC is sponsoring a workshop on November 24th with speakers including Manning, Shapiro and Johnson to bring everyone up to speed on the PG&E decommissioning process and the status

of IWPC's efforts. There will be question and answer sessions during the meeting which will be recorded and put on agency websites and YouTube. Rodin relayed information from the Ad Hoc on the workshop and plans for media contact efforts to get the word out.

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 San Francisco Corps District had slowed down on the project due to the Federal shutdown. He will get hold of them to see where they are on our project.

NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—Manning reported that they are looking at January 21st for the next PPFC meeting.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—Manning reported that Sonoma Water is looking at the new BO and what actions could be taken to avoid the jeopardy opinion that was received in 2008. Salomone reported that Sonoma Water is going to present an update at the next Water Sharing Working Group meeting on Nov. 18. Contact Salomone for more information.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:36 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, Dave Koball
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Eric Nagy

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:17 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

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MINUTES
Workshop Special Meeting
November 24, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Cabernet room by Chair Janet Pauli.

IWPC and the County of Mendocino Board of Supervisors had posted this meeting, and both called their agency to order and took roll call:

The following IWPC Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
John Reardan--Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
Bree Klotter—Alternate Commissioner (RVCWD)

There were 160 audience participants, in person and online.

Informational Briefing – issues related to the water supply from PG&E’s Potter Valley Project.

10. **Presentation:** Overview of PG&E decommissioning and role of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
11. **Presentation:** Overview of the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF)
12. **Presentation:** The Water Diversion Agreement (WDA) allowing continued diversion to the Russian River watershed
13. **Presentation:** Options under consideration for additional storage in the Russian River watershed
14. **Q&A session**

Speakers included:

- Scott Shapiro, legal counsel for IWPC & ERPA
- Dave Manning, Executive Director of the Eel Russian Project Authority
- Tom Johnson, New Eel Russian Facility (NERF) engineering specialist
- Don Seymour, Sonoma Water Deputy Director of Engineers
- Eric Nagy, Lake Mendocino Feasibility Study specialist
- Moderator, Janet Pauli

A question and answer session between the audience and presenters was held after each presentation. (The PowerPoint presentation and link to the video are available on the IWPC website -- www.mendoiwpc.com under the Stay Informed tab).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

December 2025

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 184 * As of 12/6/2025

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

After Nov. 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$141,373 in the PVP account and \$10,455 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

November 2025

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/13	Meetings IWPC	6.50	\$117.00
11/14	Accounting & meeting follow-up	8.00	\$144.00
Nov.	Website maint. & updates	8.00	\$144.00
Nov.	ERPA, workshop prep/followup	26.00	\$468.00
Nov.	Funding, insurance	11.00	\$198.00
Nov.	Public/media...articles/media	14.00	\$252.00
Dec. 7	Agenda packet	10.00	<u>\$180.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$1,503.00

2. Miscellaneous:

CA Special District Assoc. Renewal	\$ 500.00
Downey Brand for Oct. 2025	\$19,644.58
Tom Johnson for Nov. 2025	\$14,264.88
Eric Nagy for Oct. 2025	\$10,858.45
Seth Wurzel for Oct. 2025	<u>\$ 2,691.75</u>
Subtotal	\$47,959.66

TOTAL	\$49,462.66
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