

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Place:** County Admin building, Conference Room A  
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah  
**Date:** Jan. 8, 2026 Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link  
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86153885238>  
Meeting ID: 861 5388 5238  
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 December 11, 2025
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for December 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
    1. Storage needs and discussion of a process for narrowing down the options
  - b. ERPA (Eel-Russian Project Authority) update
    1. Approval of the Master Reimbursement Agreement (attached)

- 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. **New Business**
  - a. Election of Officers
- 10. **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  
December 11, 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) Online due to medical issue

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Dave Koball, Phil Williams, Sean White, Scott Shapiro, Nancy Todd  
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Seth Wurzel, Chris Burris, Lilliana Selke, Tom Johnson, Matt Delbar

**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 Cline to approve the November 13, 2025 minutes was unanimously approved. Motion by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman to approve the November 24, 2025 Workshop minutes was unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion by Cline, seconded by Reardan to approve the consent calendar items for November 2025, was unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner Reports**

Schoeneman reported that all of the water districts rates are going up. He will discuss the need for the water districts on the Water Authority to chip in on the fees for IWPC. Williams asked if there were any sensitivities with the Water Authority joining the JPA.

**Potter Valley Project**

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Shapiro reported that they have met with PG&E since the last IWPC meeting to develop the list of items they are going to talk about and the timing for each item. Nancy Todd asked about the UNWON blog that had raised some questions on the Water Diversion Agreement. Shapiro handed her a handout with responses to some of the issues and went over the response that had been prepared by ERPA.

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—ERPA had their meeting at 3 pm today. Update on the CEQA review and process. Reimbursement agreement set up to allow ERPA to use SW and IWPC staff and consultants and have reimbursements for the time spent on various items from the \$9 million from the State grant.
- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—Shapiro introduced Seth Wurzel and previewed the financial needs of IWPC. The Ad Hoc looked at realistic needs of IWPC and discussed what funding was required to continue running IWPC over the next several years. Unfortunately, we are not at a timeframe where many of the revenue funding sources are available, so the agencies will need to determine what is most important and how much they can afford. Wurzel gave a presentation on the budget and revenue needs.
- 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—Shapiro reported that the Corps had \$500,000 to get the study going. There are two ways to get the funding continued. The Workplan is generic money with the Corps deciding where to spend it. We are working with lobbyists and Tribes to get money for the Coyote Dam Feasibility Study into the Workplan. Secondly, there is the President's budget which would have money by the end of 2026. It's all in play right now.

#### **NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—There is quite a resurgence of Coho right now. There may be a PPFC in January organized by SW.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

**IWPC Financial Accounts**  
January 2026

Savings Bank: IWPC account                      \$ 142\*                      As of 1/4/2026

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

After Dec. 2025 bills are paid, we will have \$142,865 in the PVP account and \$9,447 in the Operations account.

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| *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 SW PV grant OH)

    --Pd \$47,456 in Dec. (Final payment for annual dues)

# MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

## Billing Statement

December 2025

### ***1. Staff Charges:***

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>             | <u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u> | <u>Amount</u>   |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 12/13       | Meetings IWPC                  | 5.00                 | \$ 90.00        |
| 12/14       | Accounting & meeting follow-up | 8.00                 | \$144.00        |
| Dec.        | Website maint. & updates       | 8.00                 | \$144.00        |
| Dec.        | ERPA, workshop followup/mins   | 10.00                | \$180.00        |
| Dec.        | Funding, Corps                 | 6.00                 | \$108.00        |
| Dec.        | Public/media...articles/media  | 9.00                 | \$162.00        |
| Jan. 4      | Agenda packet                  | 10.00                | <u>\$180.00</u> |
|             | Subtotal                       |                      | \$1,008.00      |

### ***2. Miscellaneous:***

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| Downey Brand for Nov. 2025 | \$35,021.74        |
| ERPA for Nov. 2025         | \$ 2,717.00        |
| Eric Nagy for Nov. 2025    | \$ 5,169.70        |
| Seth Wurzel for Nov. 2025  | <u>\$ 3,055.50</u> |
| Subtotal                   | \$45,963.94        |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$46,971.94</b> |
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