

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Place:** County Admin building, Conference Room A  
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah  
**Date:** March 12, 2026 Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link  
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84801140752>  
Meeting ID: 848 0114 0752  
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. Approve meeting minutes for February 12, 2026
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for February 2026
  - b. Update on financial accounts
  - c. Approve Resolution Authorizing Financial Actions for County account
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—Updates on recent efforts by the Ad Hoc committee and Commissioners
- 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  
February 12, 2026

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in county conference room A by Chair Janet Pauli. The meeting room was then moved to a larger conference room to accommodate the number of people in attendance.

The following Commissioners were present:

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

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Mo Mulheren, Dave Koball, Guinness McFadden, and 26 other people  
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Eric Nagy, David Manning, Tom Johnson and 15 other people

**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 January 8, 2026 minutes, was unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan to approve the consent calendar items for January 2026, was unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner Reports**

- Schoeneman relayed that the Water Authority's rate increase meeting went well.
- Cline reported that she was invited to a meeting in Anaheim with the US Secretary of Agriculture Rollins. Cline also reported an RCRC meeting in Sacramento and met with lobbyists and legislators to talk about the Potter Valley storage needs.

**Potter Valley Project**

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—
  1. Storage needs and direction from the Commission on narrowing down the options—Shapiro gave a summary on IWPC's efforts on securing water supply and increasing storage as a follow up to a community meeting on these issues in November. A number

of high level studies have been done to determine possible water storage options. More detail was given to the Commissioners since November and now they are being asked to prioritize the storage options based on cost and storage amounts into 3 different levels: 1. Options that we are actively going to look at for funding, 2. Items we would like to investigate but are at a lower priority and 3. Options to be put on the shelf for now.

Tom Johnson shared his Storage Alternatives Formulation and Ranking slides. On his slide on Options Under Consideration for Additional Storage in the Russian River Watershed, he listed the USACE study of Lake Mendocino, Tributary storage, Lower Potter Valley on stream storage, in-valley pond storage, conjunctive groundwater use, and pump back from Lake Mendocino if additional storage is created in the lake. He discussed that when PG&E offered the PVP and Scott Dam for sale, no one came forward to purchase it, due to the costs for the studies and costs of rehabilitation and maintenance of the dam. Most of the options we are discussing tonight are based in Potter Valley to provide water to the upper Russian River above Lake Mendocino. The next level of studies would look at prioritizing options in more detail such as where would be the best places to site above ground storage and wells.

Johnson then described the annual water yield, cost, annual O&M, timing for implementation including studies, design and construction, flexibility, environmental impacts, and phasing potential for each option. Kobal asked about the annual yield number on the table for the Lake Mendocino dam raise of 5 to 20,000 acre feet when the maximum raise could add 110,000 AF. Johnson replied that since the Corps will determine how high any rise will be, he was trying to be more conservative on this option. Another question was why the in-valley ponds flexibility level was at Moderate. Johnson explained that it depended on where the ponds could be built. He then went through each option and discussed the challenges and opportunities of each.

Another participant asked why IWPC was not supporting those that are attempting to save Scott Dam as another option for storage. Shapiro explained that if IWPC were to try to preserve Scott Dam, it would lose the right to divert water from the Eel River under the negotiated Water Diversion Agreement. IWPC and Sonoma Water had decided to prioritize getting a right to divert water out of the Eel, even if that means we need to separately develop storage. Others may elect to try to save Scott Dam, and that is their prerogative, but IWPC cannot because it prioritized making sure we have water to divert into the Russian River watershed.

The Commissioners rated the options in the following manner:

Tier 1: Proceed with funding additional work for

- The Army Corps of Engineers Coyote Valley Dam study
- Groundwater investigations
- Expansion of existing pond system in Potter Valley
- Fund legal and lobbying work in support of projects and finding additional funding
- Two-year cost estimate: \$1 to 2 million

Tier 2: On temporary hold pending additional grant funds

- Assessment of off-stream storage in Potter Valley, putting energy into finding grant funds to continue investigations for this option

- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Manning reported that the next meeting will be to adopt a budget based on the State Dept. of Fish and Game \$9 million grant to ERPA and the NERF effort. The funds will be used to continue the ERPA and IWPC objectives and for IWPC to continue the storage studies in Potter Valley.
- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—No report.
- 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 gave a short overview of the current situation with Federal and Corps funding that will be determined in March. He relayed that we have multiple asks out right now. Our ask for the current Federal FY 2026 is \$400,000. Our ask for FY 2027, is for \$1.5 million. In order to continue the study, we have ongoing Federal appropriations of \$800,000 with no additional non-federal sponsor funding.

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

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—Pauli discussed the recent PPFC meeting topics.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

#### **Closed Session**

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 9:04 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: Mo Mulhuren, Dave Koball  
Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjournment at 9:31 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

## IWPC Financial Accounts

March 2026

Savings Bank: IWPC account                      \$ 1,438\*              As of 3/7/2026

Mendocino County Auditor's Office              \$254,701              Balance, Aug. 2025

After Feb. 2026 bills are paid, we will have \$86,065 in the PVP account and \$5,027 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

February 2026

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>             | <u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u> | <u>Amount</u>   |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 2/12        | Meetings IWPC, mins.           | 9.50                 | \$171.00        |
| 2/13        | Accounting & meeting follow-up | 12.00                | \$216.00        |
| Feb.        | Website maint. & updates       | 5.00                 | \$ 90.00        |
| Feb.        | Budget, Huffman, Ad Hoc        | 30.00                | \$540.00        |
| Feb.        | Public/media...articles/media  | 9.00                 | \$162.00        |
| Mar. 8      | Agenda packet; County forms    | 15.00                | <u>\$270.00</u> |
|             | Staff Subtotal                 |                      | \$1,449.00      |

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

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| Downey Brand for Jan. 2026 | \$14,160.00      |
| ERPA for Jan. 2026         | \$ 2,040.00      |
| Tom Johnson for Feb. 2026  | \$ 5,167.50      |
| Eric Nagy for Jan. 2026    | \$ 3,410.50      |
| Seth Wurzel for Jan. 2026  | <u>\$ 984.75</u> |
| Subtotal                   | \$25,762.75      |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$27,211.75</b> |
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**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY  
INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION  
AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission ("Commission") was established by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("JEPA"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino acts as the treasurer for the Commission and manages the financial transactions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino has asked the Commission to confirm who is authorized on behalf of the Commission to execute, sign, approve and submit claims, warrants, invoices, contracts, financial documents and other official records on behalf of IWPC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now desires to provide that confirmation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- a. Janet Pauli, Chair and Candace Horsley, Staff are duly authorized to execute, sign, approve and submit claims, warrants, invoices, contracts, financial documents and other official records on behalf of IWPC pursuant to action taken by the district's governing body.

**ADOPTED** as a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission at a regular meeting duly held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

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Counsel

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BOARD SECRETARY

As Chair of the Board of Directors I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-01 adopted by the Board of Directors at a special meeting thereof, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: