

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Place: County Admin building, Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah
Date: April 9, 2026 Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87830016382>
Meeting ID: 878 3001 6382
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 March 12, 2026
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for March 2026
 - 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. **Draft Budget Review and Comments**—proposal from City of Ukiah and RRFC staff/representatives
7. **Eel River Water Importation (Potter Valley Project/New Eel-Russian Facility)** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Potter Valley Project--General
 - b. Potter Valley project—transfer negotiations with PG&E
 - c. NERF (New Eel-Russian Facility) development
 - d. ERPA (Eel-Russian Project Authority) update

8. **Water Storage Development** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Update on the USACE Feasibility Study for Coyote Valley Dam (status update document attached)
 - b. Update on Potter Valley Groundwater Development
 - c. Update on Potter Valley Pond Development
 - d. Update on Tributary Storage Development
 - e. Update on Other Storage Development
9. **Communication Strategies**
 - a. Marketing and public education program/Ad Hoc Committee—Updates on recent efforts and review of two page handout and Talking Points documents
 - b. Report on Website updates
10. **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
11. **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
March 12, 2026

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

Commissioners absent:

Tom Schoeneman —Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Jared Walker, Ellen Faulkner, Dave Koball, Guinness McFadden, Andreas Marquez, Sean White, Phil Williams, Mo Mulhern, Martha Barra
Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi, David Manning, Adam Gaska, Eric Nagy, Camille, Nikcole Whipple, Kit Elliott, Beth Salomone

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 Rodin, seconded by Reardan to approve the February 12, 2026 minutes, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan to approve the consent calendar items for February 2026, was unanimously approved. Rodin asked about the details of certain billing.

c. Approve Resolution Authorizing Financial Actions for County account—Reardan stated that RRFC would like to have him added to the list of signers on the resolution. **Motion by Cline, seconded by Reardan to approve the resolution with the addition of Reardan as a signer.**

Commissioner Reports

- Cline talked about her recent visit to Washington D.C. for the County. She spent time with members of Congress and the Administration talking about the Potter Valley Project. She found that there were a lot of people that knew about the project and had a lot of questions about it. Secondly, the County put \$500,000 in the budget in the Water Agency and for IWPC for future needs and storage project studies and projects.

- Pauli reported that she also went to D.C. regarding the Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study and PVP. She met with many agencies including the USDA, Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Congressmen Huffman and Thompson's staff, and Senators Schiff and Padilla's staff.
- Koball relayed that he felt that he needed to meet with the community so that people could make decisions based on knowledge, not just assumptions. He organized a meeting with 25 growers to discuss what is going on with the PVP and water storage projects and why IWPC made the decisions they did that the diversion was their top priority. He has met with other individuals that are interested in getting more information. relayed that the Potter Valley farmers are asking for a Working Group to be formed.
- Assemblymember Rogers will be holding a town hall in Potter Valley on March 21 at 10 am.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Shapiro discussed the status of the Round Valley Indian Tribes' water rights on the Eel. IWPC signed the Water Diversion agreement to lock in the ability to divert. He went through his opinion piece on this issue and answered questions from the Commissioners.
- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Manning reported that the date for the next ERPA meeting has not been decided on yet. However, there has been a lot of activity happening. The grant from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife of will soon be awarded \$9 million to ERPA. There is also \$9 million slated for conservation interests in the Eel River. The ESA consultants are starting their work on the CEQA process for the NERF and the engineers are moving forward to complete the design of NERF. They have reserved funds for permitting of the NERF and the Coyote Dam Feasibility Study. While in Washington DC, they shared the need for additional storage in PV and to raise Coyote Valley Dam. They are meeting with PG&E to coordinate the decommissioning of the PVP with the building of NERF. They are in the process of exploring additional funding for the NERF project. The Revenue Strategy Advisory Group includes staff from Sonoma Water, Pauli, Tom Johnson, Salomone, Marin, Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. The design report for the 60% level design for the NERF will come out in 2027/28. Koball asked for an analysis of this water year and how much would come through the diversion with the NERF.
- c. Continued discussion of funding legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC and PG&E—Shapiro gave an overview of the proposed budget. There was a discussion about each agency putting away a reserve amount for IWPC that will be used in a future IWPC budget once the projects are more developed. Further revisions will be made and brought back at the next meeting for review.
- d. Discussion of marketing and public education program & Ad Hoc report—The Ad Hoc relayed that they are working on two documents for review at the next meeting.

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 Corps workplan is due to be released on March 20 and we hope to see the CVD Feasibility Study included in it. Secondly, the president's budget for FY27 will be released at the end of the month. IWPC submitted an application under Huffman's Community Directed Funding 2027, for \$800,000. We are now preparing two more applications with CA Senators Padilla and

Schiff. This Federal administration is interested in cheaper and faster studies, which would be good news for us. Lytton Tribe did give us access to their lobbying team in DC and participated in meetings with us and the Congressional representatives. Lytton has been an amazing partner.

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 7:47 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control 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, Sean White, Phil Williams
Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi, Beth Salomone

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:58 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjournment at 7:59 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

April 2026

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 1,414*	As of 4/3/2026
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$165,022	Balance, Dec. 1, 2025

After March 2026 bills are paid, we will have \$62,118 in the PVP account and \$3,610 in the Operations account.

*PayPal payments —	
GSuite	\$ 25.20
Zoom	\$ 16.99
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)

Billing Statement

March 2026

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/12	Meetings IWPC, mins.	5.50	\$ 99.00
3/13	Accounting & meeting follow-up	12.00	\$216.00
Mar.	Website maint. & updates	10.00	\$180.00
Mar.	Budget, grant apps, Ad Hoc	16.00	\$288.00
Mar.	Public requests/media	9.00	\$162.00
Apr. 5	Agenda packet; County forms	10.00	\$180.00
	Staff Subtotal		\$1,125.00
	Small file box and file folders		<u>30.12</u>
	Subtotal		\$1,155.12

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for Feb. 2026	\$ 8,609.79
ERPA for Feb. 2026	\$ 600.00
Tom Johnson for March 2026	\$11,262.50
Eric Nagy for Feb. 2026	\$ 2,945.00
Seth Wurzel for Feb. 2026	<u>\$ 530.25</u>
Subtotal	\$23,947.54

TOTAL	\$25,102.66
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