

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Place: County Admin building, Conference Room A
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah
Date: May 14, 2026 Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82359556551>
Meeting ID: 823 5955 6551
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 April 9, 2026
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for April 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. **Budget Review and Approval**
7. **Discussion of possible new IWPC members**
8. **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

9. 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

10. Communication Strategies

- a. Marketing and public education program/Ad Hoc Committee—Review of comments from the survey and next steps
- b. Report on Website updates

11. 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

12. 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
April 9, 2026

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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)
Mo Mulheron—Alternate (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: Jared Walker, Kyle Farmer, Dave Koball, Guinness McFadden, Sean White, Phil Williams, Beth Salomone

Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi, David Manning, Eric Nagy, Kit Elliott, Madeline Cline, David Manning, Seth Wurzel, Bree Klotter

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 March 12, 2026 minutes, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

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

Commissioner Reports

- Rodin discussed the possibility of having the IWPC meetings at the Conference Center as it would allow for more public to attend.
- Salomone reported that their application to annex the Redwood Valley County Water District is in with LAFCo.

Draft Budget Review and Comments—Rodin relayed that she had contacted Williams to attempt a rework of the draft budget document to make it more readable. They met with RRFCD members and staff to discuss it. She emphasized that they looked at IWPC priorities and developed a budget outline by project and associated costs. Reardan emphasized that they are looking for the agencies to fund the base numbers and then if there is interest in funding other projects, agencies could

provide additional funding. Additional expenses will still come from ERPA in regard to the NERF. Discussion by the Commissioners included adding ERPA and other projects costs that may be anticipated.

There was also a discussion on how to determine the cost per agency including contributions based on water demand, ability to pay, equally divided by 5 agencies (\$179,000) or other methodologies.

There was a consensus of the Commissioners that the draft Budget total of \$895,000 looked accurate and could be taken to the agencies for discussion. The draft budget will be turned over to Seth Wurzel to clarify what numbers are IWPC expenses and what other expenses are going to be paid for by others and placed in an appropriate column.

Eel River Water Importation

- a. Potter Valley Project: General—No report.
- b. Potter Valley Project: Transfer negotiations with PG&E—Shapiro reported that they are continuing to work with PG&E on the transfer details for the PVP assets and that it is extremely complex.
- c. NERF development—Johnson reported that NERF can be broken down into two parts—transfer of the assets and the design work. He met with McMillian consultants and the Sonoma Water design team on the 60% design level to move towards the 90% level for the NERF and they refined a lot of the work that needed to be done.
- d. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Manning reported that we are very close to getting the award letter form CA F&W for the \$9 million grant funds. The funds will be used for design of the NERF and environmental work, staff time for ERPA, SW and IWPC for support and development of those efforts including the water storage studies in Potter Valley. They are also pursuing Prop 4 money specifically for Potter Valley, asking for \$5.5 million. They are also working on a revenue strategy for the NERF.

Water Storage Development

- a. Update on the USACE Feasibility Study for Coyote Valley Dam—Shapiro detailed the various funding sources from the Federal government. 1. By March the President sends out to Congress his proposal for how the Federal money should be spent. 2. By Oct. 1 Congress has reviewed the proposed budget, made changes/earmarks and then adopts the budget. Congressman Huffman has approved an \$800,000 earmark for the Coyote Valley Dam feasibility study. 3. Congress approves a ‘slush fund’ to federal departments. The Corps prepares a Work Plan to give to Congress to have those projects funded.

Nagy reported that the President’s budget for FY 27 did not include any funding for any water supply projects including the CVD FS; the Work Plan of the Corps of \$9 million also did not include any funds for the CVD FS. There was a 70% reduction of Corps studies funded across the nation. Shapiro stated that though some doors have closed, they will be doing more research and coming back with a matrix of options to educate and discuss with the Commissioners. Nagy will be coming back to the Commissioners to offer and discuss other options for completing the necessary studies on Coyote Dam.

- b. Update on Potter Valley Groundwater Development—No report.
- c. Update on Potter Valley Pond Development—Pauli reported that PVID has been investigating possible funding sources for pond development.
- d. Update on Tributary Storage Development—No report.
- e. Update on Other Storage Development—No report.

Communication Strategies

- a. Marketing and public education program—the Ad Hoc members have been meeting with Alison MacLeod to develop the Talking Points and 2-page handout that has been distributed to the Commissioners.
- b. Report on Website updates—no report.

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 7:56 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)
Mo Mulheron —Alternate Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
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The following individuals were participants:

Present: Dave Koball, Sean White, Phil Williams, Jared Walker
Online: Scott Shapiro, Eric Nagy, Tom Johnson

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 8:13 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjournment at 8:14 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

May 2026

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 1,330* As of 5/10/2026

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$165,022 Balance, Dec. 1, 2025

After April 2026 bills are paid, we will have \$24,902 in the PVP account and \$2,449 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 SW PV grant OH)

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

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

April 2026

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/9	Meetings IWPC, mins.	5.50	\$ 99
4/10	Accounting & meeting follow-up	12.00	\$216
Apr.	Website maint. & updates	10.00	\$180
Apr.	File system, budget, state report	18.00	\$324
Apr.	Public requests/media	9.00	\$162
May 11	Agenda packet; County forms	10.00	<u>\$180</u>
	Subtotal		\$1,161

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for March 2026	\$14,011.29
ERPA for March 2026	\$ 1,950.00
Tom Johnson for April 2026	\$12,414.00
Eric Nagy for March 2026	\$ 8,840.60
Jendi Coursey—website	<u>\$ 131.25</u>
Subtotal	\$37,347.14

TOTAL	\$38,508.14
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