

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Place:** County Admin building, Conference Room A  
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah  
**Date:** **June 10, 2026 Wednesday**  
**Time:** **5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link**  
Join Zoom Meeting at—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81015015272>  
Meeting ID: 810 1501 5272  
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 May 14, 2026
4. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for May 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—Discussion and Final Approval**
7. **Eel River Water Importation (Potter Valley Project/New Eel-Russian Facility)** (Discussion and/or Action)
  - a. Potter Valley Project—FERC Scoping Document discussion (report attached)
  - 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—presentation from the Coyote Valley Dam Ad Hoc Committee (PP 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. **Ad Hoc Committees**
  - a. Discussion of IWPC Ad Hoc Committees—(report attached)
  - b. Marketing and public education program/Ad Hoc Committee—Review of Slides that can be used for presentations
  - c. 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  
May 14, 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)  
Tom Schoeneman —Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Jared Walker, Dave Koball, Sean White, Phil Williams, Beth Salomone, Mo Mulheron, Buffey Bourasasa, Chuck Vau, Andreas Marquez, Nancy Todd

Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi, David Manning, Seth Wurzel, Kit Elliott, Angel Slater, Beth Salomone, Maria G., Catrina Scott

**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.

Cloverdale City Council member Andreas Marquez asked for a presentation to his Council on the benefits of a greater regional solution to the PVP.

**Minutes**

**Motion by Schoeneman, seconded by Rodin to approve April 9, 2026 minutes, was unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

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

**Commissioner Reports**

- Koball was invited to speak to Sonoma and Mendocino County Farm Bureaus with the Elsinore Water District representatives regarding the PVP and Scott Dam. He asked Manning for an accounting of what water could have come through the project this year if we had room in Lake Mendocino to store it. Manning replied that he has already asked his staff to prepare the report. Koball asked if PG&E is obligated to maintain the fish screen if something happens to it now. Shapiro replied that PG&E is required under Federal law to maintain the fish screen.

- Pauli talked about other meetings with Elsinore. Also, about the public records request act letters that went out to multiple agencies.
- Nancy Todd asked about Elsinore and PG&E's communications and the NDA requests.

**Draft Budget Review and Approval**—Wurzel went over the additions he had made to the capital budget to delineate what share IWPC would have of the project costs.

Reardan relayed that the RRFC board has had a discussion regarding the budget and he handed out a sheet with their list of requests. They would like to see the monthly financial reports include consultant costs by project, consultant tracking, mid-year budget review and appoint an Ad Hoc to start the recruitment process for an Executive Director. Commissioners Reardan and Rodin agreed to be on this Ad Hoc with White and Salomone attending the meetings. Shapiro recommended that the Commissioners determine what the Ad Hoc's objectives are. Salomone relayed that RRFC's intention was for the Ad Hoc to work on an implementation plan to bring back to the Commissioners to determine where to go from there.

Rodin brought up the need to discuss agency contributions on this budget. Only 3 of the 5 agencies had discussed the contribution amounts, so the budget with contribution amounts could not be approved tonight.

**Rodin made a motion to approve the Expense budget of \$1.5 million, with \$895,000 coming from the IWPC members (the individual amounts to be discussed) and \$605,000 coming from the CDFW grant. The motion included the 5 requests from Flood Control with the change that the project based financial reports would start in July. Assuming that the motion passes, the Commission would consider and approve a revenue budget at the June meeting. Reardan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Discussion of possible new IWPC members**—Schoeneman stated that the Ukiah Valley Water Authority is interested in joining IWPC. He relayed that they would discuss the IWPC contribution amounts at their next meeting. Shapiro explained that the attorneys are ready to work on changing the IWPC Articles of Formation to allow for RVCWD to exit and allow the addition of new members. The revisions would then go to the individual member agencies for approval. **Rodin moved that we direct the attorneys to prepare the document to show RVCWD leaving the JPA and the Water Authority joining. Reardan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Eel River Water Importation**

- Potter Valley Project: General**—Pauli reported that FERC approved PG&E's variance. Once Scott Dam is no longer spilling, East Branch flows will go to 25 cfs, PVID continues to receive their 50 cfs. As the summer goes on, PG&E will request that the East Branch flows go down to a minimum of 5 cfs if needed.
- Potter Valley Project: Transfer negotiations with PG&E**—Shapiro reported that the next negotiations meeting with PG&E is next Thursday.
- NERF development**—Manning reported that they received a draft design report for the Russian River side of the diversion. They are waiting for some field work this summer to get additional specs on the pumping station. The environmental work has started with the consultants supplying a schedule for the process.

- d. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Manning reported that ERPA continues to work with engineering consultant McMillen on the 60% design of the New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF). Last month, the McMillen team presented draft 60% plans and a basis of design report for infrastructure changes on the Russian River side of the NERF. Updated designs for the pumps, screens, conduit, retaining wall and other structures on the Eel River side will be available in early 2027 following additional field work this summer. ERPA’s environmental compliance consultant, Environmental Science Associates (ESA), is beginning work this month on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to support NERF construction, operations, and maintenance. A CEQA Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report will be released to the public in late 2026. In addition to developing the EIR, ERPA staff and consultants will prepare other required state and federal regulatory permit applications over the next 24 months. Funding to support the work of staff and consultants is being provided by grants from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to work on NERF engineering and environmental compliance, ERPA is developing the first phase of a revenue strategy study with consultant Jacobs Engineering and input from a technical advisory committee comprised of representatives from IWPC and Sonoma Water’s customers.

### **Water Storage Development**

- a. Update on the USACE Feasibility Study for Coyote Valley Dam—There will be an Ad Hoc meeting next Monday to further discuss alternative delivery strategies to receiving Federal funding.
- 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—Horsley read a message from Alison McLeod where she encourages all Commissioners to reach out to the community on what the IWPC is accomplishing and what is at stake for the region. Talking points, the 2 page handout and other information has been distributed to the Commission. Rodin asked if Manning could coordinate with IWPC on social media and the two-basin solution, press releases and information. Manning and Shapiro were going to discuss how that could occur.
- b. Report on Website updates—The revised website Updates by Topics will be completed by the next month.

## **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 7:06 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 8:28 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjournment at 8:29 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

## IWPC Financial Accounts

May 2026

Savings Bank: IWPC account                      \$ 1,288\*              As of 6/7/2026

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

After May 2026 bills are paid, we will have \$81,004 in the PVP account and \$833 in the Operations account.

\*PayPal payments —

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|-------------|-----------------|
| GSuite      | \$ 25.20        |
| <u>Zoom</u> | <u>\$ 16.99</u> |
| Total       | \$ 42.19        |

# MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

## Billing Statement

May 2026

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>                 | <u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 5/14        | Meetings IWPC, mins.               | 5.50                 | \$ 99         |
| 5/15        | Accounting & meeting follow-up     | 12.00                | \$216         |
| May         | Website maint. & updates           | 10.00                | \$180         |
| May         | Accting, ERPA insur., Ad Hoc       | 32.00                | \$576         |
| May         | Public requests/media/PR           | 11.00                | \$198         |
| June 7      | Agenda pkt, date change; Co. forms | 12.00                | <u>\$216</u>  |
|             | Subtotal                           |                      | \$1,485       |

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

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| Downey Brand for April 2026    | \$12,918.00      |
| ERPA for April 2026            | \$ 172.00        |
| Tom Johnson for May 2026       | \$ 8,529.50      |
| Eric Nagy for April 2026       | \$ 3,854.00      |
| Seth Wurzel for Mar/April 2026 | \$ 2,424.00      |
| Jendi Coursey—website          | <u>\$ 131.25</u> |
| Subtotal                       | \$28,028.75      |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$29,513.75</b> |
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