

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Place:** County Admin building, Conference Room A  
501 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah  
**Date:** Sept. 10, 2026 Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link  
Join Zoom Meeting at— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83749414738>  
Dial in by phone: 837 4941 4738

**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. **Consent Calendar** (Discussion and/or Action)
  - a. Approve meeting minutes for August 13, 2026
  - b. Approve expenses on billing statement for August 2026
  - c. Update on financial accounts
4. **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
5. **Ad Hoc Committees** (Discussion and/or Action)
  - a. IWPC Ad Hoc Committee reports—
    1. Executive Director Recruitment (staff report attached)
    2. Marketing and public education program; website
    3. PVP Asset transfer—update by Tom Johnson
    4. Finance/Budget—Audit update and possible approval

6. **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
  - b. Update on Potter Valley Storage Development
  - c. Update on Other Storage Development
7. **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 that are relevant to the IWPC members.
8. **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  
August 13, 2026

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)  
Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)  
Tom Schoeneman —Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Jared Walker, Phil Williams, Melissa Weymiller, Mo Mulheren, Sean White, Nancy Todd, Buffy Bourassa

Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Alison MacLeod, Eric Nagy, Adam Gaska, Donald Seymour, Nikcole Whipple, Kit Elliot, Jeanne Zolezzi, Susanne, Angela Godwin

**Public Expression**

Chair Pauli explained that any thing 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.

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion by Cline, seconded by Reardan, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2026 was unanimously approved. Motion by Schoeneman, seconded by Reardan to approve the consent calendar was unanimously approved.**

**Eel River Water Importation**

- a. Potter Valley Project: General—Pauli reported that the PG&E daily water reports on water diversions show negative cfs coming into Lake Pillsbury at this point as the lake is losing more water via evaporation versus natural inflow. She also presented various flows in the watershed. However, she felt that the amount of water stored in Lake Pillsbury and the variance flow regime will not require further east branch Russian River reductions this season.

FERC is holding additional scoping sessions on the proposed surrender and decommissioning of the PVP, in Eureka on Sept. 15 and 16.

- b. Potter Valley Project: Transfer negotiations with PG&E—No report.

- c. NERF development—The environmental work is proceeding. Seymour reported that the geotechnical work is continuing with the in-water barge drilling portion finishing on Wednesday and then they will move to some land-based locations. This bedrock data will form the basis for the design of the pumping station and associated facilities.
- d. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—There was an ERPA meeting last week in which John Mendoza repeated his presentation on the modeling of the NERF water diversion flows. A video of this is on ERPA and IWPC websites and on YouTube. Cline reported that the Board members were in agreement to coordinate between the agencies on what kind of role each agency is going to play in terms of storage projects. Shapiro mentioned that ERPA now has the insurance that it needs for receiving grants. The CDFW grant for \$8.75 million was signed and ERPA adopted its budget. The grant will be available for Tom Johnson to do work on the NERF, Potter Valley storage studies, and expenses incurred for technical work on NERF. The breakdown for IWPC is \$250,000 in support of CVD, \$500,000 for tributary and groundwater storage and then funding for technical support of NERF. We need to have an agreement between IWPC and ERPA to have the funds transferred based on expenses submitted.

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

- a. Executive Director Recruitment—Shapiro went over his staff report and relayed that a draft job description was submitted by CPS consultants for the Ad Hoc to review. They are also doing a salary survey for us to determine the salary range for the position and to put a recruitment package together which should be out in the next 2 to 3 weeks. The recruiter is estimating a 3-4 month timeline to hire.
- b. Marketing and public education program—Alison reported on several press releases regarding that include the modeling of water flows at the NERF and the denial by FERC for several interveners. The next PR will be discussing the technical work going on currently at the NERF and parameters for various storage options. The goal is to continue to inform the community of our progress.
- c. PVP Asset transfer—No report.
- d. Finance/Budget—The Ad Hoc will be reviewing Audit firm quotes for providing an audit in the next few months. Shapiro reported that he is working on revisions to the IWPC JPA agreement that will clarify several points and allow the Water Authority to join the JPA if they choose. He will bring back the revisions so that the IWPC agencies may approve the revisions at their separate board meetings which would include the Water Authority.

### **Water Storage Development**

- a. Update on the USACE Feasibility Study for Coyote Valley Dam—Melissa Weymiller went over her slide presentation that delineates the history of the Feasibility Study and what the various alternatives the Ad Hoc recommended in addition to the current FS process. She went over the pros and cons of each alternative that is being considered. The Ad Hoc is recommending that IWPC hires a federal lobbyist to be a liaison and advocate for additional water storage at Lake Mendocino. The Ad Hoc would interview several lobbyists and make recommendations to the Commissioners. The Commissioners were in agreement to move forward on this process, with McFadden being unsure.

- b. Update on Potter Valley Storage Development—Pauli reported that there will be \$500,000 funding from the CDFW grant for storage studies.
- c. Update on Other Storage Development—No report.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- Pauli reported on a meeting she and Cline were invited to in Redwood Valley which included Cloverdale council member Todd Lands, Lake County Supervisors and Elsinore representatives. It was mainly a general update though there wasn't a lot of new information. Elsinore has signed an NDA with PG&E but they haven't gotten any information from PG&E as yet. They previously met with Sonoma County Supervisors and the Sonoma County Farm Bureau earlier in the day.
- Salomone reported that the Flood District and Redwood Valley County Water District will be agendized for a public meeting at LAFCo on September 14 regarding their annexation request.
- Nancy Todd handed out a packet of information on the diversion numbers to each Commissioner.

### **Closed Session**

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)  
John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)  
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Present: Jared Walker, Sean White, Phil Williams, Mo Mulheren  
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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:46 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjournment at 7:47 p.m.

Candace Horsley, IWPC Staff

## IWPC Financial Accounts

September 2026

Savings Bank: IWPC account                      \$ 990\*                      As of 9/4/2026

Mendocino County Auditor's Office              \$79,184                      Balance, April 2026

After August 2026 bills are paid, we will have \$278,925 in the PVP account and \$23,602 in the Operations account.

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| *PayPal payments — |          |
| GSuite             | \$ 25.20 |
| Zoom               | \$ 16.99 |
| Total              | \$ 42.19 |

### **Agency Payments invoiced June 2026**

\$125,000 for PVID and RVCWD

\$215,000 for RRFCD, City of Ukiah and Mendocino County Water Agency

### **Agency Payments**

City of Ukiah—\$53,750 Aug;

County Water Agency—Pd \$215,000 July

PVID— Pd \$125,000 July

RRFCD—Pd \$84,000 June;

RVCWD—

# MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

## Billing Statement

August 2026

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>                 | <u>Hrs @ \$35/hr</u> | <u>Amount</u>   |
|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 8/13        | Meetings IWPC, mins.               | 4.00                 | \$ 140          |
| 8/14        | Accounting & meeting follow-up     | 12.00                | \$ 420          |
| August      | Website maint. & updates           | 11.00                | \$ 385          |
| August      | Exec. Dir; Audit; Misc             | 19.00                | \$ 665          |
| August      | Public requests/media/PR           | 7.00                 | \$ 245          |
| Sept. 6     | Agenda pkt, Co. forms, spreadsheet | 12.00                | \$ 420          |
|             | Printer ink                        |                      | <u>\$ 84.15</u> |
|             | Subtotal                           |                      | \$2,359.15      |

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

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| Downey Brand for July 2026  | \$21,089.49      |
| Tom Johnson for August 2026 | \$ 7,022.50      |
| Eric Nagy for July 2026     | \$ 7,249.75      |
| Seth Wurzel for May & July  | <u>\$ 606.00</u> |
| Subtotal                    | \$35,967.74      |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$38,326.89</b> |
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