

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: January 10, 2019 Thursday
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 5
City of Ukiah Civic Center Annex
411 West Clay
Ukiah, CA 95482

(All items are considered action items unless otherwise noted)

1. Roll Call
2. Public Expression - See end of agenda for information on public expression
3. Minutes
 - a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meetings of December 13, 2018
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for December 2018
 - b. Update on financial accounts
5. Commissioner Reports — Reports by Commissioners on meetings attended or actions taken by their agencies as well as informational items, including:
 - a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use
 - b. Eel/Russian River Commission meeting update
 - c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update
 - d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues
 - e. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA
 - f. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting
 - g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt. Act (SGMA)
 - h. Update on the City of Ukiah recycled water purple pipe project
 - i. Discussion of SB88 in regard to measurement requirements for water diverters
 - j. Russian River Confluence project update
 - k. CalCannabis regulation update and related issues
6. Potter Valley Project
 - a. Status report on PG&E's relicensing of the Potter Valley Project
Discussion of PVP sale and acquisition alternatives
 - b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers and related issues
 - c. Update on the Sandoval Study
7. Update on the IWPC Communication Program and Website

8. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study on Coyote Dam – Update on Corps’ activities and input from Participating Members
 - a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam
 - b. Update on Feasibility Study & meeting with the Corps of Engineers
 - Discussion of August 27, 2018 FS letter from Corps and possible action
 - c. Discussion of researching grant funding for the Feasibility Study match
 - d. Progress on Congressman Huffman’s ‘Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation’s bill
9. NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened
 - a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
 - b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update
 - c. Discussion of NOAA’s Habitat Blueprint Plan and designation of the Russian River as the first national Focus Area
10. Discussions and reports of additional water supply sources and storage sites
11. State Water Resources Control Board - Updates on various activities from the SWRCB
 - a. AB2121
 - b. D1610
12. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Review and possible approval of draft budget
13. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov’t Code §54956.8)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project
 Agency Negotiators: Janet Pauli
 Negotiating Parties: Commission and PG&E
 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
14. 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

December 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located in the City of Ukiah Civic Center, Ukiah, CA by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli--Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Carre Brown—Vice-Chair (Mendocino County Water Agency)

Marvin Talso--Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

Jim Brown--Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)

The following individuals were present:

Will Carson—Alternate RRFC

Kit Elliot—County Counsel

Sean White—City of Ukiah staff

James Green—Public citizen, Deerwood

Devon Jones—MCFB Director

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.

Green stated that he is very interested in the PVP and reads articles wherever he can find them on this issue. He questioned whether Mendocino County had established a goal for the PVP? Pauli responded to his questions by describing the reasons IWPC was formed and that the Commission is investigating the possible purchase of the PVP.

Minutes

On a motion by Talso, seconded by Brown, the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2018 were unanimously approved with the following change—SGMA item: an ‘i’ should be added before the letter ‘s’ to make the word after meeting--‘is’.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Jim Brown, the consent calendar items for November 2018 were unanimously approved

Commissioner Reports

- a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use—No report.
- b. Eel/Russian River Commission meeting update—Vice-Chair Brown reported that the meeting was held in Sonoma County. There was discussion regarding the Eel/Russian River JPA agreement which will come back for further review.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—No report.
- d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—Chair Pauli and Jones reported that the State Water Resources Control Board considered a contentious proposal to boost flows through the Lower San Joaquin River and three tributaries, increasing habitat for salmon but delivering less water for cities and farmers in the state's agricultural heartland. On Wednesday, the State Board voted 4 to 1 to set a 40% minimum water flow standard in the San Joaquin valley which will reduce flows to cities and farmers who may have to curtail use during certain times of the year. Potential litigation may occur if the voluntary aspects can't be met. Alternatively, litigation could come from the water rights holders and environmental groups.
- e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—Carson reported that the RRFCDC is hiring a new Manager as Tamara Alaniz's last day is December 21. They are meeting with the consulting firm that is doing the recruitment for them and have over 20 applicants. The Board is interviewing the top 3 candidates.
- f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting—No report.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—No report.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—White reported they are hooking up Riverside Park this week and then heading towards Babcock Lane in the next five days.
- i. Discussion of SB88 (measurement requirements for water diverters)—Jones reported that there was a workshop yesterday regarding available grant funds to help purchase compliant meters. If you purchased a meter after 2016 you can qualify to get a rebate on the cost of the meter. There is a finite amount of grant money available.
- j. Russian River Confluence project update—No report.
- k. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—No report.
- l. Eel River Forum—There was a presentation on the Rail to Trails project that will extend from Sonoma County to Samoa in Humboldt County. Also, Frank Abel with the Forest Service reported on the impacts of the Ranch fire to the surrounding forests and Lake Pillsbury. They are doing an analysis of potential debris flow from impending rains in the burned-out areas. They are having to repair 250 miles of bulldozed roads that were put in place during the fires and have a huge job in cleaning out downed trees. \$1.7 million has been spent already and they have just started.

There was a report from Darren Monroe of Cal Trout on the Woodman Creek restoration. The Creek was reconnected to the Eel River for the first time in a hundred years by moving the railroad track. Over \$2 million was spent on this project.

Cal Trout paid for putting in a Didson Sonar Counter on the south fork and just upstream of the confluence. PG&E has put one in on the Main just up-river of the south fork. The downside is that they must change the batteries every day. However, use of these counters seems to provide some of the most accurate information on fish counts ever provided.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report on PG&E's relicensing of the PVP—The Fish Passage and Water Supply Committee meetings will be in January. There should be more information on the Run of the River model flows based on the removal of Scott Dam with Cape Horn Dam, Van Arsdale reservoir and the PVP tunnel remaining in place.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—There hasn't been enough water into the Lake yet to be near the Rule Curves for releases.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—Pauli would like him to look at the Run of the River model that is being worked on by the Huffman committees.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Reardan relayed that Wikipedia has a page on the Potter Valley Project that was rather negative and not very accurate. Pauli and Jones will look it over to see if there needs to be some accurate information added to the page.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study on Coyote Dam

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—No report.

b. Discussion of Feasibility Study (FS)—Chair Pauli reported that County Counsel is reviewing a draft Letter of Intent as requested by the Corps.

c. Discussion of grant funding for the FS—No report.

d. Progress on Huffman's Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—The Corps have activated and are using the FIRO program at Lake Mendocino this season. It is the first use of this new program in the country.

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.
- c. Discussion of NOAA’s Habitat Blueprint Plan and designation of the Russian River as the first National Focus Area—No report.

Discussions and Reports of Additional Water Supply Sources and Storage Sites

No report.

State Water Resources Control Board Items

AB2121—No report.

D1610—No report.

Closed Session..6:45

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov’t Code §54956.8)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project

Agency Negotiator: Janet Pauli

Negotiating Parties: Commission and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The Commissioners left Open Session and entered Closed Session.

Open Session—7:14

The Commissioners returned to Open Session. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
January 2019

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 867	As of 1/2/19
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 697	As of 1/2/19
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 54,110	As of 11/2018*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study

*All agencies have paid the \$20,000 billed for attorney fees. 3 agencies payments not showing on total as yet.

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Billing Statement

December 2018

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/13	Meeting	1.50	\$18.00	\$27.00
12/8	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
12/25	Billing & budget	1.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
12/10	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$81.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for November 2018	\$8,509.55
Go West Marketing quarterly payment (Jan-Mar)	<u>\$ 360.00</u>
Subtotal	\$8,869.55

TOTAL **\$8,950.55**

**Mendocino County
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Budget FY 2019--draft**

INCOME

Annual dues	\$ 10,000
Sandoval study (from reserves)	26,000*
Attorney fees PVP (from reserves)	52,125*
Feasibility Study match dues	0**
Interest—Savings Bank	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	\$88,130

EXPENSE

Staff charges	\$ 3,000
Office supplies	400
Domain & email account	280
Post office fees	85
Insurance	1,200
CSDA	500
Miscellaneous	600
Website maintenance	<u>1,440</u>
<u>Operations Subtotal</u>	\$ 7,505
Feasibility Study match	0*
Sandoval studies	26,000
Attorney fees PVP	<u>52,125</u>
<u>Project Subtotal</u>	\$ 78,125
TOTAL all expenses	\$85,630
To Reserves	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
	\$88,130

*IWPC agencies paid equally in 2017/18 to fund these projects

**A match may be required later in the year