

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: October 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 meeting of September 5, 2019
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for September 2019
 - 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. CalCannabis regulation update and related issues
6. Potter Valley Project
 - a. Status report and discussion of the NOI Partners efforts to license the Potter Valley Project
 - 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 & meetings with the Corps of Engineers
 - 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
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—Review and discussion of potential logo for IWPC
13. 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

Special Meeting
September 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, located in the City of Ukiah Civic Center Annex, 411 West Clay, Ukiah, CA 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)
Carre Brown—Commissioner (Mendocino County Water Agency)
Marvin Talso—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Juan Orozco--Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were present:

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager
James Green--Public member Deerwood
Greg Young—Environmental director Potter Valley Tribe
Matt Froneberger—Alternate Commissioner RRFCD
Jim Brown—Alternate Commissioner City of Ukiah
Simon Gretler—Attorney, Potter Valley Tribe
Phil Williams—Water Attorney, City of Ukiah

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.

Commissioner Talso suggested that the Mendocino County Historical Society Journal would be a good publication for information on the PVP as it goes out to 600 people.

Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Talso, seconded by Orozco, the minutes of the meeting of August 8 were unanimously approved

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Talso, the consent calendar items for August 2019 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—Commissioner Carre Brown reported that PG&E came to the meeting and gave an update on the PVP and possible new Pikeminnow eradication efforts. A presentation was given by Chair Pauli and Hank Seeman from Humboldt County on the NOI Partners Group.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—The mussel smelling dogs are still being worked at the lake and being paid for by Sonoma Water.
- d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—No report.
- e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA— Salomone reported that they are still looking for a consultant to help restructure the JPA document to allow for increased autonomy for each district. They are also working on water supply issues including the possibility for RRFCD to supply water to RVCWD. RRFCD has submitted a pre-application to LAFCO for options including annexation to Redwood Valley to be able to serve water to that area. They are still looking at whether this is a valid option or not.
- f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager’s meeting—The next meeting will be on September 18, from 3 to 5 pm at the Cloverdale Fire house.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—The next meeting is on Thursday, September 12 at 1:30 pm at the BOS chambers. They are hoping to have the BOS look over the Plan and possibly approve it at the October meeting. The TAC has been going over everything the consultant has done. There are some issues with monitoring wells that need be cross sectioned from each other, as the Department of Water Resources did not approve three of the proposed well sites. Other potential sites in proximity of these three have been identified.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—Commissioner Jim Brown reported that Phase 4, which would take the pipe all the way up to the golf course, is on hold for several years due to lack of funding.
- i. Russian River Confluence project update—No report. The Commissioners approved taking this item off of the agenda.
- j. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Commissioner Carre Brown reported that there are working groups going over the regulations at the State level and bringing forth recommendations to the BOS. A bill is being proposed at the State level to allow grows to be counted under the Williamson Act. There is pressure on the County to allow Hemp grows.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report and discussion of the NOI Partners efforts to license the Potter Valley Project—Chair Pauli reported that the Round Valley Tribes have signed the Planning Agreement but wanted to discuss the issue of contribution. They have spent \$300,000 in consultant fees already by hiring McBain and Associates for Huffman’s Ad Hoc subcommittee and preparing other studies that can be used for the Feasibility Study moving forward. They are going to fund raise, apply to Foundations and ask for Federal funds under several different options to obtain the funds for the NOI Partners group. The NOI Partners have determined that the Round Valley Tribes can be nominated to join the group. Additionally, the County of Lake has approved a resolution confirming their support, to participate in the Planning Agreement and to pursue funding to participate in the Group. The IWPC representative will nominate Lake County to join the NOI Partners group but there must be a consensus of all the parties in the group to have them be a partner. The Wiyot Tribe also has expressed interest but not gone further so have not been nominated by any of the partners as yet. There needs to be a cutoff number of Partners and they are looking at an 8 member limit. The Potter Valley and Dry Creek Tribes may also be interested.

The NOI Partners steering committee for hiring a consultant to prepare a FS for FERC by April 2020 are planning on finalizing their scoring of the applicants by the end of the week. They hope to make a decision by Sept. 19 and signing a contract by Sept. 30. There is a long laundry list of other things to get done including analyzing the studies that have already been completed, looking at potential changes in projects, and what new studies need to be done. Tom Johnson and Pauli are working on these issues.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that PG&E have cleared all the debris and sediment in the fish ladder and hotel at Cape Horn dam from last winter’s floods. On June 10th PG&E had a turbine fail and though they have repaired it, they have asked for a variance to increase the flows through PVP for two days to check the repairs.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—No report.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—The Mendocino Farm Bureau had hired Jendi Coursey to do publicity for them and now to work on a new website, ‘OurSharedWater’, that would be linked back to IWPC and would serve as a one stop shop for information on the PVP process. This will be brought back at the next meeting to determine which way the Commission wants to go.

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

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—It is expected that large quantities of water will need to be released from the lake before the winter rains begin in earnest.

- b. Discussion of Feasibility Study (FS)—No report.
- c. Discussion of grant funding for the FS—No report.
- d. Progress on Huffman’s Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—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.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

October 2019

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 867	As of 10/4/19
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 587	As of 10/4/19
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 224,475	As of 8/2019*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study; \$100,000 for NOI Partners
2019/20 dues of \$2,000 and \$50,000 for PVP: All agencies have paid

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement
September 2019

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/5	Meeting	1.75	\$18.00	\$ 31.50
9/29	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
9/27	Accounting/misc	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
10/5	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$ 94.50

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for August 2019	\$11,809.14
Tom Johnson billing for August, Sept. 2019	9,150.80
Go West webmaster quarterly billing plus MFB link \$100	<u>460.00</u>
Subtotal	\$21,419.94

TOTAL **\$21,514.44**