

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: February 14, 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 January 10, 2019
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for January 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. 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. 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
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

Regular Meeting

January 10, 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)

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

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

John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Jim Brown--Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were present:

Will Carson—Alternate RRFC

Kit Elliot—County Counsel

Sean White—City of Ukiah water

James Green—Public citizen, Deerwood

Lura Smith—Potter Valley resident

Granville Poole—RVCWD Alternate

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.

Chair Pauli announced that The Rivers Last Chance movie will be shown at Mendocino College January 24th with a panel discussion afterwards.

Green asked what IWPC's plans are for informing the public about the impending sale of the PVP by PG&E. Pauli responded that we have two websites, do guest speaking with power point presentations to a variety of groups and agencies, provide printed media with information, help disseminate professional videos and other types of informational items to the public. Also, the Farm Bureau is getting out the word to hundreds of people.

Minutes

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Talso, the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2018 were unanimously approved

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for December 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—No report.

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 reported that there is a North Coast Funding Partnership meeting in Ukiah on January 17. They will be discussing the Proposition 1 integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program that provides funding for projects to help meet the long-term water needs of the state. The North Coast funding area has approximately \$22 million available for implementation projects over two rounds of funding. Project applications will be accepted through March 15. Pauli will send the information out to the agencies. The next round of funding is 2020.

e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—Carson reported that they have not had a meeting in the last two months. They are expecting to regroup this next month.

f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting—Chair Pauli reported that the Dry Creek and Alexander basins have been moved to Low Priority status from Medium Priority under the SGMA definition and therefore they do not have to have a GSA. Jay Jasperse updated the group on FIRO operations at Lake Mendocino and on how they are managing lake storage levels based on updated weather forecasting. Carson reported that they are using forecasts 15 days out to determine how much water they need to increase or reduce the flows. Where this should help is in the Spring as we may be able to hold more water in the dam if there are no major storms in the forecast.

Vice-Chair Brown reported that the County of Mendocino is getting five fire cameras to be put on cell towers to help alert to fires in the area which will provide information on what direction a fire is headed in and how fast it is moving. The County is also applying for fire sirens.

There was also discussion on the PVP and the sale of the project by PG&E. There may be a video produced to keep the public informed on this issue.

g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—The next meeting is in February. Their consultants will provide an update.

h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program— The ponds and liners are done. The only remaining pipe installation area is on Oak Manor from Gobbi to Perkins.

i. Discussion of SB88 (measurement requirements for water diverters)—The new water rights online reporting sheet has a yes/no question asking if you meter your diversion or not. If you answer yes, it will not let you go past that point until you have downloaded all of your daily data. There is no option to report on what type of water right you have or to discuss any issues regarding your water rights. Jones is working on getting this changed.

j. Russian River Confluence project update—No report.

k. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—No report.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report on PG&E's relicensing of the PVP—The Coyote Valley Tribe and Lake Pillsbury group have contacted Pauli about how they may help regarding the PVP. The Marin Independent Journal published an article on the PVP expressing their concern as to what extent Marin County water supplies will be affected by a potential change in ownership and operation of the hydroplant.

PG&E has asked for a temporary variance on flow requirement to test one of their units and will be running more water through the project. One of their justifications for doing so, is that the extra water running down the Eel will help fish returns, though this year the Chinook returns have been very dismal.

PG&E will be delivering a survey to the Lake Pillsbury residents as part of their study plans and to involve the residents. The questions are not available to the public as yet.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Pauli reported on the inflows and Lake levels.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—No report.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Chair Pauli has not heard anything back from Vivian Helliwell of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association. She was going to submit current commercial fishing practices information to Pauli for the website.

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)—Congressman Huffman is still very positive about raising the dam as part of the Two-Basin Solution scenario.

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

d. Progress on Huffman's Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—See discussions above.

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.

New Business

- a. Election of Officers—**Motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Talso to appoint Pauli as Chair. Motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Talso to appoint Reardan as Vice-Chair. Both motions were unanimously approved.**
- b. Review and possible approval of draft budget—**Motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Reardan to approve the 2019 Budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Closed Session..7:09 The Commissioners left Open Session and entered Closed Session.

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

Open Session—7:42

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

February 2019

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 867	As of 2/11/19
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 675	As of 2/11/19
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 127,711	As of 12/2018*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study and \$83,000 designated for Downey Brand. Leaves about \$18,000 for operations.

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

January 2019

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/10	Meeting	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
1/6	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
1/22	1099's, office work, billing	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
1/31	SDRA online renewal	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
2/10	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	\$ <u>18.00</u>
Subtotal				\$126.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for December 2018	\$ 917.49
Downey Brand consultant charges Thomas Johnson Sept. 2018-Jan. 2019 as confirmed by David Aladjem	\$8,100.00
1099 online billing fee	9.98
Email charges (Dec-Feb)	\$ <u>45.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 9072.47

TOTAL **\$9,198.47**

**Mendocino County
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Budget FY 2019**

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