

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: May 9, 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 April 11, 2019
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for April 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 and discussion of the FERC Orphan Project Process for 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
 - 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 & David Aladjem
Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
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 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

April 11, 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:

Christian Curtis—County Counsel
Beth Salomone—Acting RRFCD Manager
Sean White—City of Ukiah
Jim Brown—Alternate Commissioner (City of Ukiah)
James Green—Public member, Deerwood
Granville Poole—RVCWD Alternate
Devon Jones—Manager Farm Bureau

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.

Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Talso, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2019 were unanimously approved. On a motion by Brown, seconded by Reardan, the minutes of the special meeting of March 21, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for March 2019 were unanimously approved

Commissioner Reports

- a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use—Riparian water rights reports are due by July 1st.
- b. Eel/Russian River Commission meeting update—Brown reported on the March 29th meeting. There was an update from PG&E on fish counts, the fish ladder and water levels. Other speakers included Cal Trout, Patrick Higgins and Janet Pauli. The Wiyot tribe read a resolution which stated their position to remove both Scott and Van Arsdale dams. The representative from Round Valley Tribe stated that they had passed a resolution that no further diversions from the Eel River should be made. Pauli talked about coalitions, working together, Huffman’s Ad Hoc committees and all the concerns IWPC has regarding the project. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24 in Lake County at the Board of Supervisors chambers. The rest of 2019 meetings are calendared for August 23 in Mendocino County and November 22 in Sonoma County.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—No report.
- d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—No report.
- e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—No report.
- f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager’s meeting—White reported that the main topic of the meeting was on the implementation of FIRO at Lake Mendocino this year. It was not the best year to reveal its true usefulness, due to the amount of rain we have had this winter, but it will be used again next year which may provide a better evaluation. The second issue discussed at length was the PVP.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)--The next meeting will be in June.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—White reported that they are installing meters and pumps at this time and are ramping up for Phase 4. He stated that users of the recycled water can report the water use under the Conservation section to help maximize their appropriate water use right.
- i. Discussion of SB88 (measurement requirements for water diverters)—Jones reported that grant funds are available 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.
- j. Russian River Confluence project update—No report.
- k. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Commissioner Brown reported that Mendocino County has placed a moratorium on commercial hemp production and sales until February 2020 to give California time to set up their rules and regulations for this use before the County attempts to draft its regulations.

Chair Pauli reported that she and Jones have talked with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Russian River property owners' group, Business and Ag consortium in Sonoma County, and Lake Pillsbury Alliance. They also visited with Congressman John Garamendi's field representative to give him a heads up on what is at stake for Lake County regarding the PVP. Jones handed out an informational paper that she has put together for these meetings.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion of the FERC Orphan Project process for the PVP—Chair Pauli reported that Congressman Huffman has invited a FERC representative to be available by phone at next month's meeting so the participants will be able to ask questions regarding the Orphan project process.
- b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Pauli reported that the lake is full and spilling over the spillway. There has been 517,000 AF of cumulative inflow to the Lake Pillsbury. Water flow through the PVP is only at 45 CFS but Lake Mendocino storage is very high due to the rains. Fish returns: steelhead count 288 for the season, 95 Chinook.
- c. Sam Sandoval Study— Pauli is having a meeting with Sandoval next week to get an update on the modeling and study. The Commissioners are welcome to attend on Tuesday, April 16 at 1pm in the Ag Commissioners office.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

- a. Website—No report.

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 discussed the revised draft Letter of Intent to the Corps. **Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Reardan to approve the LOI. It was unanimously approved.**
- c. Discussion of grant funding for the FS—No report.
- d. Progress on Huffman's Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—White reported that they plan on continuing the FIRO process at Lake Mendocino into next year.

NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—The next PPFC meeting will be on April 22 in Sonoma County. They will be giving a tour of the restoration projects between Warm Springs Dam and the confluence of the Russian River, which have cost \$7 million a mile.

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.

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 7:11.

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:46 and gave direction for the Commissioners to speak to their Boards about funding. Direction was also given to Counsel.

New Business

There was discussion and agreement by the Commissioners to reserve the 4th Tuesday of every month for a possible Special meeting at 6 pm for Closed Session purposes. An agenda will go out for any Special meetings scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

May 2019

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 867	As of 4/21/19
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 653	As of 4/21/19
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 139,627	As of 3/2019*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study and \$66,529 designated for Downey Brand.

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

April 2019

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/11	Meeting	2.25	\$18.00	\$ 40.50
4/12	Accounting/Corps NOI	2.50	\$18.00	\$ 45.00
4/14	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
4/18	Agenda special meeting	.50	\$18.00	\$ 9.00
4/23	Special meeting	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
4/23	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$166.50

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for March 2019	\$15,472.72
Email charges (March-May)	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Subtotal	\$15,517.72

TOTAL **\$15,684.22**