

Inland Water & Power Commission

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A G E N D A
Special Meeting

Date: September 5, 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 August 8, 2019
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for August 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. Russian River Confluence project update
 - j. 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. 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 8, 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)
Matt Froneberger—Alternate Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)
John McCowen—Alternate Commissioner (Mendocino County Water Agency)
Marvin Talso—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Juan Orozco--Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were present:

Dave Rapport—City of Ukiah attorney
Sean White—City of Ukiah staff
Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager
James Green--Public member Deerwood
Greg Young—Environmental director Potter Valley Tribe

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 Talso, seconded by Orozco, the minutes of the meeting of July 11 were unanimously approved with the following change: section 6a, page 2 line 3, Tribe should be Tribal.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Commissioner McCowen, seconded by Talso, the consent calendar items for July 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—Chair Pauli reported that the next meeting will be held at the Mendocino County BOS chambers on August 23. Pauli will be giving an update on the PVP relicensing status.
- 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—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 August meeting was cancelled. McCowen reported that LAFCO voted to approve participation with the County to devote 160 hours over the next two years, 40 hours as a match and the other 120 hours to be reimbursed from the grant.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—No report.
- i. Russian River Confluence project update—No report.
- j. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Commissioner McCowen discussed the status and issues regarding the current process for Enterprise Zones in diverse regional areas in the county. Also, a permit is required to grow cannabis or else the grower could be raided by the Sheriff’s department with the main concerns cited as environmental issues.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion of the FERC Orphan Project process for the PVP—Chair Pauli reported that FERC has accepted the NOI submitted by the Partners group in an amazingly quick timeframe. The Partners had their first group meeting on July 26st and had already started working on the Feasibility Study. Pauli, Carre Brown, David Aladjem and Kit Elliot met with the Round Valley Tribal chair Jim Russ and two of the Tribal attorneys to explain the Planning Agreement (PA) and what it means to sign it. The Tribal Council had agreed to sign the PA but have expressed some concerns regarding the NOI. Their other concern is funding the \$100,000 required to join the Partners so they have been asked to submit a proposal on how they might provide some ‘in kind’ contribution along with cash to make up the \$100,000. Lake County is also considering joining the group and will discuss the issue at their next meeting. One of the discussions at the NOI Partners group meeting on July 26 was how big they will let the group grow as several more entities have been expressing a desire to join, including Cloverdale and the

County of Marin. It makes sense for Lake County to come in as they have a vested interest in Lake Pillsbury and the Potter Valley Tribe may have an interest and reason for joining.

Other topics of the NOI Partners group meeting included putting together ground rules for the group and hiring a consultant firm to prepare documents related to the license application, help prepare the plans for restoration, outline needed study plans to get us to the April 2020 deadline for completion of the Feasibility Study and to prepare a Final License Application which is due by November 2021. Several working groups are being formed including a steering committee, a regional entity formation group (what the new entity will look like at the end of April 14, 2020 when the Feasibility Study is due), a project plan fisheries restoration and project group, a financial plan group and a communication working group. Each of the partners will be signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement with PG&E to obtain data. The timeline is very aggressive with consultants being selected by September 16. There will be a whole group meeting on October 2, just before Congressman Huffman's Ad Hoc group meets.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that both Lake Pillsbury and Mendocino water levels are high and there are normal releases coming into Lake Mendocino based on the Normal Year designation.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—No report.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—The IWPC website now has a link to the Farm Bureau website which is kept current with all of the newest updates on the PVP relicensing process.

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

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—Lake levels are at high levels for this time of year.

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.

c. Discussion of NOAA's Habitat Blueprint Plan and designation of the Russian River as the first National Focus Area—This plan is unfunded at this point.

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 7:05pm.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
September 2019

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 867	As of 9/1/19
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 598	As of 9/1/19
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 224,388	As of 6/2019*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study and \$142,282.66 (after 2019 payments of \$150,000) designated for Downey Brand

2019/20 dues and \$50,000 for PVP pd: County, RRFCD, PVID and RVCWD

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

August 2019

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/8	Meeting	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
8/22	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
8/9	Accounting/misc	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
9/1	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$ 90.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for July 2019	\$18,231.00
Tom Johnson billing for July	6,274.29
Website domain renewal, 2 years	<u>50.00</u>
Subtotal	\$24,555.29

TOTAL **\$24,645.29**