

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: December 12, 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 November 14, 2019
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for November 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. 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

November 14, 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
Christian Curtis—County Counsel
Matt Froneberger—Alternate Commissioner RRFCD
Phil Williams—Water Attorney, City of Ukiah
Jim Brown—Alternate Commissioner City of Ukiah
Sean White—City of Ukiah staff

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 Reardan, seconded by Orozco, the minutes of the meetings of Oct 10 & 17 were unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Staff relayed that the billing charge for Go West had been removed. On a motion by Commissioner Carre Brown, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for October 2019 were unanimously approved for \$25,706.35.

Commissioner Reports

a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use—No report.

b. Eel/Russian River Commission meeting update—The November meeting has been cancelled.

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—The last scheduled meeting was cancelled.

f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting—No report.

g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Commissioner Carre Brown reported that at the SGMA meeting today, there was a Prop 68 funds update. The GSA Directors were advised to go for the full amount needed of \$1.233 million as not many applications were being submitted. All the dates for future meetings are calendared online. The next meeting is January 9, 2020.

h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—White reported that the dedication is scheduled for Monday at noon just south of the Sewer Treatment Plant.

j. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Commissioner Carre Brown relayed that they are going to reconvene the counties that originally met on this issue to talk about all the new CA regulations and what the issues are. Chair Pauli relayed that Friends of the Eel had sued Humboldt County for not managing the use of water by the illegal cannabis growers and there has been a settlement for over a million, to be used for restoration projects.

k. Pauli spoke to the Sonoma Business Alliance group about the PVP. The demeanor of the group was upbeat and positive in regard to the power shutdowns and the handling of the Kincadee fire.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report and discussion of the NOI Partners efforts to license the Potter Valley Project—Chair Pauli reported that a Public Records Request letter had been relayed by IWPC staff to the Commissioners asking for any correspondence regarding Lake County, the PVP and the Lake Pillsbury Alliance.

There are continual meetings by the NOI Partners in the effort to meet the April 2020 deadline. A major issue is what the Regional entity might look and how the finances would be obtained to maintain the project. They are also looking at how to be advocates at the Federal and State levels for approval and support. The consultant, Still Water Sciences is working on putting the FS together. M Cubed is working on some of the financing and may contact IWPC agencies to ask questions about water use. Sonoma Water is supplying a large number of staff to help out with these tasks. They hope to have a draft FS draft in January that meets FERC's requirements. Lake County and the NOI Steering Committee have met and they are currently meeting with Round Valley Tribes members. Hopefully, Lake County will be voted into the NOI Partners group in the next month.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that the water releases are still on a Normal water year schedule and there is still water coming into Lake Pillsbury even without rain. The lake’s block water may be released to help the fish that are stranded downstream due to the lack of rain.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—No report.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Chair Pauli reported that development of the ‘Our Shared Water’ webpage is in 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— No report.

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—There is still water in Lake Mendocino under the FIRO program.

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 6:40 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
December 2019

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 868	As of 12/5/19
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 565	As of 12/5/19
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 282,315	As of 10/2019*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study; \$100,000 for NOI Partners; \$70,687.67 left for PVP expenses.

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

November 2019

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/14	Meeting	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
11/20	Accounting/misc	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
11/22	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Nov/Dec	Public records request	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
11/10	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$171.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for October 2019	\$26,767.18
Tom Johnson billing for November 2019	1,300.00
CA Special District annual dues	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal	\$28,567.18

TOTAL **\$28,738.18**