

Inland Water & Power Commission

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AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: January 9, 2020 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 December 12, 2019
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for December 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 Two-Basin Partnership 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
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Review and possible approval of draft 2020 budget
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

December 12, 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)
Marvin Talso—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Juan Orozco—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)
John McCowen—Alternate County of Mendocino Water Agency

The following individuals were present:

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager
James Green--Public member Deerwood
Christian Curtis—County Counsel
Matt Froneberger—Alternate Commissioner RRFCD
Jim Brown—Alternate Commissioner City of Ukiah
Phil Williams—City of Ukiah water attorney
Dave Rapport—City of Ukiah attorney

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 Reardan, the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Orozco, the consent calendar items for November 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—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—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 in March 2020.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Salomone reported that the Prop. 68 money should cover most of the application funding requests.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program— The City is looking for Phase 4 funding sources but due to these constraints, the project may be a few years away.
- j. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—No report.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project—Chair Pauli reported that the process is still moving forward rapidly to meet the April 2020 deadline for the FERC Feasibility Study. The Finance group is looking at all options for financing the different stages of the process. FERC wants to know how we plan to fund the operation as a project licensee and who will actually hold the license. The Partners are also discussing what the makeup of the new entity and license holder would look like.

Lake County’s request for membership to the Two-Basin Partnership was denied by the Steering Committee. The vote to approve adding Lake County was not unanimous. IWPC will now sponsor Lake County as a Common Interest Agreement Partner which will also be voted on by the Steering Committee.

- b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that releases are normal and still above the rule curve.
- c. Sam Sandoval Study—Sandoval has data that may be very useful to the Huffman AdHoc Water Supply subcommittee.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Chair Pauli reported that the Jendi group is working on the new ‘Our Shared Water’ webpage.

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 received a call from the Corps that they are considering putting the FS on hold as it looks like there are no Federal funds becoming available in the foreseeable future. FIRO is working very well at holding more water in Lake Mendocino but even this change in operation will not be able to meet the water needs if there are multiple drought years. Raising the dam will give us more of a buffer in those situations. She also mentioned to the Corps that Congressman Huffman is still interested in raising Coyote Dam since the AdHoc is considering an option of removing Scott Dam and they would need some place to store the water during the winter runoff. Pauli relayed to the Corps that we are not interested in putting the FS on hold for these reasons.

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

d. Progress on Huffman’s Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—The AdHoc has been meeting regularly. The Scripps group is still working actively in the watershed monitoring, fixing meters and recording data continually to determine the effects of weather and rain events on the watershed and runoff to Lake Mendocino.

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 6:50 pm.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
January 2020

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 868	As of 1/5/20
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 554	As of 1/5/20
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 256,609	As of 11/2019*

*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study; \$100,000 for Two-Basin Partners; \$56,650 left for PVP expenses after Dec. invoice payments.

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement
December 2019

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/12	Meeting	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
12/13	Accounting/misc	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
12/15	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Dec	G Suite setup & admin	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
12/5	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$117.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for November 2019	\$ 9,837.99
Tom Johnson billing for December 2019	4,200.00
G Suite email billing	<u>12.00</u>
Subtotal	\$14,049.99

TOTAL \$14,166.99

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Budget FY 2020 DRAFT

INCOME

Annual dues	\$ 10,000
Sandoval study (from reserves)	26,000
Attorney fees PVP (from reserves)	56,650*
Feasibility Study match dues	0**
Interest—Savings Bank	<u>5</u>
TOTAL revenue	\$92,655

EXPENSE

Staff charges	\$ 4,000
Office supplies	400
Domain & email account	280
Post office fees	95
Insurance	1,320
CSDA	500
Miscellaneous	600
Website maintenance	<u>1,500</u>
<u>Operations Subtotal</u>	\$ 8,695
Feasibility Study match	0**
Sandoval studies	26,000
Attorney fees PVP	<u>56,650*</u>
<u>Project Subtotal</u>	\$ 82,650
TOTAL expenses	\$91,345
To Reserves	\$ 1,310
Balance	\$ 0

*Funds left from agencies contribution of \$150,000 in 2019

**A match may be required later in the year

NOTE: Additional funding from the IWPC agencies for the PVP process will be determined later in the year as other sources of funding may be available.