

**Inland Water & Power Commission**

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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Date: February 13, 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 January 9, 2020
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for January 2020
  - 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
    1. Discussion and possible action regarding 1-28-20 Letter from Corps
  - 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

January 9, 2020

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 (Russian River Flood Control District)  
Marvin Talso—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)  
Juan Orozco—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)  
Carre Brown—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were present:

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager  
James Green--Public member Deerwood  
Jim Brown—Alternate Commissioner City of Ukiah  
Devon Jones—Manager MCFB  
Sean White—City of Ukiah water 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 Talso, seconded by Orozco, the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2019 were unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**On a motion by Carre Brown, seconded by Talso, the revised consent calendar items, including \$2,900 to Jendi Coursey, for December 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 held on March 18, 2020 in Cloverdale.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Commissioner Carre Brown reported that the consultants gave a report on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and relayed what data is still needed. The Technical group formed a subcommittee for surface water/groundwater interaction. Additional monitoring wells are needed along Redemeyer Road.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—White listed some of the customers and properties that have hooked up to the system.
- j. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—The regional coalition, consisting of Trinity, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma counties was ratified by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

### **Potter Valley Project**

a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project—Chair Pauli reported that Regional Entity and Finance groups discuss how to form a regional entity to run the project and how to fund it. FERC needs to be assured that the entity is one that they can work with. They will also be looking for a clear indication of how the whole thing will be financed, including monetization of the water. Restoration projects will need to be funded in other ways as they are very expensive.

Pauli is meeting with other entities including the cities of Healdsburg and Cloverdale to potentially become Common Interest Partners. Potter Valley Tribe has sent a formal letter to IWPC expressing their interest in signing the Common Interest Agreement. The Steering Committee must vote to approve. Other CIP’s include Trout Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, Wiyot Tribe, and the Bear River Tribe. Pauli mentioned that Lake County might be interested in becoming a CIP.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that releases are not very high and there is no spillage as yet. The lake water levels are not going down but are maintaining the same water level due to low rain events. At Cape Horn Dam they have counted only 152 Chinook and 10 Steelhead.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—Sandoval may be used for peer review of the PVP relicensing studies and his grad students may be available to gather additional data.

### **Update on the IWPC Communication Program**

a. Website—Chair Pauli reported that we are just about ready to launch the updated website page at [oursharedwater.com](http://oursharedwater.com) which will be linked to [mendoiwpc.com](http://mendoiwpc.com) and several of our other member agency websites and the MC Farm Bureau site.

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

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—There was a general discussion on the horrific state of the Lake Mendocino campgrounds. Several agencies have complained with no response from the Corps.

b. Discussion of Feasibility Study (FS)—We have not heard back from the Corps since Pauli stated that IWPC was not interested in dropping the FS process.

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

d. Progress on Huffman's Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—White mentioned that there is a lake in Orange County and one other site that have implemented FIRO.

### **NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**

a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—The BOS appointed Carre Brown, Pauli and Reardan to represent the county on the PPFC.

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.

### **Election of Officers**

**Motion by Commissioner Carre Brown, seconded by Talso to appoint Pauli as Chair. Unanimously approved.**

**Motion by Talso, seconded by Froneberger to appoint Carre Brown as Vice-Chair. Unanimously approved.**

**Review and possible approval of draft 2020 budget**

Chair Pauli recommended that the Commissioners ask their boards for \$25,000 each to go towards the PVP attorney and consultant fees until we know more about other potential funding sources. Initial estimates to get us through the license process is \$20 million. Debt financing along with water sales revenue and possible tax increases may be implemented to fund these costs.

**Motion by Commissioner Talso, seconded by Froneberger to adopt the draft budget with the addition of \$25,000 per agency to go towards the PVP process. Unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Candace Horsley  
IWPC staff

## **IWPC Financial Accounts**

February 2020

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 868	As of 2/7/20
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 543	As of 2/7/20
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 127,871	As of 12/2019*

\*Included in total is \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study; \$47,280 left for PVP expenses after Jan. invoice payments.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

January 2020

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/9	Meeting	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
1/13	Accounting/misc	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
1/15	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Jan	Website training, domain	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
2/9	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$144.00

***2. Miscellaneous:***

Downey Brand billing for December 2019	\$ 9,369.58
Jendi Coursey, Annual website hosting	240.00
G Suite email billing	<u>12.00</u>
Subtotal	\$9,621.58

**TOTAL**

**\$9,765.58**



**Mendocino County  
Inland Water and Power Commission  
Budget FY 2020 final**

**INCOME**

Annual dues	\$ 10,000
Sandoval study (from reserves)	26,000
PVP process (from reserves)	56,650*
Agency PVP contribution (\$25,000 each)	125,000
Feasibility Study match dues	0**
Interest—Savings Bank	<u>5</u>
<b>TOTAL revenue</b>	<b>\$217,655</b>

**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>
<b><u>Operations Subtotal</u></b>	<b>\$ 8,695</b>
Feasibility Study match	0**
Sandoval studies	26,000
PVP process costs	<u>181,650</u>
<b><u>Project Subtotal</u></b>	<b>\$207,650</b>

**TOTAL expenses** **\$216,345**

To Reserves	\$ 1,310
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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

\*\*A match may be required later in the year

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
San Francisco District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
450 Golden Gate Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
January 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Feasibility Study for Coyote Valley Dam, CA

Ms. Janet Pauli  
Chair  
Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission  
P.O. Box 1247  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Ms. Pauli:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we have terminated the feasibility study for Coyote Valley Dam, CA. In accordance with Corps Budget guidance (Engineering Circular 11-2-220), when a study is inactive and there is not a clear path forward to resume the study soon, then it should be terminated and fiscally closed out in a timely manner.

We will work with your office to balance the financial cost share record for the study in order to determine if additional non-federal funding is owed or if you as the non-federal sponsor have contributed more funding than is necessary. The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA), executed 14 October 2005, describes the financial cost sharing requirements for the study.

There is the potential to commence a new study in the future, pending federal appropriations and subsequent execution of a new FCSA.

If you have any questions, please contact my Deputy for Project Management, Mr. Edwin 'Stu' Townsley at 415-503-6593 or e-mail at:  
[Edwin.S.Townsley@usace.army.mil](mailto:Edwin.S.Townsley@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

John D. Cunningham  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Engineer