

**Inland Water & Power Commission**

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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Date:** September 10, 2020 Thursday

**Time:** 6:00 pm – Open Session

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84624686182>

**Meeting ID: 846 2468 6182**

**Dial in by phone only: 669 900 6833**

**6:05 – Closed Session**

The Public may stay in the waiting room during this time if they choose

**7:00 pm – Rejoin Open Session (time approximate)**

Same information as above for 6:00 pm

The Commission meeting will be held via video/teleconference. The public may observe and comment by phone or by Zoom webinar. If the public wishes to provide comment before the meeting on any of the agenda items, please email [mcwpc@mendoiwpc.com](mailto:mcwpc@mendoiwpc.com) by 5:00 pm Thursday Sept. 10, 2020.

6:00 pm Open Session

6:05 pm 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

7:00 pm

1. Roll Call
2. Public Expression - See information above for information on public expression
3. Minutes
  - a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meetings of August 13, 2020
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for August 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 new Feasibility Study & possible funding
    - c. 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 13, 2020

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. via video conference by Chair Janet Pauli.

**Closed Session**

Pauli, McCowen, Reardan, Froneberger, Schoeneman and Orozco entered Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

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The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:08 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. via video conference by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present on the call:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

John McCowen—Alternate (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley Water District)

Juan Orozco—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Matt Froneberger—Alternate RRFCD

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager

Devon Jones—MCFB Manager

**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 McCowen, seconded by Reardan, the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2020 were unanimously approved.**

### **Consent Calendar**

**On a motion by Commissioner McCowen, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for July 2020 were unanimously approved.**

### **Commissioner Reports**

- a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use—The frost water use reporting deadline for 2020 is Monday.
- 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—The JPA approved the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District resolution to join the JPA. Now the JPA agencies have to individually approve the request before it can be finalized by the JPA.
- f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager’s meeting—The meeting was held discussing the Temporary Urgency Change Petition regarding releases from Lake Mendocino. The Target Storage Curves are being met so it looks like there will not be further reductions to flows. Commissioner Reardan reported that any customers that are diverting from the Russian River are requested to give 72 hours-notice to Sonoma Water before they pump any water. It is voluntary and anonymous. Jones added that this is the same process that was in place several years ago when there were low flows with the main objective to be able to determine flows releases from Lake Mendocino.

Pauli added that there was a report from Dan Schultz of the State Water Resources Control Board about water conservation. The State Board is looking very carefully at use under the current drought conditions and providing information to users on ways to conserve water. Pauli gave a presentation on the PVP process.

- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—No report.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—No report.
- 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—Pauli reported that FERC has released their scoping document #3 in response to the Feasibility Study submitted by the Partners in May. It has about 50 pages and FERC describes all the issues and concerns they feel need to be addressed as the Partners enter the license study

process. They are asking for comments and will add to the list of concerns if they agree an analysis needs to be performed.

The consultant, Still Water Sciences, is working on preparing the Integrated License Proposal. The first goal is to prepare a Study Report that will include all of the information received from PG&E and their consultants on the studies they performed for the relicensing. Very few studies were actually completed and need to be finalized. This report needs to be given to FERC by the middle of September.

Pauli discussed a group of people that she has put together to get a better understanding of who the beneficial users are of the PVP water supply. The group consists of Carre Brown, Devon Jones, Sue Ranochak, Beth Salomone, Dave Redding, Sean White and Laurel Marcus. Their objective is to determine the users of the water including the appropriate water rights holders. They will also look at funding sources that may be available including parcel taxes. The true value of the PVP is in the monetizing the water as the power production does not cover the costs of operation. She asked that the Commissioners forward on any ideas about funding options to Horsley for sharing with the group.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Pauli reported that we are still under the FERC variance. Inflow is calculated at -4 CFS which is based on surface flow height upstream of the dam, as evaporation is more rapid than the inflow rates.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—No report.

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

a. Website—The website is updated every week with Lakes Mendocino, Pillsbury and Sonoma data. Jones is still working on development of informational videos for the site and on any updates on the PVP licensing 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)—Pauli received a call from Congressman Huffman that there is a non-partisan bill in Congress in which the FS for Coyote Valley Dam raise is included. If approved, the funding for the Corps of Engineers would be a priority. If it requires a 50/50 cost share, matching funds from IWPC would be difficult due to the ongoing costs of the PVP licensing process. Huffman mentioned that there may be other funding sources that would match the Federal funds.

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.

**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.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

**IWPC Financial Accounts**  
August 2020

|   |           |               |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| Savings Bank: IWPC account<br>(Quarterly statements)  | \$ 1,472  | As of 9/5/20  |
| Savings Bank: Corps account<br>(Monthly statements)   | \$ 0      | As of 9/5/20  |
| Mendocino County Auditor's Office<br>(No report yet this month due to year-end accounting load) | \$145,103 | As of 5/2020* |

\*After August bills are paid, there will be: \$26,000 to complete Sandoval study;  
\$143,456 for the PVP.

NOTES

County, City, RRFCD & PVID have paid the \$50,000 billed for PVP in June/July.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

August 2020

***1. Staff Charges:***

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>     | <u>Hrs</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Amount</u>   |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 8/13        | Meeting                | 2.00       | \$18.00     | \$ 36.00        |
| 8/14        | Accounting             | 3.00       | \$18.00     | \$ 54.00        |
| 8/20        | Minutes                | 1.00       | \$18.00     | \$ 18.00        |
| July        | Website downloads (5x) | 2.00       | \$18.00     | \$ 36.00        |
| July        | Misc, file purge       | 4.00       | \$18.00     | \$ 72.00        |
| 9/5         | Agenda packet          | 1.50       | \$18.00     | <u>\$ 27.00</u> |
| Subtotal    |                        |            |             | \$243.00        |

***2. Miscellaneous:***

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Downey Brand billing for July 2020     | \$21,268.39     |
| Thomas Johnson billing for August 2020 | \$10,900.00     |
| Jendi Coursey, website analytics       | <u>\$ 75.00</u> |
| Subtotal                               | \$32,243.39     |

**TOTAL** **\$32,486.39**