

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: January 14, 2021 Thursday

Time: 6:00 pm – Open Session...Zoom link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89591688317>

Meeting ID: 895 9168 8317

Dial in by phone only: 669 900 6833

6:05 – Closed Session

The Public may stay online 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 agendized items, please email mcwpc@mendoiwpc.com by 5:00 pm Thursday January 14, 2021.

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 & Scott Shapiro

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

7:00 pm Open Session—approximate time

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 December 10, 2020
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for December 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
 - j. Discussion of individual water agency plans for water conservation efforts
6. Potter Valley Project
 - a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project
 1. Discussion and possible action on Funding Needs for 2021 and selection of alternate Commissioner for the Partnership group
 - b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian Rivers and related issues
 - c. Update on the Sandoval Study: Hydrologic Characterization and Modeling for Evaluating Human and Environmental Water Supply Tradeoffs on the Upper Eel and Upper Russian River - Potter Valley Project proposal
 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. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
 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 agendized, 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 10, 2020

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. via video conference by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present on the call:

- Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
- Carre Brown—Vice-Chair (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
- John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)
- Juan Orozco—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)
- Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following individuals were participants:

- Sean White—City of Ukiah water staff
- Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager
- Jim Green—public member
- 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 Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Reardan, the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Commissioner Reardan, seconded by Orozco the consent calendar items for November 2020 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—Vice-Chair Brown reported that the Chair of the Commission has lost her seat and so a new Chair will need to be selected.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—Vice-Chair Brown reported that the Federal funding bill for the Corps of Engineers includes \$30 million for the ongoing efforts to monitor and control the Mussels. It has been approved by the House but still needs to be passed by the Senate. A Plan and EIR would need to be completed if the funding comes through. There are additional funds that might be available for fish passage in the PVP

process through the Water Resources Development Act of 2020. (*Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), is a reference to public laws enacted by Congress to deal with various aspects of water resources: environmental, structural, navigational, flood protection, hydrology, etc. Typically, the United States Army Corps of Engineers administers the bulk of the Act's requirements.*)

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 is on December 16th at 3 pm. Chair Pauli reported that the Drought Working Group will be meeting next week to discuss possible diversions from Lake Pillsbury to discuss Lake Pillsbury levels and whether we need to ask for a variance to reduce releases from Scott Dam. Unless it rains significantly, we will be getting to a point where the lake level will have to be held above 10,000 acre feet by reducing outflow.

g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Vice-Chair Brown reported that at the next URRWM meeting, Mendocino County staff will be there to report on the progress of Mendocino County's Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—White reported that 650 AF of recycled water was produced at the plant and provided to farmers which is a 40% offset from what was put into the Russian River before the purple pipe program. They are hoping to reach 1,400 AF when phase 4 is complete.

i. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Vice-Chair Brown reported that they are still having a shoving match with the State on the complexity of what is being required for the processing of the permits. There was a general discussion of the application process, permits, hemp production and water use, and how walnut groves are being sold due to being a loss leader, which will allow hemp and cannabis grows on these plots.

j. Discussion of individual water agency plans for water conservation efforts—Salomone reported that a couple of meetings have been held by the Water Resiliency Task Force, with attendees including Salomone, Jones, White, Laurel Marcus and members of various Vineyards in our area. The aim of the Task Force is to provide a structure for enhancing the strength of our regional water resources through discussion, coordination, shared resources, etc. This year, the primary focus is drought. The reason for forming this group was that the SWRCB informed us that they are taking a closer look at the Russian River watershed to evaluate current conditions and plan for continued drought conditions. This includes further defining the natural flow of the Russian River to identify appropriate diversions of Project Water. They are asking for a proactive involvement with local stakeholders in preparation, including a more robust analysis of available data and development of an approach to conservation and related solutions. The group is concerned that the SWRCB is not accounting for all available water correctly. The RRFCB Board will be discussing ways to help their customers with conservation efforts in terms of education, outreach and funding.

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 Partners are working on the final comments on the Initial

Study Report meeting summary reports which will be delivered to FERC. FERC will be publishing their determination in January. The two studies that will possibly be prioritized going forward are the AQ12 which addresses impacts of removing Scott Dam and the Socioeconomic SE1 analysis study. They are looking for funding sources to cover the costs of the studies.

Vice-Chair Brown read a document from the Rural County Association on water issues, which stated that the proposed removal of the dam at Klamath was delayed due to questions over who was responsible for the costs of removal. The State may assist with the costs of removal. This could provide a template for dam removals in other parts of the country.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that currently there is only 19 cfs inflow to the Lake and they are releasing 166 cfs through Scott Dam.

c. Update on the Sandoval Study and possible approval of the Discussion of Hydrologic Characterization and Modeling for Evaluating Human and Environmental Water Supply Tradeoffs on the Upper Eel and Upper Russian River - Potter Valley Project proposal—No report.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Jones hopes to get some additional videography work done for educational purposes on the website.

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

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—Chair Pauli hopes that Congressman Huffman will be able to help us with finances if funding is approved for the Corps to start another Feasibility Study. Vice-Chair Brown received a State Water Resources Control Board notice that they have issued a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification action on the Corps of Engineers. White explained that the nationwide permits include pre-approved activities that the Corps has so that they would be easy to use, but they are now being linked between the states and Corps.

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.

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.

Chair Pauli expressed her appreciation to Carre Brown for all of her efforts on County water issues and specifically for IWPC as she has been a tremendous asset to all of us in this arena. Reardan stated that he felt that Brown and Pauli have been inspirational in their leadership, with the other Commissioners expressing their agreement.

Adjourned at 7:15 pm.
Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
January 2021

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 1,412	As of 1/5/21
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 0	As of 1/5/21
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 87,933	As of 11/30/2020*

*After December bills are paid, the remaining balance has: \$20,681 for the PVP and \$9,304 for operations.

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

December 2020

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/10	Meeting	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
12/11	Accounting	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
12/29	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Dec.	Website maint.	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
Dec.	Misc	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
1/10	Agenda packet	1.50	\$18.00	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$252.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for November 2020	\$ 6,753.73
Thomas Johnson billing for Dec. 2020	\$ 7,000.00
Jendi Coursey, website analytics	<u>\$ 112.50</u>
Subtotal	\$13,866.23

TOTAL **\$14,118.23**