

AGENDA
Regular Meeting

Date: February 11, 2021 Thursday

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

Join Zoom Meeting at--

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Meeting ID: 897 8018 0727

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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, February 11, 2021.

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 January 14, 2021
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for January 2021
 - 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 of Funding Needs for 2021
 - 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
 1. Discussion and possible approval of Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation Study (GIS) Letter of Intent
 - 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 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

January 14, 2021

Open Session

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

Closed Session

Pauli, Reardan, Schoeneman, Orozco, Mulheren, and Attorneys Shapiro and Dreher entered Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

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

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 6:49 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Open Session was reconvened at 6:53 pm

The following Commissioners were present on the call:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (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:

Maureen Mulheren—Alternate Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

Scott Shapiro—attorney

Jamie Dreher--attorney

Sean White—City of Ukiah water staff

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager

Carre Brown—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.

Brown asked if anyone attended the Water Commission workshop webinar as there was some additional funding for projects and a discussion on how the State might develop its role in funding conveyance projects including the PVP. Salomone, Jones, Schoeneman and Reardan attended the meeting and provided comments to the Commissioners.

Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Reardan, seconded by Orozco, the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Commissioner Reardan, seconded by McGourty the consent calendar items for December 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—No report.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—No action has yet been taken by the Senate for the program’s funding.
- d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—No report.
- e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—Salomone reported that the Board has appointed representatives to meet with the City of Ukiah to learn what their interest is in joining the board. There was further discussion of other agency financial assistance to RVCWD regarding the amount they owe to IWPC, but more information was requested for that to occur.
- f. Report on Upper Russian River Water Manager’s meeting—The next meeting is set for January 27, 3 to 5 pm.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Salomone reported that the TAC committee met yesterday and are ready to facilitate discussion on projects and management actions.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—White reported that one of the reservoirs was emptied for repairs but it will be full by the time any frost event occurs.
- i. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—No report.
- j. Discussion of individual water agency plans for water conservation efforts—Pauli reported that the PVID is very involved in the FERC variance for diversions through the project. The variance for Lake Pillsbury is being requested to ensure the lake level doesn’t get below 10,000 AF. It is currently just over 19,000 AF. If the variance is granted, there will be reduced east branch flows but how long that goes on depends on rainfall in early winter and spring. If the lack of rain continues, the flows will be significantly lower than what we normally see.

Salomone reported that she has given several talks regarding conservation and will continue to provide information to spread the news. The Water Resiliency Task Force Steering Committee met and will be meeting with the State Water Board to talk about potential curtailments and has formed a group to talk about drought awareness outreach. She will be sending out a drought condition update every Friday. She discussed various methods of public outreach that they are pursuing including the use of social media.

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 were supposed to have received FERC’s response to the Study Plan today, but it did not arrive. She is hoping that it will be available by tomorrow.

Pauli then spoke about the need for additional funding for the PVP process. IWPC is a member of the Partnership who are working on the licensing of the PVP and they have hired both legal and technical consultants to work with them. She asked if each IWPC agency would go back to their boards and ask for additional funds that should cover the \$200,000 of estimated IWPC costs from now until June 2021. One question is how to allocate the funding request since RVCWD is having some difficulty to provide additional funds. She is asking for each agency to fund IWPC’s internal technical and legal costs. She relayed that she understands that the IWPC agencies will not be able to continue funding this effort all on their own and that the Partners are looking at various outside sources to fund consultant needs.

Orozco, Reardan and Schoeneman stated that they were supportive and would be going their boards regarding the additional funding request. McGourty was going to seek more information on how these requests have been made to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner McGourty offered to take over the Alternate role on the Partnership group which was agreed upon by the other Commissioners.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—The Drought Working Group has been meeting for several months. The Group, started in 2013, are stakeholders consisting of agencies with conditioning authority on the PV license, Tribal, community and conservation interests, and PG&E come together to look at the flow regime at Lake Pillsbury. In Normal years when the lake is filled, a certain percentage of the water flow is dedicated to the River below the diversion point on the Eel and another percentage is for diversion into the east branch of the Russian River. In drought years, the flows cannot be sustained without the threat that Lake Pillsbury may be drained during the summer months. The intent of a variance submitted by PG&E to FERC, is to reduce the flows out of Pillsbury based on the rain and flow data. Another issue is to protect the soils from slumping and blocking the needle valve outlet and so they must keep a minimum level of 10,000 AF in the lake. The reduced water releases will put a tremendous burden on Lake Mendocino storage.

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—No report.

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 reported that Congressman Huffman is working on possible Federal support for a new Feasibility Study on Coyote Dam.
- 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—There may be a PPFC meeting in March.
- 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.

New Business

Election of Officers—**On a Motion by Commissioner Reardan, seconded by McGourty, Janet Pauli was unanimously voted in as Chair. On a Motion by Commissioner McGourty, seconded by Schoeneman, John Reardan was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair.**

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

February 2021

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 1,412	As of 2/2/21
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 44,102	As of 12/30/2020*

*After January bills are paid, the remaining balance has: \$13,049 for the PVP and \$8,465 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

January 2021

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/14	Meeting	2.50	\$18.00	\$ 45.00
1/15	Accounting	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
2/2	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Jan.	Website maint.	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
Jan.	LOI, 1099's, bank	7.00	\$18.00	\$126.00
2/6	Agenda packet	1.50	\$18.00	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$360.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand billing for December 2020	\$ 1,227.00
Thomas Johnson billing for Jan. 2021	\$ 6,405.00
Jendi Coursey, analytics & annual hosting fee (\$420)	<u>\$ 532.50</u>
Subtotal	\$ 8,164.50

TOTAL **\$ 8,524.50**