

**AGENDA**  
**Special Meeting**

**Date: June 10, 2021 Thursday**

**Time: 7:00 pm – Open Session...Zoom link**

Join Zoom Meeting at--

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Meeting ID: 895 1883 6249

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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 agenda items, please email [mcwpc@mendoiwpc.com](mailto:mcwpc@mendoiwpc.com) by 5:00 pm Thursday, June 10, 2021.

7:00 pm Open Session

1. Roll Call
2. Public Expression - See information above for information on public expression
3. Minutes
  - a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2021
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for May, 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 and approval of letter to continue funding of Mussel Inspection Station at Lake Mendocino
  - 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. Continued discussion of PVP Funding Needs for 2021 and how to disseminate the potential costs of this effort to the public
    2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an RFP for a consultant to lead the public PVP funding campaign for inclusion as a measure on the 2022 ballot

- 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 General Investigation 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. Discussion of possible expansion of the IWPC membership
- 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  
May 13, 2021

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. via video conference by Chair Janet Pauli.

**Closed Session**

Pauli, Reardan, Schoeneman, Orozco, McGourty, Mulheren and Attorney Shapiro entered Closed Session at 6:04 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 6:56 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

**Open Session** was reconvened at 7:01 pm

The following Commissioners were present:

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

The following individuals were participants:

Chris Watt—NCRWQB  
Devon Jones— MCFB Manager  
Elizabeth Salomone—RRFCD General Manager  
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 Schoeneman, seconded by Reardan the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2021 were unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by McGourty, the consent calendar items for April 2021 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—Jones reported that there was a joint meeting with SCW, State Water Board and other members of the URRWM group regarding the current drought and what the potential options were for any proposed regulatory actions to water users. They are hoping that voluntary reductions will keep the state from having to impose water right restrictions.

g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)—Commissioner McGourty reported that there was a discussion on how the costs of the Agency will be funded, estimates ranging from \$135,000 to \$200,000. Much of the expense is for monitoring and reporting. Options included a tax on parcels, and a regulatory fee on well owners that could be based on the amount of water pumped. Part of the cost could be funded by grants that might be available to address the drought situation. There will be a draft of the Plan out within 60 days. The next Board meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—No report.

i. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Commissioner McGourty relayed that the BOS voted to start an active code enforcement program including satellite surveys, red tagging those growers that are not permitted and fining them. A huge problem is the amount of water that is being trucked in illegally to service these grows.

j. Discussion of individual water agency plans for water conservation efforts—Chair Pauli stated that PVID is having serious conversations about water allocation to each PVID customer as the supply has been drastically cut by 50%. There are also concerns about thefts from the PVID canals and mains. They have invited the Sheriff to come in and help them determine what they can do to prevent the thefts.

Redwood Valley sent out a letter to all domestic customers that they are limiting the use of water to 55 gallons a day. They have noticed water trucks illegally taking water from their water hydrants which are needed for fire suppression efforts.

### **Potter Valley Project**

a. Status report and discussion of the Two-Basin Partnership efforts to license the Potter Valley Project—Chair Pauli discussed the draft RFP ballot measure for the 2022 ballot. Since IWPC does not have expertise in submittal of an RFP, Commissioner McGourty offered to speak to the County administration about handling the distribution of the RFP and being the Project Manager. **Motion by Vice-Chair Reardan to move the RFP forward subject to the County assisting in distribution of the RFP, was seconded by Commissioner McGourty. The Commissioners were unanimous in approving this action.**

Approve delegation authority to Chair to make and support funding requests that advance the Two Basin Partnership—Chair Pauli informed the group that CalTrout is attempting to find grant funding at the State level at about \$3 million to help fund some of the studies. They are asking all of the Partners to sign the letter requesting the funding. Pauli was not comfortable signing without the IWPC Commissioners approval. As a result, she is asking that the Commissioners to approve delegation authority to her to support funding requests from the Partnership so that she can sign when needed. **Motion by Commissioner McGourty to approve signature authority to Chair Pauli when we need to support funding proposals, but that would not require any expenditure by IWPC. The motion was seconded by Reardan and was unanimously approved.**

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Pauli reported that the Potter Valley Drought Working Group was working on a variance to FERC for Lake Pillsbury releases. PVID has taken the brunt of the reductions since Friends of the Eel have threatened that if there were reduced flows from Lake Pillsbury, then flows on the Eel were to remain unchanged and PVID has had to make up the difference. The flows will ramp down to 3 cfs releases below Van Arsdale at the middle of June until October. PVID has been hit two ways: 50% reduction in their contract flows with PG&E and the East Branch flows have been reduced from 35 cfs to 5 cfs, basically eliminating all appropriative water rights uses on the East Branch above Lake Mendocino. PVID is providing each grower with information on the amount of water they will be allocated.

NMFS has decided not to use the 2,500 AF of block water as they stated there was no biological justification, but they could use it in the Fall if fish are being stranded.

Pauli will have the variance notice sent out to all the Commissioners. She recommended that IWPC and each agency file comments and a motion to intervene during the comment period, from now until June 4.

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—No report.
- 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—The next meeting on FIRO will be in July.

**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.

**Discussion of possible expansion of the IWPC membership**

No report.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Candace Horsley, IWPC staff

## **IWPC Financial Accounts**

June 2021

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 1,338	As of 6/6/2021
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Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$292,348	As of 4/2021*
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\*After May bills are paid, we will have \$201,044 in the PVP account.

The following agencies have submitted payments as of 4/31/21, for a total of \$305,000:

Willow \$22,500, Calpella \$7,500, City of Ukiah \$50,000, Millview \$30,000, RVCWD \$25,000, RRFC \$50,000, PVID \$50,000, Hopland \$20,000 and County \$50,000.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

May 2021

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/13	Meeting	2.50	\$18.00	\$ 45.00
5/14	Accting & meeting follow-up	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
5/30	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
May	Website maint.	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
May	RFP, SDRMA, FERC	7.00	\$18.00	\$126.00
6/6	Agenda packet	1.50	\$18.00	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$378.00

***2. Miscellaneous:***

Downey Brand billing for April 2021	\$10,434.00
Thomas Johnson billing for May 2021	\$ 5,880.00
Jendi Coursey, analytics	\$ 93.75
SDRMA annual premium	<u>\$ 2,573.06</u>
Subtotal	\$18,980.81

**TOTAL**

**\$19,358.81**