

**A G E N D A**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Place:** County UCCE Farm Advisor/Ag building meeting room  
890 N. Bush St., Ukiah

**Date:** May 11, 2023 Thursday

**Time:** 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87160373820>

Meeting ID: 87160373820

Dial in by phone: 669 900-6833

**6:00 pm Open Session**

**1. Roll Call**

- 2. Public Expression** - The Commission meeting will be held in person and by video/teleconference. The public may observe and comment in person or by Zoom webinar. See end of agenda for additional information on public expression.

**3. Minutes**

- a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the special meeting of April 7 and regular meeting of April 13, 2023

**4. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for April 2023  
b. Update on financial accounts

- 5. Commissioner Reports** — Reports by Commissioners/Staff on meetings attended or actions taken by their agencies as well as informational items. Each Commissioner will be given an opportunity to speak on any activities of interest regarding drought response, groundwater updates, committee meetings etc. that are relevant to the IWPC members.

**6. Update on the Russian River Water Forum**

- 7. Potter Valley Project**
  - a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
  - b. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E
  
- 8. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam**
  - a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study
  
- 9. NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**
  - a. Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
  - b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update
  
- 10. 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**

Special Meeting

April 7, 2023

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Chris Watt—Alternate Commissioner RRFC

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District) online

Mo Mulhern—Alternate Commissioner County of Mendocino

Elizabeth Salomone—RRFC Manager

Cathy Monroe, MCRCD

Deborah Edelman, MCRCD

Adam Gaska, RVCWD

Frost Pauli, MCFB

Denise Woods, MCRCD

Joe Scriven, MCRCD

Ken Todd, RVCWD

Others in audience and online

**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.

**Mendocino RRWF Caucus—Special Joint Meeting of Water Suppliers and Agricultural Interests**

- a. Discussion and nomination of representatives from Mendocino County to the RRWF Planning Committee—The first meeting of the Planning Group will be in May. Any materials that have been prepared for that meeting will be available in the next several weeks. The Water and Ag groups are finalizing their selection of committee members and alternates.

Pauli reported that we are continuing with the selection of representatives for the RRWF for the Planning Committee and Work Groups. She gave a brief overview of the entire history of the work done on the PVP in the last five years including the Two-basin Partners process and that they were unable to complete the process in time for the FERC deadline. The PG&E license has expired, and FERC directed PG&E to start the surrender of the license process which will lead to decommissioning.

SW was able to obtain a grant from DWR and along with IWPC started a process to determine alternatives for the PVP. There were 3 parts to the grant: PVP facilities assessment, formation of a regional entity, and water reliability studies for Potter Valley. The Planning and Caucus groups will be working on these various aspects. She described what each would do. This will be a very transparent process and so the Planning Committee will be held as public meetings. Recommendations from the Committee will go to the Leadership Committee of elected officials.

The Working Groups will be closed to the public as they will be doing a lot of the technical work. Pauli went through a series of slides with explanations of what each of the workgroups would be doing.

Adjourned at 5:30.

Candace Horsley  
IWPC Staff

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**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2023

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)  
John Reardan—Vice-Chair (Russian River Flood Control District)  
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)  
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Chris Watt—Alternate Commissioner RRFCD  
Carrie Shattuck—Public member  
Online: Cass Taaning, Alternate RVCWD; Monica Heutt; Charlie Schneider, Cal Trout;  
Mike Shaver, Water Resource Manager PV Tribe.

**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 Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2023 were unanimously approved. On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the minutes of the Special meeting of March 23, 2023 were unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the consent calendar items for March 2023 were unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner Reports**

- Schoeneman reported that Redwood Valley is going to receive water from the RRFCD for this summer.
- Watt reported that he went up to Scott Dam and saw that the gates are open and the water is raging down the Eel.
- Pauli reported that the Jacobs group is going to start their analysis of surface and groundwater storage in Potter Valley. They are looking for staging sites for well drilling and

access to some properties. There will be a special public meeting of the PVID to meet the Jacobs group. They will hold a large public meeting when they start getting results. The consultants will then come up with the costs for increasing storage and other projects.

### **Report on the Russian River Water Forum**

Pauli reported that IWPC has had two special meetings to determine our representatives for the Russian River Water Forum Planning Committee and the Work Groups. The list was sent to Kearns and West for their database. The first Planning Committee meeting will be held in Ukiah at the Conference Center on May 17, from 10 am to 3 pm. They are strongly encouraging people to come in person though there may also be a virtual option. The agenda will be to go over the Planning Groups purpose and guidelines for the group and what data and information they have available at this time.

Pauli relayed that there will be a requirement to provide matching funds for the second DWR grant that SW is applying for. SW will put up \$600,000 and have asked that IWPC put up \$150,000 which would be \$30,000 per agency. Overall, IWPC will probably need an additional \$20,000 from each agency, for a total of \$50,000, to cover other costs. Pauli asked that each agency representative discuss this with their boards. There will be a special workshop to go over IWPC's budget and project needs. An Ad Hoc of Pauli and Watt met with Horsley and Salomone to put together a presentation regarding the financial needs of IWPC for the next five to ten years.

### **Potter Valley Project**

- a. **Status report and discussion of the Potter Valley Project and Funding efforts**—Pauli reported that IWPC has signed an updated non-disclosure agreement with SW and PG&E to be able to access PVP facilities for the facility assessment of the diversion. Only about five people will be allowed in for the tour. On March 17, Pauli was notified by PG&E that they had received the results of their simplistic seismic study that concluded that there was an increased risk of an uncontrolled spill occurring at Scott Dam and so the risk changed from a 1 in 5,000 year chance to 1 in 900 years. As a result, they decided not to close the gates at Scott Dam because they believe the increased water level would put additional pressure on the structure and make it more dangerous.

On March 20, Congressman Thompson, who represents Lake County, wrote a letter saying that there needed to be a study on the impacts of the reduced storage of 20,000 AF from not closing the gates. On the 28<sup>th</sup> FERC wrote a letter to PG&E saying that they couldn't make a unilateral decision like this on their own due to the possible impacts to endangered fisheries and water supply, and it may require a NEPA analysis. Since then, we have heard that PG&E is working with FERC engineers on this issue. There is no variance in place, so on April 15 the flows will go to from 45 to 90 cfs, and to 125 cfs by May 15, which is the normal flows for late spring and summer. But maintaining these flows and minimum fish flow levels with 20,000 less AF in Lake Pillsbury may be a problem. If a variance goes into place, they are estimating that flow rates could be reduced to those in 2021, 55-60 cfs, and it could impact downstream water rights. PG&E announced that they will not repair the transformer at the hydroplant, so water flow is restricted to 125 cfs.

- b. Consideration of letter to FERC regarding Lake Pillsbury gates—Pauli stated that FERC should be asking for comments regarding keeping the gates open and that should be the time that we send a letter to FERC with our formal comments.
- c. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—No report.

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

Congressman Huffman sent us a notice of a possible grant opportunity through Huffman's Community Project Funding program. Upon IWPC submitting a grant application for \$500,000 to help fund the Coyote Dam Feasibility Study, we were informed that out of 50 grant requests, IWPC was one of the fifteen that were approved by Huffman to move forward to the Appropriations Committee.

### **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.

Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Candace Horsley  
IWPC Staff

**IWPC Financial Accounts**  
May 2023

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 797	As of 5/8/2023
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$163,151	As of Oct. end 2022

After April 2023 bills are paid, we will have \$78,553 in the PVP account.



**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

April 2023

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/7 & 13	Meetings	2.45	\$18.00	\$ 44.10
4/14	Accounting & meeting follow-up	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
5/4	Minutes...2 sets	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
April	Website main. & revisions	6.00	\$18.00	\$108.00
April	WF coord, state comp. report	9.00	\$18.00	\$162.00
April	Public communications	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
5/7	Agenda packet	4.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 72.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$512.10

***2. Miscellaneous:***

Downey Brand for March 2023	\$2,548.50
Tom Johnson, April 2023	\$4,539.00
Jendi Coursey, website changes, April analytics	<u>\$ 93.75</u>
Subtotal	\$7,181.25

**TOTAL**

**\$7,693.35**