

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

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

**Date:** June 8, 2023 Thursday

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

Join Zoom Meeting at-

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Meeting ID: 826 6040 2209

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 meeting minutes for May 11 & 31, 2023

**4. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for May 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. Consideration of forming an Ad Hoc for future discussions with PG&E
- c. 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. Discussion and possible approval of Agency contributions for June billing**

## **11. 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 11, 2023

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 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)  
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Glenn McGourty— Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Bree Klotter  
Online: Beth Salomone and Monica Huettl

**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 special meeting of April 7, 2023 were unanimously approved. On a motion by Vice-Chair Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2023 were unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

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

**Commissioner Reports**

- Pauli reported on the IWPC Budget Ad Hoc composed of Watt, Salomone, Horsley and herself was very successful. They are now going to include Tom Johnson in the meetings as he has put together eight years' worth of expenses. Rodin asked that the Ad Hoc make a presentation on the budget figures to the City Council once it is completed.

- Schoeneman reported that all the agencies are still very excited about the consolidation but there are concerns that it is going too slowly to meet the grant deadlines, so they are now going to start meeting twice as often. The RVCWD is going to start up their pumps at Lake Mendocino to test that all the equipment is still working properly.
- Reardan reported that Corps representative Nick Malasavage and Poppy Lozoff at Lake Mendocino came to the RRFC meeting to present what is going on at the lake. They are going to update all of their Corp operational manuals this year as they are outdated.
- Pauli reported that they had their first meeting with the Jacob consultants who are looking for surface and groundwater storage in Potter Valley, which would be essential if there is only winter storage available in the future. They went on a tour of the valley and noted where all the streams were. They will come back to do a drone and radar analysis to calculate the groundwater basin, and then will drill three wells where there is a potential for groundwater storage.

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

Pauli reported that next week, on Wed. May 17, the RRWF will hold the first Planning meeting at the Conference Center. It will be a public meeting so everyone should have gotten an invitation from Kearns and West. They will describe what will be expected of the Planning members and their alternates and how the Working groups will interconnect with the Planning group. Participants include water providers, agriculture, NGO's, city and county representatives, tribal and recreational interests.

### **Potter Valley Project**

- a. Status report and discussion of the Potter Valley Project and Funding efforts—Pauli reported that she got a call from PG&E's license surrender manager who is gave an overview of the surrender process, a brief history of why PG&E got to the point of not continuing with the project, the process with the Partners and future timelines. PG&E is not going to run any of the facilities in the future and plans on taking down both dams. Scott Dam is the major reason that PG&E has lost money on the hydroproject. They will discuss any credible proposal for acquisition of the facilities. The initial draft surrender application and decommissioning plan must be filed by November 2023, with the final draft due by May 2024. The final license surrender and decommissioning plan must be filed by January 2025. The key for the Russian River users is acquisition of the diversion facilities.

Pauli relayed that we are currently assessing the PVP facilities for possible acquisition. One of the issues is that the current diversion facilities will require modification to improve fish passage. The existing fish ladder is inadequate, so three alternatives are being considered. These include modifying Cape Horn Dam and installing a state of the art fish ladder. The second alternative includes designing a gradual roughened channel allowing fish passage while maintaining the elevation needed for the diversion. The third concept is a facility that would pump water from an infiltration gallery downstream of the existing dam back up to the diversion tunnel. The DWR grant funding will result in a 20-30% design for these three alternatives. Sonoma Water is applying for a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to determine the most feasible of the three alternatives and take that alternative to a 60% design. Pauli is writing a letter of support from MCIWPC for the BOR grant.

Scott Dam---since PG&E is not closing the gates at the dam, it is anticipated that this will precipitate the same conditions as a drought year, so a variance may be required. The Drought Working Group will be meeting to see what the flows will be in the summer as the lake will go down and the temperatures will rise. If the flows are reduced to 75 cfs, PVID will get 50 cfs and 25 cfs will go to Lake Mendocino.

- b. 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**

- a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study

### **NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened**

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—The PPFC is meeting on May 24 at 3-5 pm at the Sonoma Water Wohler Education Facility.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Candace Horsley  
IWPC Staff

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**MINUTES**

Special Meeting

May 31, 2023

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

**Closed Session**

Commissioners: Pauli, Rodin, Reardan, Schoeneman, McGourty, Watt; Staff Antle, Salomone, White; attorneys Cliff Paulin, Phil Williams and Shapiro entered Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code §54956.8)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project

Agency Negotiators: Janet Pauli and Scott Shapiro

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:42 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

**Adjourned** at 7:43 pm.

Candace Horsley  
IWPC Staff

## **IWPC Financial Accounts**

June 2023

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 797	As of 6/3/2023
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$147,119	As of Jan. end 2023

After May 2023 bills are paid, we will have \$73,629 in the PVP account.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

May 2023

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/11,17, 31	Meetings	9.00	\$18.00	\$162.00
5/12	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
5/30	Minutes...2 sets	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
May	Website main. & revisions	12.00	\$18.00	\$216.00
May	WF coord, meetings, corres.	9.00	\$18.00	\$162.00
May	Public communications	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
6/3	Agenda packets	9.00	\$18.00	<u>\$162.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$864.00

***2. Miscellaneous:***

Downey Brand for April 2023	\$4,923.50
Jendi Coursey, website changes \$125, May analytics \$125	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Subtotal	\$5,173.50

**TOTAL** **\$6,037.50**