

Inland Water & Power Commission

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A G E N D A
Regular Meeting

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

Date: September 14, 2023 Thursday

Time: 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86220630795>

Meeting ID: 862 2063 0795

Dial in by phone: 669 900-6833

6:00 pm Open Session

6:02 pm Closed Session

1. 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 PG&E
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

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 August 10, 2023

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for August 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 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
August 10, 2023

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

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

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Sean White, Tom Johnson, Scott Shapiro, Cass Taaning, Jeanne Zolezzi, Kevin Jensen, Beth Salomone
Present—Chris Watt, Guinness McFadden, Mo Mulheren, Phil Williams

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 6:42 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Open Session

Chair Pauli re-opened the Open Session at 6:43

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 meetings of July 13 & 20 were unanimously approved with one change...Add Chris Watt as attending the July 13 meeting.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Rodin, seconded by McGourty, the consent calendar items for July 2023 were unanimously approved, including a Conflict-of-Interest waiver for Downey Brand for existing representation of Humboldt County.

Commissioner Reports

- Watt reported that the RRFC board has increased their rates from \$47 an AF to \$61 an AF. A notice has gone out to the contract holders.

Report on the Russian River Water Forum

Pauli reported that the Planning Committee meeting was postponed as the work to complete the proposal with PG&E was still in progress. They were also waiting on the Round Valley Tribe to vote on whether they would join the group or not. The meeting is now scheduled for August 17th, 10 to 1 pm, which will be a virtual meeting. There will be a discussion on what the role of the Planning Committee will be going forward.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion of the Potter Valley Project and Funding efforts—PG&E had filed a variance request to FERC on the PVP flows, requesting to go to dry year releases since they were not able to close the gates at Lake Pillsbury. This would take the diversion flows from 75 cfs to 25 cfs. Pauli relayed that it makes much more sense to look at the water conditions first before just summarily lowering the flows so early in the year. PG&E now has submitted a request to FERC to change the language of the license to make this a permanent variance.

The County of Lake wrote a letter to Congressman Thompson to let him know that if Scott Dam was decommissioned and removed, that there are environmental and safety mitigation considerations that needed to be discussed for Lake County.

- 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—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.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
September 2023

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 632	As of 9/6/2023
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$112,387	As of May end 2023

After August 2023 bills are paid, we will have \$161,515 in the PVP account.

*Agencies that have paid the invoiced \$50,000:
PVID, RRF, County of Mendocino

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Billing Statement

August 2023

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/10	Meeting	3.50	\$18.00	\$ 63.00
8/11	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
8/28	Minutes	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
August	Website main. & analytics issues	9.00	\$18.00	\$162.00
August	RRWF, misc, meetings	16.00	\$18.00	\$288.00
August	Public communications	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
9/9	Agenda packet	5.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$774.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for July 2023	\$7,982.50
Jendi Coursey website analytics, July/Aug.	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
Subtotal	\$8,157.50

TOTAL **\$8,931.50**