

Mendocino County

Inland Water & Power Commission

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A G E N D A
Special Meeting

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

Date: November 17, 2023 **Friday**

Time: **4:00 pm**—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at-- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530053247>

Meeting ID: 895 3005 3247

Dial in by phone: 669 900-6833

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. See end of agenda for additional information on public expression
3. **Minutes**
 - a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for October 10, 23, 31, 2023
4. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statement for October 2023
 - b. Update on financial accounts
5. **Special Presentation**—Update from Special Counsel on the Potter Valley Project license surrender and acquisition process
6. **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.
7. **Update on the Russian River Water Forum**

8. Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
Request for Potter Valley Tribal consultation regarding the proposed transfer of the Potter Valley Project
- b. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E

9. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study for Raising Coyote Dam

- a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study

10. NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- a. Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update

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 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
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October 10, 2023

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation 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 Commissioners were absent:

John Reardan—Commissioner RRFC

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Bree Klotter, Phil Williams
Online: Scott Shapiro, Beth Salomone, Jeanne Zolezzi, Sean White, Tom Johnson, Clifford Paulin

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:36 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Open Session

Chair Pauli re-opened the Open Session at 7:37 pm.

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.

Devon Boer, Mendocino County Farm Bureau, spoke regarding the letter she sent to the Commissioners regarding future water availability for appropriative water rights holders. She continued by reading her letter to the Commission. Pauli responded that IWPC is aware of the issues regarding appropriative water right holders and asked if McGourty and herself could come speak to the Farm Bureau water committee regarding this issue. Boer will be looking at potential dates that would work for everyone.

Minutes

On a motion by Rodin, seconded by McGourty, the minutes of the meetings of September 14 & 27 were unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by McGourty, seconded by Schoeneman, the consent calendar items for September 2023 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Pauli spoke regarding the request for water suppliers and government agencies to join in a letter of support to legislature representatives regarding the proposal to PG&E on continuing the Eel River diversion and protecting fish habitat. Rodin reported that she has spoken with the City Manager regarding the proposal, and they will discuss this next Wednesday.
- The Commissioners thanked White for all of his efforts in putting together the purple pipe program.
- Pauli relayed that the Jacobs consultants are doing the ground radar work in Potter Valley as part of the continuing water reliability study. There are also ten people that are going to have their existing wells monitored and potential wells sites are being studied to determine groundwater levels.

Report on the Russian River Water Forum (WF)

Pauli reported on the Planning Committee meeting last week for the Water Forum. The main focus was discussing the proposal to PG&E and asking for any concerns that the participants might have. Lake County also discussed their issues and concerns regarding Lake Pillsbury.

IWPC had been asked to contribute \$150,000 towards the funding of the Water Forum and now we will be getting an invoice for \$100,000. Unfortunately, we don't have all of the funding for that right now. Pauli will be asking for a tighter set of goals and timelines for the WF's objectives as it will be extremely difficult for IWPC to continue funding it with all of our other expenses that are coming up. One of the main functions of the WF is PR and out reach. Additionally there are ongoing discussions on water rights and supply.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion of the Potter Valley Project and Funding efforts—No report.
- b. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—FERC finally came out and agreed with PG&E's request to reduce the flows from Lake Pillsbury, so the variance went into place on October 2nd even though the season is basically over. PG&E is now asking that the temporary variance be a permanent variance to reduce the amount of water that comes out of Lake Pillsbury. FERC has not agreed with that request.

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

a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study—Congressman Huffman's office contacted staff regarding the grant request for \$500,000 from IWPC. The decision on this grant has not been determined and may not be for some time.

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—A copy of drafts have been submitted but NMFS has not commented back yet. The original BO has officially expired.

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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MINUTES
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October 23, 2023

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 3:02 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
John Reardan—Commissioner (RRFC)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi, Tom Johnson, Mo Mulheren
Present: Sean White, Bree Klotter, Guinness McFadden, Chris Watt, Phil Williams

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 4:58 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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October 31, 2023

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 2:08 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)
Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)
John Reardan—Commissioner (RRFC)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Tom Johnson; Jeanne Zolezzi
Present: Sean White, Bree Klotter, Guinness McFadden, Chris Watt, Phil Williams

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 3:25 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
November 2023

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 576 As of 11/7/2023

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$112,387 As of May end 2023

After October 2023 bills are paid, we will have \$167,958 in the PVP account.

*Agencies that have paid the 6/2023 invoiced \$50,000:
PVID, RRFC, County of Mendocino, City of Ukiah

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Billing Statement

October 2023

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/10,23,31	Meetings	7.50	\$18.00	\$135.00
10/11	Accounting & meeting follow-up	6.00	\$18.00	\$108.00
10/28	Minutes	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
Oct.	Website main. & update	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
Oct.	Misc, SW, Lake Co, training	19.00	\$18.00	\$342.00
Oct.	Public communications	3.00	\$18.00	\$ 54.00
Oct/Nov	Agenda packets--4	7.00	\$18.00	<u>\$126.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$981.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for September 2023	\$13,184.00
Tom Johnson for October 2023	\$ 7,990.00
Jendi Coursey October 2023 analytics	<u>\$ 31.25</u>
Subtotal	\$21,205.25

TOTAL **\$22,186.25**