

Mendocino County

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: January 11, 2024 **Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at-- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81128415679>

Meeting ID: 811 2841 5679

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 December 14, 2023

4. **Consent Calendar**

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for December 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. Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update
- c. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E

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

- a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study

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

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

9. 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

December 14, 2023

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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)

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

Tom Schoeneman—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Bree Klotter, Carre Brown, Jeanne Zolezzi, Michael Green

Present—Phil Williams, Chris Watt, Sean White

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.

Phil Williams has been asked to make a presentation on the PVP to the Ukiah Valley School District Board where he plans to ask for their support of the proposal for PG&E regarding acquisition of the diversion infrastructure of the Potter Valley project (Proposal) being included in PG&E's draft license surrender Plan. He asked for the Commission's approval to present to the UVSD, which was given.

Minutes

On a motion by Rodin, seconded by McGourty to approve the November 17 minutes, was unanimously approve. On a motion by Reardan, seconded by McGourty to approve the November 30 minutes was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

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

Commissioner Reports

- McGourty revealed that the Ukiah Valley Basin Ground Water Sustainability Agency consultants are stating that the fees to pay for the organization will be up to \$300 per AF to obtain one to two million dollars a year for the next five years. White stated that at \$300 per AF, that would be over \$450,000 a year for the City of Ukiah alone. The Commissioners

were very concerned about this cost and wondered what was in the budget that would require this kind of funding. McGourty has asked the consultants for a draft budget to see what makes up this large financial requirement. The current year expenditures are around \$150,000. McGourty stated that the next meeting of the agency will be in January, and he will send out the date when available.

- Reardan reported that RRFC voted to support the acquisition Proposal to go to PG&E.
- Tom stated that RVCWD will be considering the letter next week. It was discussed that the County will also be agendizing it as well as the PVID. Others that will be considering support letters are the City of Ukiah, PV Community School District, LAFCo, MCFB and the UVSD.

Report on the Russian River Water Forum (WF)—No report.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
 1. Discussion and possible approval of IWPC comment letter to PG&E—Pauli reported that there are many agencies that are discussing sending a letter of support. The Proponents will be preparing and signing a joint letter of support, which will include the IWPC.
 2. The New JPA will be meeting in January to discuss some housekeeping issues including where they will be meeting, who the officers will be and staffing support. There is a lot of work that needs to be done before March, including the defining of which of the two alternatives for Van Arsdale will be recommended.
 3. Reardan reported that the impediment to fish passage at McNab Creek has been removed so there now is a 20 foot wide channel with free flowing water.
- 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. No report.

NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—The next meeting is expected in April.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—White reported that there is a draft BO but certain components of it have not yet been approved. He is unaware of the timeline for completion.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
January 2024

Savings Bank: IWPC account	\$ 532	As of 1/6/2024
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$112,387	As of May end 2023

After December 2023 bills are paid, we will have \$161,836 in the PVP account.

*Agencies that have paid the 6/2023 invoiced \$50,000:

PVID, RRFC, County of Mendocino, City of Ukiah

--RVCWD pd \$25,000

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Billing Statement

December 2023

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/14	Meeting	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
12/15	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
12/28	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Dec.	Website main. & updates	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
Dec.	Misc.	6.00	\$18.00	\$108.00
Dec.	Public communications	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
Jan.	Agenda packet	5.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$504.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for November 2023	\$ 9,733.50
Tom Johnson for December 2023	\$ 3,642.50
Jendi Coursey December 2023 website	<u>\$ 31.50</u>
Subtotal	\$13,407.50

TOTAL

\$13,911.50