

A G E N D A
Regular Meeting

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

Date: February 8, 2024 **Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at-- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88416951724>

Meeting ID: 884 1695 1724

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 January 11, 2023

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve expenses on billing statement for January 2024
b. Update on financial accounts

5. Special Presentations

- a. Tom Johnson—Update on Van Arsdale Diversion Alternatives
b. Scott Shapiro—Update on recent PG&E developments
c. Phil Williams— Discussion and consideration of engagement with local, state, and federal elected and administrative officials regarding PG&E’s surrender of the Potter Valley Project (City of Ukiah)

- 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. 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

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

- a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study
- b. Approval of 2024 Notice of Intent for Coyote Dam General Investigation renewal letter for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

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

10. Closed Session

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
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2024

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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)
Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Jeanne Zolezzi
Present: Phil Williams, Laura Garza

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

Motion by Reardan, seconded by McGourty to approve the December 14, 2023 minutes, was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by McGourty, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for December 2023 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- McGourty reported on the GSA meeting to talk about the proposed budget and rate study. The process started in August with stakeholder meetings. Most people felt that the costs should be spread out as much as possible. The GM wants to front load the budget with studies while a lot of comments felt that \$1 million a year for 5 years was way too much to ask for. The consultants explained that the model must be modified to include how groundwater comes in and goes out of the Valley, how surface water interacts with groundwater, and other studies. The GM wanted to approve the budget and then figure out how to pay for it. The GSA board asked that they come back next month with a detailed tiered list of costs showing a low, medium and high budget level and how they propose it will be funded from the different categories discussed. The intent of the GSA is not to own structures but to work with other participating agencies who would.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project
No report.
- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—the first meeting of ERPA will be on January 31 at 3:00 pm in the Sonoma Board Chambers. The agenda will mainly be housekeeping items including setting a meeting calendar and deciding where to meet. There will also be a brief presentation and update on the license surrender and two alternatives for Cape Horn Dam. PG&E requires that ERPA give them the final desired alternative for Cape Horn Dam by March. The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom.

Pauli advised the Commissioners that she will be coming back with a request for ERPA funds to help with the cost of running the meetings, insurance and website development.

- 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

- a. Pauli reported that she has heard that FIRO is becoming the established operating system for Lake Mendocino with the old operations manual being retired.

NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

- a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—The next annual meeting is expected to be in April 2024.
- b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—Once the update is completed, the fish flow release levels may change as they are dependent on storage levels.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
February 2024

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 532 As of 2/3/2024

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$156,601 As of June end 2023

After January 2024 bills are paid, we will have \$147,752 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

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

January 2024

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/11	Meeting	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
1/12	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
1/28	Minutes	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Jan.	Website maint. & updates	7.00	\$18.00	\$126.00
Jan.	LOI, insurance,1099s,ERPA,misc	18.00	\$18.00	\$324.00
Jan.	Public communications	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
Feb.	Agenda packet	5.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$738.00

2. Miscellaneous:

1099 filing with State and Federal	\$ 23.96
Downey Brand for December 2023	\$ 6,437.50
Tom Johnson for January 2024	\$ 7,646.70
Jendi Coursey (annual Website hosting and archiving)	<u>\$ 713.75</u>
Subtotal	\$14,821.91

TOTAL

\$15,559.91