

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

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

**Date:** May 9, 2024 **Thursday**

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

Join Zoom Meeting at--<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85710662281>

Meeting ID: 857 1066 2281

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 March 5 & 18, and April 11, 2024

4. **Consent Calendar**

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

5. **Special Presentation**—Alexander Valley Water District issues by Brad Peterson & Peter Kiel

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 legal and consultant needs for ongoing PVP license surrender negotiations between MCIWPC 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. Closed Session: Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code §54956.8)**

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project  
Agency Negotiator: Janet Pauli  
Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

## **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  
March 5, 2024

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

**Closed Session**

The following Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:06 pm.

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)-- McGourty requested consideration to participate online as he was in contact with someone that had COVID the day before.

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Beth Salomone, Tom Johnson, Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi

Present: Phil Williams, Sean White

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 6:52 pm. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

**Open Session**

Chair Pauli went back to Open Session at 6:53 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.

**Minutes**

**Motion by Reardan, seconded by Rodin to approve the February 8, 2024 minutes, was unanimously approved.**

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion by Rodin, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for February 2024 were unanimously approved.**

## Commissioner Reports

No reports.

## Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Johnson reported on some of the recent developments on the analysis of the Eel/Russian diversion facilities alternatives. The first draft of the consultant report came out in February on the two best alternatives. The second report, with 400 pages, came out at the end of February and was sent to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for a deep dive analysis on the technical specs. Johnson provided renderings of what each alternative would actually look like on the ground. He also revealed that both alternatives have good points and cons/risks about them, but overall, they are about equal. As they receive more information about the area and increasing costs, the design estimates will be refined at a later date. Unfortunately, they need to make a decision on a preferred alternative in a short time, so they are going to need to use the data they have at this point.

There were over 200 scoring elements for each alternative, so they have attempted to provide as much consideration as possible. The TAG and resource agencies that will be providing buyoff on the favored alternative are looking at these scoring sheets independently. The ERPA board will make the final decision on March 19.

Shapiro discussed the permitting and regulatory pathway after PG&E declined to include our entire application in their decommissioning plan, citing the non-power license as a problem for PG&E's timelines. The participants do not want to remove and build structures twice, which might bring injury to the river, so they are looking for ways to work together in order to meet PG&E's and ERPA's needs in a coordinated manner. PG&E recognizes that they need to be more creative to work together in a collaborative manner.

- b. Discussion of letter to elected officials—**Motion made by Reardan, seconded by Schoeneman to send a letter regarding the PVP and PG&E issues to our elected officials on IWPC letterhead with the revision: to add in some of the other communities and agencies to incorporate the entire area of IWPC.**
- c. Discussion of media and social media communications—This discussion will be delayed to another meeting.
- d. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—the second meeting of ERPA will be meeting in Ukiah on March 19 from 3 to 5 pm at the Board of Supervisors chambers.
- e. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—Pauli relayed that IWPC agencies will need to keep funding this effort until ERPA has developed funding capacity.

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

- a. Update on Federal funding for the Feasibility Study—Huffman’s \$500,000 grant that IWPC applied for and was slated for the Corps of Engineers to continue the Feasibility Study, has been approved.

**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 8:05 pm.

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**MINUTES**  
Special Meeting  
March 18, 2024

**Open Session**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

**Closed Session**

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 5:04 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)  
Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)  
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah) arrived 5:25

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Tom Johnson, Phil Williams, Beth Salomone  
Present: Guinness McFadden, Chris Watt

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 6:17 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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IWPC Staff

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**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2024

**Open Session**

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

The following Commissioners were present:

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)  
Janet Pauli—Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District) joined by Zoom due to recovering from surgery.

The following individuals were participants:

Present: Madeline Kline, Phil Williams, Guinness McFadden  
Online: Janet Pauli, Scott Shapiro, Laura Gaza, Sean White, Tom Johnson

**Public Expression**

Chair Reardan 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.

**Consent Calendar**

**Motion by McGourty, seconded by Rodin, the consent calendar items for March 2024 were unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner Reports**

- McGourty reported on the GSA meeting and recent fee study discussions. The Committee members revolted against the consultant's suggestion of a million-dollar budget which would cost about \$300 per AF, just for regulation. They sat down with the Dept. of Water Resources and were told that the Plan looked good and Mendocino was not a region they were concerned about. They are looking to lower the budget to around \$500,000. They are hoping to do several projects and studies in the coming year. They are putting together an Ad Hoc budget committee to try and get a solid foundation for approval and are attempting to get the fees on the tax roles for next year.
- Schoeneman stated that the consolidation agreements are really going along quickly now and there is a cohesive direction for the districts. They have met with the State for Safer funding and to get approval for the consolidation. White relayed that first they need to take an inventory of what piping is actually in the ground and then do an engineering

study of what the water needs are and what construction will be needed, which may take 1 ½ years. After that, they will immediately apply for funding for the construction which takes about 9 months for approval.

- White reported that the last bit of purple pipe that goes down Brush Street is being completed. In a few weeks they will be tunneling under Hwy. 101 to connect to the water treatment plant where they will construct a water tank that will hold 1.5 million gallons of treated water.

### **Potter Valley Project**

- f. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project--No report.
- g. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—Shapiro reported that they are meeting with PG&E to determine how the PVP will be decommissioned and how the key facilities will be transferred to ERPA. ERPA representatives are meeting with PG&E, but since there is a non-disclosure agreement, they can only discuss in open session what is allowed under that agreement. There will be two types of agreements that will be executed: 1. Those items under the jurisdiction of FERC, such as specifications for the removal of the dams. 2. Non-FERC topics include an agreement for PG&E to provide power to the new authority's pumping facility. Other agreements under this category would include how the project may operate in the future, allowed diversions rates and conditions of diversion. Each agency has legal counsel working on all these agreements, and they are starting to work on more substantive topics. Shapiro feels that everyone is heading in the same direction and so feels positive about the timing from now on. The US Bureau of Reclamation has officially informed SCWA that they have approved their grant request so that the pumping facility design can move from 30 to 60%.

There have been indications that capital funding for the project will be provided by the State, some NGOs, and Congress. RVIT governing counsel received a detailed briefing from their counsel, and they appear to still be very supportive.

It appears that the next ERPA meeting will be in June rather than May as there is nothing to approve as yet. Shapiro mentioned that Phil Williams is continuing to coordinate and assess the potential regional water needs.

Johnson relayed that somewhere between mid-May and June they are hoping to have some information on possible flow rates for a run of the river diversion.

- h. 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. Horsley reported that they are in contact with the Corps of Engineers regarding the \$500,000 grant received by IWPC for the Coyote Dam Feasibility Study.

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

- c. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—No report.
- d. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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IWPC Staff

**IWPC Financial Accounts**  
May 2024

Savings Bank: IWPC account                      \$ 292                      As of 5/2/2024\*

Mendocino County Auditor's Office              \$192,777              As of Nov. end 2023

After April 2024 bills are paid, we will have \$57,979 in the PVP account.

\*PayPal payments for May—

GSuite	\$12.38
Zoom	<u>\$15.99</u>
Total	\$28.37

**MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

**Billing Statement**

April 2024

***1. Staff Charges:***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/11	Meetings & prep	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
4/12	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$18.00	\$ 90.00
Apr.	Website maint. & updates	6.00	\$18.00	\$108.00
Apr.	Corps, county accting, misc	10.00	\$18.00	\$180.00
Apr.	Public communications/media	4.00	\$18.00	\$ 72.00
May 5	Agenda packet	5.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
	Subtotal			\$ 576.00

***2. Miscellaneous:***

Downey Brand for ERPA March 2024	\$ 5,679.00
Downey Brand for March 2024	\$18,880.72
Tom Johnson for April 2024	\$ 6,247.50
Jendi Coursey...website platform error fix	\$ 87.50
Savings Bank IWPC account (email, zoom, Adobe)	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$31,894.72

**TOTAL**

**\$32,470.72**