

A G E N D A
Regular Meeting

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

Date: September 12, 2024 **Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm—Hybrid meeting Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting at—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89668466058>

Meeting ID: 896 6846 6058

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. **Closed Session:** (est. time 1 hour)

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code §54956.8)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project

Agency Negotiators: Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

4. **Minutes**

- a. Approval/Correction of meeting minutes for August 8 & Sept. 4 2024

5. **Consent Calendar**

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

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
- d. Discussion of objectives for marketing and public education program

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

- a. Update on the Feasibility Study, Corps and funding

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 8, 2024

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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—Commissioner (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:

Present: Guinness McFadden, Bree Klotter, Phil Williams
Online: Jeannie Zolezzi, Clifford Paulin, Tom Johnson, Scott Shapiro, Tom Vanderlist,
Devon Boer, Jazzmynn Randall

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.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:08 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)
Glenn McGourty—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)
Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Tom Johnson, Clifford Paulin, Jeannie Zolezzi
Present: Guinness McFadden, Bree Klotter, Phil Williams

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Minutes

Motion by Klotter, seconded by Rodin to approve the July 11 minutes was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

Motion by Reardan, seconded by McGourty, the consent calendar items for July 2024 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

- Schoeneman reported that consolidation negotiations are going forward and are very positive.
- Reardan stated that the annexation discussions with RVCWD are moving forward.
- Pauli reported that the Potter Valley Town Hall meeting regarding potential groundwater storage and surface water storage was moved from next week to another date that will be determined, so that the consultants will have more time to prepare for expected high attendance by the community.

Potter Valley Project

- a. Status report and discussion on the Potter Valley Project—Pauli reported that negotiations are continuing with PG&E and ERPA partners so that PG&E can file their draft license surrender application by January 2025. This will be a public document that PG&E will ask for public comment on. When they file their final license application for surrender and decommissioning in June 2025, FERC will do their analysis and eventually submit an order on the final disposition of the project. ERPA will continue doing the design for the new facility and finalizing agreements and funding options.
- b. Eel-Russian Project Authority JPA update—No future meetings are scheduled as yet until more progress with PG&E is made.
- c. Continued discussion of funding ongoing PVP negotiations between MCIWPC, FERC and PG&E—Gina Bartlett was hired to facilitate Congressman Huffman’s Two Basin Solution group. She also was hired by CalTrout to keep the meetings on point and to make sure that all materials were available to all participants. Gina has submitted a budget for August 2024 through August 2025 of \$49,500. PG&E will pay \$5,000, SW \$15,000, and Humboldt and RVIT are considering what they can contribute. Pauli is requesting that IWPC would put in \$10,000 towards Gina’s bill from our current cash account. **Motion by Schoeneman, seconded by McGourty to approve \$10,000 towards Gina Bartlett’s cost for one year, was unanimously approved.**
- d. Discussion of objectives for marketing and public education program—Williams introduced the KP Public Affairs firm and their background in messaging important information to the public. The City of Ukiah will be footing the bill for these services. Vanderlist relayed that KP is a public affairs company that assists communities to understand complex issues such as the Potter Valley Project and what is happening with the decommissioning. They will assist the community in understanding what the stakes are for them and why they should care. They will develop educational messages along with ways to get the information out to the public.

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

- a. Pauli reported that Eric Nagy has submitted four questions to the Corps for discussion at the next joint meeting. Horsley went through the questions for the Commissioners.

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 8:00 p.m.

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MINUTES
Special Meeting
September 4, 2024

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. in the County Ag conference room by Chair Janet Pauli.

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 4:09 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)

The following individuals were participants:

Online: Scott Shapiro, Jeanne Zolezzi, Clifford Paulin, Beth Salomone
Present: Guinness McFadden, Bree Klotter, Dave Koball, Phil Williams

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff

IWPC Financial Accounts
September 2024

Savings Bank: IWPC account \$ 1,051 As of 9/8/2024*

*PayPal payments for July—
GSuite \$14.40
Zoom \$15.99
Total \$30.39

Mendocino County Auditor's Office \$108,511 As of April end 2024

After August 2024 bills are paid, we will have \$234,206 in the PVP account

Agency payments of \$60,000 from May 2024 billing:

PVID	Pd 5.2024	\$60,000
RRFC	Pd 5.2024	\$60,000
City of Ukiah	Pd 7.2024	\$60,000
County	Pd 8.2024	\$60,000
RVCWD	Pd 7.2024	\$30,000

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

August 2024

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs @ \$18/hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/8, 9/4	Meetings & prep	5.00	\$ 90.00
8/9	Accounting & meeting follow-up	5.00	\$ 90.00
Aug	Website maint. & updates	6.00	\$108.00
Aug	Corps, insurance report, misc.	22.00	\$396.00
Aug	Public communications/media	4.00	\$ 72.00
Sept 8	Agenda packet	6.00	<u>\$108.00</u>
	Subtotal		\$864.00

2. Miscellaneous:

Downey Brand for June 2024	\$ 8,892.00
ERPA for June 2024	\$ 1,159.86
Tom Johnson for July 2024	\$ 9,187.50
Eric Nagy for July 2024	<u>\$ 770.00</u>
Subtotal	\$20,009.36
 Gina Bartlett, Facilitator--shared expense portion	 \$10,000.00

TOTAL **\$30,873.36**