

Inland Water & Power Commission

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A G E N D A
Regular Meeting

Date: April 12, 2018 Thursday
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 5
City of Ukiah Civic Center Annex
411 West Clay
Ukiah, CA 95482

(All items are considered action items unless otherwise noted)

1. Roll Call
2. Public Expression - See end of agenda for information on public expression
3. Minutes
 - a. Approval/Correction of minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2018
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approve expenses on billing statements for March 2018
 - b. Update on financial accounts
5. Commissioner Reports — Reports by Commissioners on meetings attended or actions taken by their agencies as well as informational items, including:
 - a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use
 - b. Progress report by the Russian River Flood Control on the process to license water right
 - c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update
 - d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues
 - e. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA
 - f. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting
 - g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt. Act (SGMA)
 - h. Update on the City of Ukiah recycled water purple pipe project
 - i. Discussion of SB88 in regard to measurement requirements for water diverters
 - j. Russian River Confluence project update
 - k. CalCannabis regulation and related issues
6. Potter Valley Project
 - a. Status report on PG&E's relicensing of the Potter Valley Project hydroplant and approval of comment letter to FERC regarding the Proposed Study Plan
 - b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers and related issues
 - c. Update on the Sandoval Study

7. Update on the IWPC Communication Program and Website development
8. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study on Coyote Dam – Update on Corps' activities and input from Participating Members
 - a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam
 - b. Update on Feasibility Study & meeting with the Corps of Engineers and review of new Letter of Intent
 - c. Discussion of researching grant funding for the Feasibility Study match
 - d. Progress on Congressman Huffman's 'Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation's bill
9. NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened
 - a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports
 - b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update
 - c. Discussion of NOAA's Habitat Blueprint Plan and designation of the Russian River as the first national Focus Area
10. Discussions and reports of additional water supply sources and storage sites
11. State Water Resources Control Board - Updates on various activities from the SWRCB
 - a. AB2121
 - b. D1610
12. 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

March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, located in the City of Ukiah Civic Center Annex, 411 West Clay, Ukiah, CA by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following Commissioners were present:

Janet Pauli--Chair (Potter Valley Irrigation District)

Carre Brown—Vice-Chair (Mendocino County)

John Reardan—Commissioner (Russian River Flood Control District)

The following Commissioners were absent:

Kevin Doble--Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

Pam Ricetti—Commissioner (Redwood Valley County Water District)

The following individuals were present:

Will Carson—Alternate RRFC

Cliff Paulin—legal counsel for PVID

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

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Rearden the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2018 were unanimously approved with one correction: page 3 section 8 ‘institute’ needs to be capitalized.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Vice-Chair Brown, seconded by Reardan, the consent calendar items for January 2018 were unanimously approved

Commissioner Reports

a. Report from the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance regarding frost water use—The California Land Stewardship Institute has completed and submitted the data reports for last year’s tributary and main stem water demand management programs.

- b. Progress report by RRFCd on the process to license water right—No report.
- c. North Coast Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Consortium update—Vice-Chair Brown talked to the Corps and SCWA to remind the Corps that they have been sitting on \$600,000 of the Quagga prevention program funding for the last 3 years and the issue needs to be addressed.
- d. Update regarding actions and discussion of the state water bond issues—No report
- e. Report on the Upper Russian River Water Agency JPA—Carson reported that Willow has decided to step back from the URRWA JPA as they did not agree with some of the decisions and actions that were being taken by the JPA. He is hoping that the JPA will hear what the issues are in the next few weeks. He mentioned that Willow has all the water they need, and their equipment is well maintained.
- f. Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting—The next meeting is scheduled for March 28 at the Cloverdale Veterans Hall.
- g. Discussion of ground water rights & Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Act (SGMA)— Vice-Chair Brown reported that the USGS will come and talk about their study at the April 12 meeting. The MOU for the Technical Advisory Committee was approved at today's SGMA meeting.
- h. City of Ukiah purple pipe recycled water program—No report.
- i. Discussion of SB88 (measurement requirements for water diverters)—Water users now need to prove to the state that they have a meter at their diversion points, identify who installed the meter and that they were qualified to install it. The state board will end up with a lot of data that may be very confusing as the meters will be measuring riparian, appropriative and RRFCd water at the same time.
- j. Russian River Confluence project update—No report.
- k. CalCannabis regulation and related issues—Vice-Chair Brown reported that the county has a new employee that will be administering the County's program.
- l. Eel/Russian River Commission—Vice-Chair Brown reported that Paul Kubicek talked about the fisheries study for the PVP, there was an update on the FERC relicensing process and there was a discussion on the JPA that formed the Eel/Russian River Commission. David Moller of PG&E talked about the PVP relicensing and 3 possible options: sell the project, withdrawn notice of intent and request the project be orphaned or continue to operate the project.
- m. The Russian River Property Owners Association (Alexander Valley, Sonoma County) are having a meeting next month and Pauli, Brown and Devon Jones will be speaking to them about the PVP relicensing.

Potter Valley Project

a. Status report on PG&E's relicensing of the PVP—Chair Pauli reported that all of the studies that are not in dispute will be started this Spring and should be completed by the end of 2019. Congressman Huffman's Ad Hoc Committee has decided that they are going to get a facilitator to discuss specific items of concern in regard to the PVP relicensing including fish passage and potential changes in flow. They also will be talking about whether it is feasible to build a ladder, notch the dam, trap and haul and other possible ways to reconnect the watershed above Scott dam at Lake Pillsbury for migrating salmonids.

b. Update on current Lake Pillsbury releases to the Eel & Russian rivers—Chair Pauli reported that the Potter Valley Drought Working Group met on February 28, but their March meeting was cancelled due to the fact that the dam gates had been closed and the lake had risen above the spill crest. A new meeting will be called if warranted.

c. Sam Sandoval Study—Chair Pauli received an update from Sandoval. His graduate student is about done with her analysis of the aquatic studies to find out what modeling they think they need to have. They will have a detailed report next month along with an update on the study that IWPC has commissioned them to do.

Update on the IWPC Communication Program

a. Website—Chair Pauli had given the Commissioners the draft wording for the website and asked that they all review it and comment. She asked that they look at the section on Shared Water Resources in particular. She will be adding photos and asking the web developers to start putting everything together for review. The Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback at the meeting.

Chair Pauli asked the Commissioners if they were willing to sponsor the new film "A River's Last Chance" to be shown in Ukiah, possibly at the Ukiah Civic Center. Vice-Chair Brown suggested that the Commissioners hold an IWPC meeting in the Council Chambers and show the film also. The Commissioners will discuss it in more detail at the April meeting.

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

a. Report on Lake Mendocino water levels and conditions at Coyote Valley Dam—No report.

b. Discussion of Feasibility Study (FS)—Chair Pauli reported that there is to be a conference call with Corps representatives but as yet, nothing has been set. Vice-Chair Brown discussed the meeting with the Corps regarding Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma. She submitted a written statement on County letterhead delineating many points including funding for Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention, the spillway, the jeopardy decision under the Endangered Species Act, and the lapse of contracts for the recreational aspects of the lake and the resultant lack of visitors.

c. Discussion of grant funding for the FS—No report.

d. Progress on Huffman's Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations bill—The Scripps Institute team are very active in the area monitoring all of their weather stations and putting in new stream gauge monitors for every storm event.

NMFS Listing of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead as Threatened

a. Executive Committee and/or Public Policy Facilitating Committee Reports—Commissioner Carson reported on the PPFC meeting. It was reported that citizens are breaching the lagoon because they think they are helping the fish. They also took a field trip of the restoration efforts to divert and slow down the water, to make haven pockets and appropriate habitat shelters for the fish when the water is flowing swiftly. The cost for these improvements was \$7 million a mile.

b. Biological Opinion Implementation Update—No report.

c. Discussion of NOAA's Habitat Blueprint Plan and designation of the Russian River as the first National Focus Area—No report.

Discussions and Reports of Additional Water Supply Sources and Storage Sites

No report.

State Water Resources Control Board Items

AB2121—No report.

D1610—No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Candace Horsley
IWPC staff

IWPC Financial Accounts

April 2018

Savings Bank: IWPC account (Quarterly statements)	\$ 867	As of 4/8/18
Savings Bank: Corps account (Monthly statements)	\$ 785	As of 4/8/18
Mendocino County Auditor's Office	\$ 35,906	As of 2/2018

MENDOCINO COUNTY INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION

Billing Statement

March 2018

1. Staff Charges:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/18	Website, Corps, misc	2.00	\$18.00	\$ 36.00
3/21	Minutes	1.50	\$18.00	\$ 27.00
4/4	State compensation report	1.00	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
4/8	Agenda packet	1.00	\$18.00	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
Subtotal				\$ 99.00

TOTAL				\$99.00
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