

Mendocino County

Inland Water & Power Commission

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All Boards Special Meeting

May 29, 2025

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Center Chenin Blanc room by Chair Janet Pauli.

The following IWPC 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)

Mari Rodin—Commissioner (City of Ukiah)

Madeline Cline—Commissioner (County of Mendocino Water Agency)

The following IWPC agency representatives were participants:

City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, Redwood Valley Water District, PVID and RRFC.

County of Mendocino Board of Supervisors – Madeline Cline, Maureen Mulheren, John

Haschak, Bernie Norvell, and Ted Williams; Staff Present: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy

Clerk of the Board; Redwood Valley County Water District Members – Derek Dahlen,

Bree Klotter, Tom Schoeneman, Ken Todd, and Adam Gaska; Russian River Flood

Control District Members – Dave Koball, John Reardan, Chris Watt; Members Absent:

Tyler Rodrique and John Bailey; Staff Present: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager;

Potter Valley Irrigation District Members – Guinness McFadden, Dan Thornton, Janet

Pauli, and Steve Guintini; Member Absent: Mac Magruder. Staff Present: Don Brown,

Superintendent; Cliff Paulin, Legal Counsel; and Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/Treasurer.

Informational Briefing – issues related to the water supply from PG&E’s Potter Valley Project

A – Context: PG&E and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)—Scott Shapiro presenter

B – Proposal for a new diversion structure: the New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF)—Tom Johnson presenter

C – The Water Diversion Agreement – Framework for the right to divert water—Scott Shapiro presenter

D – The need for additional storage of water in the Russian Watershed (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study and other storage options)—Eric Nagy presenter

E – Next steps: likely costs, needed actions, and timing

A question and answer session between the audience and presenters was held during and after the briefings. (The PowerPoint presentation is available on the IWPC website -- www.mendoiwpc.com under the Stay Informed tab)

Closed Session

The Commissioners went into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

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Other participants: Representatives from the attending agencies, attorneys and staff.

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session at 9:06 p.m. No reportable action under the Brown Act was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Candace Horsley
IWPC Staff