

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 3, 2026

At District Office: 304 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. Roll Call

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
John Reardan, Vice President
Tyler Rodrigue, Treasurer
Dave Koball, Trustee

Trustees Absent: John Bailey, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

2. Approval of Agenda

No public comment was offered.

Treasurer Rodrigue moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Koball seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (Koball, Rodrigue Reardan, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Bailey)

CLOSED SESSION

Before entering Closed Session, President Watt made the following statement:

The District received an email from a member of the public following it's last Regular Board meeting on July 6, 2026.

The communication alleged a potential violation of the Brown Act and requested the District cure and correct the alleged violation by declaring any and all actions, decisions, votes, or directions given to staff during the July 6, 2026 closed session to be null and void.

As reflected in the draft minutes for July 6, 2026, the only action taken in closed session was direction to staff which is hereby declared null and void and staff will take no action as directed.

Before entering Closed Session, President Watt asked for public comment on this item and none was offered.

3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: Potter Valley Project | *Agency negotiator:* General Manager, General Counsel, Board Members

Negotiating parties: Agency, Inland Water & Power Agency, PG&E | *Under negotiation:* Purchasing Entity

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4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: *One case (Article 12 of the Uniform Water Sale & Purchase Agreement).*
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Lee Howard et al. v. Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control Annexation of Redwood Valley County Water District et al. Mendocino County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV02914 (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code § 54956.9)

The Board entered closed session with legal counsel at 5:33 PM. The Board returned to open public session at 6:27 PM. Reportable action: none.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

6. Public Expression

No one showed an interest in commenting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

7. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) Updates

Trustee Koball, the District's alternate appointee to IWPC, and GM Salomone provided updates from the June 10, 2026 Special IWPC meeting.

IWPC Executive Director Recruitment: (from the IWPC staff report) The ad hoc committee requested the Commission approve the recruitment process and delegate authority to the ad hoc committee to hire a recruitment consultant, which was approved. The overall recruitment process was reviewed.

Expanded Storage Capacity at Lake Mendocino: The IWPC ad hoc committee meets regularly and presentations are provided at the IWPC meetings. Trustee Koball and GM Salomone provided information and responded to questions on funding, timeline, and alternatives.

IWPC External Funding: The Sonoma Water Federal Lobbyist provided an update at the most recent Upper Russian River Water Manager's meeting that efforts were being made to reinstate Federal money previously allocated to the region and then put on hold by the current Federal administration. The CA Fish and Wildlife funding has been secured by the Eel Russian Project Authority with funds being allocated to IWPC for both the Lake Mendocino and Potter Valley community storage projects.

IWPC Finances: It was noted IWPC is now providing more detailed financial reporting. President Watt asked if regular progress is being reported at IWPC meetings and Trustee Koball responded that IWPC ad hoc committee reporting has become a regular feature at the meetings. President Watt noted it will be important for the new IWPC Executive Director to provide regular comprehensive reports on the implementation of strategic efforts.

GM Salomone noted the signed Reimbursement Agreement for Overhead Services Related to the Potter Valley Water Supply Reliability Study contract between Sonoma Water Agency and IWPC was received by RRFC from Sonoma Water and therefore meets the terms RRFC stated for its financial contribution to cover the costs.

IWPC Outreach & Education: The ad hoc committee is working to issue more frequent and more timely press releases on relevant issues.

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Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA): A meeting is being held later in the week; see ERPA website for more information.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

8. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the report and reviewed the attached correspondence, including the written communication by Lee Howard requesting cure and correct on alleged violation of the Brown Act.

9. Water Supply Conditions Update

GM Salomone presented the report and a few comments were made.

10. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the July 2026 Financial Reports
- b) Approval of July 6, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c) Adoption of Revisions to Policy 2020: Electronic Document Retention

Trustee Koball moved to approve the consent calendar. Vice President Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (Koball, Rodrigue Reardan, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Bailey)

11. Trustee & Committee Reports

GM Salomone provided an update on the Trustee election process.

12. Direction on Future Agenda Items – none noted.

ADJOURNMENT

President Watt adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on September 14, 2026



Christopher Watt
President of the Board of Trustees



Elizabeth Salomone
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Vice President
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