

Action Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)  
Held Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Online by Zoom at URL <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233910849>

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jessica Stull-Otto at 6:03 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

**Council members**

Jessica Stull-Otto, Lew Chichester, Dane Downing, Kathy Britton, Charles Sargenti (Alternate), Laura Betts

**Officials**

John Haschak, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor, Matt Kendall, Mendocino County Sheriff, James Sookne and Nephele Barrett, MCOG

**General Public**

Pat Sobrero, Lourance Hall, Mary Jane Cummings, Patricia

2. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Action taken: Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings was approved by consensus

4. August 4<sup>th</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.

5. MCOG (Mendocino Council of Governments) report on the bike path: Nephele Barrett reported that the project was in the midst of obtaining right-of-way– appraisals of affected properties and offers to property owners are in process. The current timeline is to submit the project to Cal Trans for funding allocation on January 26<sup>th</sup> assuming rights-of-way are in hand by then.

6. Report from Sheriff Kendal & Public Comment.

On the recruitment of resident deputies Sheriff Kendall announced he and his undersheriff are working on more bonus possibilities, and will present to the Board of Supervisors in the next few weeks. He also hopes to open up the in-person monthly community meetings in the near future.

7. Report from Supervisor John Haschak & Public Comment.

- Update on transfer station improvements to accommodate the “possum belly” hauler. The project is to go before the Board on November 16. A \$15,000 grant has been obtained from the Mendocino Community Foundation for engineering. Funds remaining after engineering has been paid can be applied toward construction. The contractor bid (Wylacki) has come in at about \$50,000. To repay these costs a fee increase of between \$2 and \$2.50 per cubic yard, which currently stands at \$27.85, has been proposed. This project is separate from the work envisioned under the Community Development Block Grant of \$4 million still in the works.
- Cell phone service – John wanted to know if cell service had improved since the new tower work had been completed. Laura Betts described two life or death situations that put elders at extreme risk due to no cell service. Charles Sargenti volunteered to post on social media as well as the MAC email list asking for other user’s experiences, to be forwarded to John.
- Redistricting – the final meeting of the Redistricting Commission was occurring during the MAC meeting and the recommendations will go to the Board on November 18.

8. Discussion, Public Comment, & Possible Action: Loose Dogs & Safety Concerns

Lew Chichester described ongoing problems with loose dogs. Laura Betts addressed the issue in relation to tribal lands and the difficulties tribal police have due to lack of proper facilities. Laura further explained that the Tribal Council and Sheriff Kendall have discussed possible county code changes to allow county animal control to assume jurisdiction where needed on tribal land. Laura averred that the issue should be brought before the Tribal Council sometime after Council elections have been concluded. Lew agreed with Laura's assessment and the two agreed to work on this issue together going forward.

9. Action taken: PG&E - Enhanced Vegetation Management – letter of support for the Redwood Valley MAC letter regarding PG&E's overreach in clear-cutting trees along its power line rights-of-way, to be addressed to the Board of Supervisors. Lew Chichester moved to send the letter of support, Jessica Stull-Otto seconded, motion carried by consensus. Lew agreed to draft the letter and forward to Jessica to transfer to our official MAC letterhead and send to the Board.

10. No further action was taken by the Council. Meeting was adjourned by the Presiding Officer at 7:48 p.m.

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<https://mac.roundvalley.org/agendas-minutes/>