

Action Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)
Held Wednesday, September 1, 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), James Russ, Laura Betts

Officials

Tom Fitzgerald, CalTrans, Travis Killmer, Mendocino County Executive Office Disaster Recovery Field Coordinator, John Haschak, 3rd District Supervisor

General Public

Pat Sobrero, Heidi Edwards, Lourance Hall, Mary Jane Cummings, Carol Borden, Susan O'Brien, Dee Mullen

2. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Minutes for March 3 and April 7 were approved by consensus.

4. Tribal Council Update & Public Comment.

Out of 316 tests in the last 14 days 87 tested positive, there were 7 hospitalizations, ages ranging from 3 to 74, and 3 deaths.

5. Discussion, Public Comment, & Possible Action: Public safety and enforcement needs.

Tom Fitzgerald from CalTrans spoke about Clean California grants which are available for local projects both on and off the CalTrans right-of-way. He provided a visual representation of a traffic calming configuration on Hwy 162 going through town consisting of diagonal parking with trees and "bulb outs" on the block ends. CalTrans is already taking steps to make this a reality and once a project list is developed will be looking for community input. This project could either be CalTrans led or if appropriate the county could submit a Clean California grant proposal with CalTrans help.

ACTION TAKEN: Jessica will invite CalTrans with their Clean California liaison to attend the next meeting

6. Discussion, Public Comment, & Possible Action: Disaster Preparedness and Possibility of CalTrans Truck being kept in Round Valley.

Tom reiterated that the dump truck will stay in Covelo over the winter and clarified that the pickup with a plow which was available in the Willits yard could be used if needed and the employee who lives in Covelo could be let off early to drive it. Heidi Edwards informed Tom that there was no dump truck in Covelo at present and he responded that there should be and he would look into it.

7. Discussion, Public Comment, & Possible Action: Community Resilience Grant. Application Deadline September 8th. For more info please see: 2021 PG&E Wildfire Ready and Resilient Grant Opportunity | California Fire Safe Council (cafiresafecouncil.org)

Travis Killmer of the county executive office reported that the Mendocino Fire Safe Council was applying for this grant and intends to distribute it in micro grants to communities in the county, therefore we

should apply to the Council for whatever project we had in mind. He also mentioned he would be attending the MAC meetings going forward on an ongoing basis as they relate to disaster recovery and could also relate concerns back to the Executive Office if needed. He further explained that his job description includes attending MAC meetings and other agencies such as fire districts and water districts to provide a link to these entities and the executive office.

8. Report from Supervisor John Haschak & Public Comment.

The Ordinance 22.18 referendum petition was declared valid with 4100 signatures, more than required, and will go before the Board on the 14th. Efforts are continuing to do something about illegal water hauling. Final redistricting map will go before the Board on November 18. Mr. Russ inquired about the status of the Community Development Block Grant the tribe is partnering with the county on. It's still in process. Mr. Russ then advised that the tribe has moved forward using its own resources to get started and has spent \$100K so far and has cleaned up cars and debris at the old Louisiana Pacific mill site. Tom Fitzgerald mentioned that CalTrans, through Clean California, was working on offering help with community cleanup and would welcome ideas from the community in that regard.

9. No further action was taken by the Council. Meeting was adjourned by the Presiding Officer at 8:11 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION THE VIDEO OF THE MEETING ON ZOOM CAN BE VIEWED AT:

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