

Action Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)  
Held Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Online by Zoom at URL <https://zoom.us/j/2324039636>

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Charles Sargenti at 6:02 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

**Council members**

Lew Chichester, Charles Sargenti (Alternate), Kathy Britton, Dane Downing, Jessica Stull-Otto, James Russ, Michelle Downey

**Officials**

Travis Killmer, Mendocino County Executive Office Disaster Recovery Field Coordinator, Matt Kendall, Mendocino County Sheriff office, John Haschak, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor, Christian Curtis, County Counsel, Julia Peterson, Cal Trans, Jeff Tyrrell, Mendocino County broadband consultant

**General Public**

Pat Sobrero, Mary Jane Cummings, Lourance Hall, Mary Lou Mileck, Patricia Mera, Tina Wilson

2. **Action taken:** Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings was approved by consensus after motion by Lew Chichester and second by Kathy Britton

3. Approval of May 4 meeting minutes. Motion by Lew seconded by Dane to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote as follows: Lew, yes, Jessica, yes, Kathy, yes, Dane, yes, Charles, no. Matter tabled until the next regular meeting, wherein a simple majority vote will govern according to the Council consensus voting procedure.

4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items. Pat Sobrero announced that the Fire and Disaster Preparedness Working Group has resumed meeting monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 4-6 pm at the Library Commons Community room via a hybrid Zoom format. Patricia Mera announced the start of a community effort to develop a skate park in Round Valley. Lourance Hall mentioned that the Sheriff's meeting is slated to take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, this month falling on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m. at the Rodeo Grounds

5. Discussion County counsel Christian Curtis: "Discussion of Brown Act Issues Related to Ad Hoc Committee"

County counsel discussed various Brown Act considerations relevant to MAC members meeting outside of Council meetings. Specifically it was noted that any meeting where a quorum of members was present, such as a meeting of an ad hoc committee comprised of three members with a special district one or more members of which was also a MAC member, has special requirements in order to avoid Brown Act violations. In the case where MAC business is discussed these meetings must be noticed in advance, with an agenda, to the general public.

6. Discussion & Possible Action: Town water ad hoc committee: formal confirmation of membership as designated at the March meeting  
This matter was tabled until the July meeting.

7. Discussion & Possible Action: Julia Peterson from CalTrans update on Streetscape Improvement

## project and Free Dump Day in Covelo

Julia discussed several CalTrans programs for Clean California:

- a. Adopt-A-Highway – community groups pick up the trash and Cal Trans takes care of the rest. Email [Brenda.Rose@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Brenda.Rose@dot.ca.gov) to adopt and plan pick up events
- b. Free Dump Days – items accepted are specific to each community and also depend on contractor related factors. Covelo will be the first combination of Free Dump day and a community wide cleanup effort. Tires may not be accepted unless the contract is finalized with the processor in time.
- c. There will be another Free Dump day in the spring which is another first for this program.
- d. Generally household trash is not eligible but the category of “accumulated trash” can be accepted.
- e. Public reports to CalTrans of litter or other concerns along the highways can be made at <https://csr.dot.ca.gov>
- f. Maintenance agreements can be entered into with communities where they are reimbursed for costs of removing trash along the state right-of-way and for other activities such as graffiti removal.
- g. Local grant programs – e.g. the downtown beautification and streetscape improvement project in the works. Cal Trans is now officially in the public engagement phase of this project. A steering committee of local residents has been formed and the members are Pat Sobrero, Susan O’Brien, Jessica Stull-Otto, Michelle Downey, Lourance Hall, Tina Wilson, Patricia Mera, Dean Meyer, Jessi Alvarado

**8. Action Taken:** Treasurer’s report and allocation of remaining funds before the fiscal year ends. Due to time constraints the Council voted to take this up at a special meeting in the near future.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action:** Presentation by Jeff Tyrrell regarding Mendocino county broadband and recent allocation of funding from the state.

SB 156, passed in 2021, allocates \$6.25 billion to connect households to high-speed broadband. The effort breaks out into middle mile and last mile, corresponding to state highways and county roads respectively. Mendocino will be eligible to apply for \$57 million dollars of the funding. Hwy. 162 is part of the middle mile designation. Before 2025 last mile plans must be submitted and approved, and construction must be complete before 2027.

10. No further action was taken by the Council. Meeting was adjourned, after motion by Lew and second by Kathy Britton, which was approved by consensus, by the Presiding Officer at 8:12 p.m

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

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