

MEETING OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings (see Attachment A).
4. Approval of June minutes
5. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: closure of public access to Eel River. What, if anything, can the MAC do to support restoration of community access. Sponsor Bill Cull
7. Report from County and Tribal officials & Public Comment:
 - a. Tribal Council update
 - b. Sheriff Kendall
 - c. Supervisor Haschak
 - d. Travis Kilmer, County Office of Emergency Services
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Special election. The MAC currently does not have a Presiding Officer. Therefore it would be appropriate to hold a special election to remedy that circumstance at this time or in the near future. Recommended action. Hold special election for Presiding Officer of the MAC. Sponsors Kay and Charles
9. Discussion and Possible Action: Agenda approval. Due to a number of circumstances the Agenda for our monthly meetings has not been prepared by the Presiding Officer, as has been the custom since inception of the MAC, since January of this year. Although the Council has not weighed in on the matter, the individual preparing the Agenda (many thanks to that individual!) has deemed it obligatory to submit the Agenda for pre-approval to either the (elected) Presiding Officer or the Assistant Presiding Officer. However this practice raises a number of questions. 1) it is not in the Bylaws but if it is a requirement it should be. 2) In practice it has been a rubber stamp matter. Is another bylaw appropriate? 3) This potentially can conflict with the Council's oft expressed principle of giving voice to all members of the community. Pre-approval of the Agenda other than by rubber stamping can have only one effect, which is to censor or deny a particular proposed Agenda item. Since all members of the Council are free to add items to the Agenda it would NOT serve to give the Presiding Officer (or other party as the case may be) an opportunity to add something as that opportunity exists already. Furthermore approval of the Agenda is already required under our existing (although not necessarily codified) bylaws. Any problematic agenda items can thus be addressed by the Council as a whole and would be much more appropriate in terms of transparency. Recommended action: since approval of the agenda is already part of the meeting process and other reasons adopt a Resolution stating that no pre-approval of the monthly Agenda is required and should only be undertaken if it is the final step in a collaborative effort between the preparer of the Agenda and the reviewer. Sponsor Charles
10. Discussion and Possible Action: Bringing in-house all the various electronic media and equipment

currently under the control of various individuals. The Council utilizes a number of electronic media formats to communicate with the public, such as a website, Google group email, Zoom account, etc. Initially all these important communication tools were curated and controlled (either directly or indirectly) by individual Council members so it little mattered who owned them. Today several initial members are no longer on the Council. It is probably time to begin the process of consolidating all these things within the MAC itself. Recommended action: appoint someone to draw up a list of all the communication tools the MAC currently depends on and to develop recommendations for bringing these tools in house and under the control of the MAC. It may possibly make sense to hire an outside consultant to assist with this effort as some of these items are highly technical. Sponsor: Charles

11. If available an update on the RVCDC's attempt to secure funding for a planning and feasibility study for a fire hydrant system in the town area of Covelo.

12. Treasurer's report

13. Next Meeting: August 2, 2023. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

14. Adjournment