

MEETING OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)5.

Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Action Item: Approval of January 03, 2024 meeting minutes.
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
 - a. Availability of grant funding for Seismic Retrofit_ Seismic retrofit grant funding is available to eligible zip codes in Mendocino County! Registration for the “Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program” is open until February 21, 2024._The Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) Program, jointly administered by the California Earthquake Authority and the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, offers eligible homeowners grants for up to\$3,000. The grants help offset the cost of seismic retrofits that brace the cripple walls of older homes, when present, and bolt houses to their foundations, making them less vulnerable to earthquake damage. (Covelo 95428 is included)
 - b. Mendocino Fire Safe Council Public meeting at the Library Commons on February 8, 2024, 5:00-6:30 p.m. “Prepare for Wildfire”.
 - c. Mendocino County Permitting Process Inland Community Stakeholders Meeting: The Mendocino County Division of Environmental Health and Planning and Building Services are excited to invite all stakeholders to meet on February 13, 2024. The Departments value your input and collaboration, and this meeting will focus on discussing and improving the permitting process in our departments. Agenda Highlights:
 - Overview of the current permitting process
 - Discussion of recent updates and proposed changes
 - Opportunities for community feedback and suggestions
 - Collaborative brainstorming for a more efficient and accessible process
5. County and Tribal officials & Public Comment:
 - a. Tribal Council update
 - b. Sheriff Kendall
 - c. Supervisor Haschak (Mr. Haschak will not be present tonight due to other obligations.)
 - d. Mendocino County DOT
 - e. Julia Peterson, Project Director - Cal Trans Traffic Mitigation and Beautification Project; other potential projects for Covelo’s streets under HM4 Safety Program

Old Business:

6. Discussion/update and possible action: Continuing discussion on the possibility of the county creating a safe housing area for deputy sheriff and other essential county employees and health care workers on the Forestry Service property located at the Covelo Ranger Station. Whether to request the county to look at the Department of Agriculture – Rural Development - Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities) for possible funding. Sheriff Kendall previously reported that there are several houses that could be possibly utilized. He is looking for an agreement with the Forest Service.

7. Discussion and possible action: Approve a maximum of \$250 for technical consultation for RVAMAC website, email, and possible other technical media platforms in order to assure ongoing MAC access and control (Imil Ferrera consultant). This item was tabled at the January 3, 2024, meeting for additional information from Charles Sargenti.

8. Discussion and possible action: “Transportation planning and data collection”? DOT was supposed to coordinate with County DOT to make sure they had enough notice to get traffic data on Main St. prior to the 162-downtown project. At the last steering committee meeting it was clear that they had not yet made sure to coordinate with DOT and that the CalTrans project would leave a couple week time frame between stopping construction and installing speed bumps where there would be a return to “normal” traffic on Main St. Unfortunately, they seem to have only had this window of time between the construction barrier removal and the installation of the speed humps for a couple weeks including during the Thanksgiving week. Did DOT receive enough notice and were given enough time to plan accordingly. This item was tabled at the January 3, 2024, meeting due to Jessica Stull-Otto being absent.

9. Discussion and possible action: The parking in front of the library was recently repaved and the lines have not yet been re-striped. Discussion at the Friends of the Library meeting was to make the parking situation safer for pedestrians who have to walk behind big trucks in the oncoming traffic lane to walk north to reach the library. Additionally, there has been a 2nd crash into the garbage can in front of the library, next to the book drop box, from people pulling in too fast or something. Discussion about changing the parking in that section or having DOT work with the owner of the next parcel to the south to make a safer walking area. This is especially important since the speed humps may result in more people driving south on Main to avoid the 162 speed humps when driving south from Howard by the library. This item was tabled at the January 3, 2024, meeting due to Jessica Stull-Otto being absent.

New Business:

10. Discussion and possible action: Request to Howard Dashiell, Mendocino County DOT, to correct street signage in the Round Valley area. List of the identified problems provided by Lew Chichester.. Proposed letter submitted.

11. Discussion and possible action: Ongoing problems in the community with uncontained dogs, dogs that have been abandoned (dumped), dogs killing other dogs and creating a nuisance and potential safety issue. (John Haschak did speak with Rich Molinari at Animal Control about this concern.)

12. Discussion and possible action: Installation and maintenance of sidewalks and other safety improvements in Covelo by the HM4 Safety Program on the South side of Howard Street from the Library to Foothill Boulevard (schools). Proposed letter to Andreas Krause submitted.

13. Discussion and possible action: Powerpoint presentation from Lourance Hall and Pat Higgins on the Eel River Recovery Project:

- Town Creek Site Bioengineering Project, School Involvement
- Pilot for solution RVCWD jurisdiction-wide solution.
- Future Grant for Town/Airport implementation & RVCWD/RVIT Joint Planning for Valley Floor-wide
- Phase II of CalTrans grant - Bioengineering Fix for All Mill Creek and Tributary (?) erosion and high flood risk sites.
- Explain that ERRP is doing watershed analysis that helps frame upland conditions that are causing problems in stream channels and what solutions are to excess sediment and perturbed hydrology (increased peak flows and decreased base flows).

14. Treasurer's report

15. Next Meeting: March 06, 2024. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

16. Adjournment