

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

Wednesday, December 04, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of November 06, 2024 meeting minutes - minutes not prepared. (See item 6b.)
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
 - 4a. The January RVAMAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 due to January 1, 2025 being New Year's Day.
 - 4b. Draft of Mendocino County's Legislative Platform (on BOS Agenda for approval December 3, 2024). Draft attached.
 - 4c. Email from Jared Prado re: appreciation for RVAMAC support of his proposal to USFS for the career ladder Recreation Technician Position. He also provided some information about the "Legacy Trails Program/grant". Email is attached.
5. Reports from County and Tribal officials:
 - a. Tribal Council
 - b. Sheriff Kendall
 - c. Supervisor Haschak
 - d. Mendocino County DOT
 - e. MCOG

6. New Business:

6a. Discussion and possible action. The Fire and Disaster Preparedness Group has prepared a log of the various county road signs, with appropriate notes. Many of the intersections in the valley are missing signs, or have a sign with the county road designation and no name. The concern is that an emergency responder will likely be directed to a location by the name of the road, such as “Charlie Hurt” or “Hopper” or “Ledger” and there are no county road signs with these designations, just a county road sign which might indicate “CR337F” as an example. This is not satisfactory. A RVAMAC resolution requesting that the County Department of Transportation provide road signage which corresponds to the name of the road in use by the public and noted on various maps of the area is requested. A timely review and response by the County Department of Transportation related to this request of the RVAMAC is needed. Log is attached.

6b. Discussion and possible action: The RVAMAC was not notified of PBS’s requirement (developed by PBS sometime last year or early this year) that a formal written contract would be needed for preparation of MAC minutes. Per Danielle Fitts, Senior Department Analyst at PBS, “last year/early this year, the new Auditor-Controller rereviewed all MAC documents and made the determination that all MAC’s should be treated similarly to a department. This means that any facility rentals or service providers would require a contract. With that, we can establish a contract with Kay Richards pending a few requirements. They must have a business and current County business license (if located within County limits), can show that they advertise their services to the general public (like online), they provide services that a County employee would not be able to, and they meet all insurance requirements. In some instances, I can get around the insurance if all other criteria is met. I have attached a boilerplate contract agreement for reference. We can contract for up to 3 years per County Purchasing Policy 1. Please let me know if we should begin this process or how you would like me to proceed.”

The RVAMAC minutes for November 6, 2024 are pending completion of the resolution of this issue. The county’s required contract is attached.

6c. Discussion and possible action: approval to apply to the California Walks program for a FREE Safety Action Plan training - Application is due December 18, 2024. California Walks is offering to develop and hold a pedestrian and bicycle safety workshop in Covelo/Round Valley. If this is something the community would like to see happen, the Planning and Building Services Department would be happy to facilitate.

The application deadline is 12/18/2024. The application URL is:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f96ac6ceafbb430db52b9ab33574537e>

The program offers a community-wide workshop focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety through the Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) or the Comunidades Activas y Seguras (CAyS) training, specifically tailored to engage Spanish-speaking communities. Throughout the program, California Walks and UC Berkeley SafeTREC work alongside local stakeholders and residents through a planning committee model to help them develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety while strengthening community connections.

7. Old Business:

7a. Discussion and possible action: county noise control ordinance. Supervisor Haschak said that Supervisor McGourty and the county are working on a county ordinance for the BOS approval that would include a provision for fines. How can the RVAMAC assist?

7b. Discussion and possible action: letter of support for Covelo Fire Hydrant project. If appropriate, Lew Chichester to give a brief report on the town fire hydrant project and request an official letter of support from the RVAMAC which could be used for a grant application to the USDA, the Mendocino Community Foundation and other potential sources of funding for the planning, initial engineering, review by LAFCo and an eventual ballot measure for a parcel tax. (Tabled at November meeting)

7c. Discussion/possible action: if any proposed letter from affected community members is presented, the RVAMAC will consider approval on behalf of legal growers as to lopsided enforcement of County cannabis laws. Supervisor Haschak said he can take a RVAMAC letter to the BOS on this issue. (Tabled at November meeting)

7d. Discussion and possible action: 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.

7e. 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.

8. Treasurer's report

9. Next Meeting: January 07, 2025. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Adjournment