

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

Wednesday, April 02, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Library Commons 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, CA

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Minutes

1. *Call to Order at 6:01. Roll call: Dane Downing, Marylou Mileck, Laura Betts, Kathy Britton present. James Russ, Michelle Downey and Charles Sargenti absent.*

2. *Approval of 4/2 Agenda. Dane moved to approve; approved with no objections.*

3. *Approval of March 05, 2025 meeting minutes. Dane moved to approve; approved with no objections.*

4. *Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.*

4a. *Round Valley Prescribed Burn Association, Basic 32 Entry Level wildland fire course - April 11-13, and April 25-27, 2025, at the Rec Center. 40-hour course plus prep online. For more information email or call Lourance. lourancehall@gmail.com. (707)972-3637*

4b. *County Planning & Building is conducting a community stakeholders meeting at the Round Valley Public Library on April 23, 2025, at 3pm at the Library Commons regarding a possible ordinance for the Inland area (Division I) as to Short Term Rentals. The County is planning similar meetings for a county-wide ordinance for Light Impact Camping, which have not been scheduled. The press release is posted on the landing page of the RVAMAC website at mac.roundvalley.org.*

4c. *On April 6, 2025 from 10am-2pm, the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library will be cleaning up the Commons and requests the community's help. Correction 10am-12pm.*

4d. *The County Economic Development Division held a community meeting on March 27, 2025, regarding how small growers can compete in a market dominated by large-scale growers and decreasing prices. The meeting invited growers, dispensary employees and other community members to come together and identify the issues they are facing in the cannabis industry. Representatives from the county economic development department, planning and building services, and the cannabis department, were to attend.*

A pre-meeting survey was available, which still appears to be active at:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ElJUIP_6w0Kfn-dnbJinoUkdNOCSaU9IjZcN8vNVWPZUOVY1REdRRkxDMjMyOEhPTUhEV0EyU1NXVy4u.

4e. The County Drought Task Force has opened a portal for public comment on its Drought Response Plan until April 25, 2025, after which it will be presented for approval to the BOS on May 20, 2025. Covelo is considered a high risk area, but not the Round Valley Indian Tribes. The Task Force presentation to the BOS on March 27, 2025, and links to the plan and to make comments can be found on the landing page of the RVAMAC website at mac.roundvalley.org.

Other non-agenda items:

Kay Richards resigned March 20th due to a conflict. Her seat is open if anyone is interested.

Patricia Mera would like better communication from the county regarding the future of the Round Valley Skate Park Project and information from the BOS before the end of their fiscal year. Others voiced frustration regarding the lack of engagement from the county in general.

5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:

a. Tribal Council. No one from Tribal Council was present.

b. Sheriff Kendall. *Sergeant Dustin Lorenzo reported that Sheriff Kendall is attending another MAC meeting in Gualala which may be an ongoing conflict. Two new deputies were assigned to the coast. Call volume has been down in RV. No new on item 7a. Item 7c: Housing has not been the biggest challenge; getting deputies to agree to live in RV has. 7d: If RVIT adopts the County Municipal codes which authorize County Animal Care to enforce those codes on tribal land - or RVIT enforces their own codes - more could be done. The problem is not unique to reservation land, nor is it unique to RV.*

c. Supervisor Haschak. *Not present. No report.*

d. Mendocino County DOT. *Not present. No report.*

e. MCOG. *Not present. No report.*

f. Office of Assemblyman Chris Rogers. *Monica Barragan, Chris Rogers' representative, let us know that it will take time to get response from Cannabis Control. 6d: Lew Chichester, Rio Cardone, John Haschak, Sheriff Kendall, as well as representatives from Planning & Building and Code Abatement attended a meeting at Low Gap. There are laws in place - why are they not being enforced? The takeaway from Lew is "they don't care!". County staff do understand our concerns, however, they don't have the resources to do anything.*

6. New Business:

6a. Discussion and possible action: Request from the Redwood Valley MAC to support their efforts to call for a moratorium of five years on all new fossil fuel gas stations and expansions of existing stations. Draft Ordinance provided. *No action taken.*

6b. Discussion and possible action: Letter from Round Valley Library Commons re: Room Rental Fee Update, and requesting approval of completion of the Rental Use Agreement and the payment of \$10.00 per hour fee. This results in \$20.00 per meeting x nine meetings (April -December 2025) or \$180.00 for the balance of this calendar year. *RVAMAC will pay for the next three months, and then for a full year after our fiscal year ends June 30th, 2025. Dane moved to approve the expenditure.*

6c. Discussion and possible action. Approval to do an informational outreach flyer on the purpose of the RVAMAC. (Estimate of costs available on Wednesday.) *Dane motions to approve the expenditure for sending out the postcards right away.*

6d. Discussion and possible action: Report on the meeting of March 13, 2025 with Lew Chichester, RioCardone, Sup. Haschak, Sheriff Matt Kendall, Gretchen McLaughlin, Code Enforcement, and JuliaKrog, Director of Planning and Building Services, for the purpose of discussion of the county's policies and procedures regarding unpermitted cannabis cultivation sites, and next steps. *No action taken.*

7. Old Business:

7a. Discussion and possible action: Update on county noise control ordinance. Previously, Supervisor Haschak said that Supervisor McGourty and the county were working on a county ordinance for the BOS approval that would include a provision for fines. McGourty is no longer on the BOS. *No action taken.*

7b. Discussion and possible action: any needs for the 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. This item is a work in progress and will remain on the agenda. *Lew gave an update. He submitted an application to the County for a Community Development Block Grant for the feasibility study for the fire hydrant project. No action taken.*

7c. Discussion/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. *No action taken.*

7d. 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. *No action taken.*

8. Treasurer's report. *We have \$2,165. \$60 reimbursement pending.*

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

10. Adjournment. *7:25 PM.*