

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

Wednesday, June 04, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of June 04, 2025 Agenda
3. Approval of May 07, 2025 meeting minutes
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
 - 4a.
 - 4b.
5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:
 - a. Tribal Council
 - b. Sheriff Kendall
 - c. Supervisor Haschak
 - d. Mendocino County DOT
 - e. MCOG
 - f. Office of Assemblyman Chris Rogers: Monica Barragan
6. New Business:
 - 6a. Discussion/possible action: County PBS is developing a Low Intensity Camping Ordinance amendment and is seeking input from stakeholders. PBS will present and seek input.
 - 6b. Discussion/possible action: Lourance Hall will make a brief presentation about the RVCWD's Town Creek Restoration and Education Project funded by CDFW Cannabis Restoration Grant Program. Work in the stream is planned to begin July 14th.

6.c. Discussion/possible action: Lew Chichester has requested a RVAMAC letter to strongly encourage Mendocino County to actively enforce the regulations which would limit the un-permitted cannabis grows, and to encourage the Round Valley Indian Tribes to establish and maintain a method to enforce the existing Compassionate Use Ordinance. (The August 6, 2006, Compassionate Use Ordinance is attached here, and can be found on the Round Valley Indian tribes website or on the RVAMAC website). Potential letter language drafted by Lew Chichester:

The Round Valley area is experiencing a level of lawlessness over and beyond what could be expected or tolerated with such a small population of residents. We have kidnappings, human trafficking, thefts, assaults and homicides, all in part a result of the unregulated and out of control black market cannabis cultivation, processing and distribution activities here.

The various authorities with jurisdiction, including but not limited to, the Mendocino County Planning and Building Department's Code Enforcement office, Mendocino County Counsel, and the Round Valley Indian Tribes have chosen to not enforce their various existing Regulations, Ordinances, Codes and Civil Proceedings.

The consistent failure to enforce any of the existing regulations and ordinances has allowed for a culture of lawless behavior to thrive here, including widespread environmental degradation, public health and safety threats, and a general level of actual violence which has become intolerable.

The Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council strongly encourages Mendocino County to actively enforce the regulations which would limit the un-permitted cannabis grows and the Round Valley Indian Tribes to establish and maintain a method to enforce the existing Compassionate Use Ordinance.

Lewis Whipple previously called into the RVAMAC meeting to inform this committee that the tribe has their own Ordinance and that Tribal Police are monitoring all grows on Tribal land. However, this does not appear to be happening, in light of the most recent homicide and multiple gunshot victims.

7. Old Business:

7.a. Discussion/possible action: PG&E will be filing its Final Surrender Application with FERC on or before July 29, 2025. FERC will then open a final comment period and PG&E will begin developing proposed plans and measures in August 2025. Does the RVAMAC wish to submit comments? Discussion regarding development of a RVAMAC committee to review the application and suggest comments on behalf of the RVAMAC. (Waiting on release date)

7.b. Discussion/possible action: Approval of a letter to the BOS in support of the Round Valley Skatepark Project for information before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2025. Letter submitted by Patricia Mera. (Carried over from May agenda for follow-up by Supervisor Haschak.)

7d. Discussion and possible action: development of a county noise control ordinance. Will there be an opening for RVAMAC comments?

7e. 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.

7f. 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.

7g. 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: July 2, 2025. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Adjournment