

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

Wednesday, November 05, 2025 at 6:00 PM Library Commons 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, CA
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order at **6:03**; Welcome new appointee to RVAMAC, Mr. Randall Vann (**Randy**); Roll call **Dane, Marylou, Randy, Kathy (via Zoom)**. **Supervisor Haschak recommends that we run the meeting as usual, and he will check with county counsel to make sure it's acceptable for the fourth council member to join via Zoom.**
2. Approval of November 05, 2025 Agenda **Dane motioned, with no objections.**
3. Approval of May 07, 2025, and August 06, 2025 meeting minutes (There was no quorum for the September 03, 2025 or October 01, 2025 meetings - agenda items have been carried over.) **Randy motioned, with no objections.**
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
 - 4a. A Smarter Sustainable Water Future for California: informational item presented by Robbie Wyre. See Attachment 4a. **See Aug 25th minutes, item 6a, where we approved supporting the letter. Kay will complete and send the letter.**
 - 4b. Fire breaks or dry vegetation control burns on farm land/fields in Round Valley: informational item presented by Michelle Merrifield. **Michelle voices concern regarding tall, dry grass around fields in the valley and will present a letter that we can consider at our next meeting.**
 - 4c. Round Valley Indian Health Center and Round Valley Indian Tribes 4 day Emergency Preparedness Training with Falmouth Institute at the Covelo Recreation Center October 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2025: presented by Kathy Britton. Twenty-one people attended the training. There will be follow up stakeholders' meetings to coordinate a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan for the community.
 - 4d. California AB 1014: informational item presented by Marylou Mileck. See the bill here - <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1014/2025>
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1014/id/3134715/California-2025-AB1014-Introduced.html>
Sheriff Kendall recommends that we keep an eye on any changes to the bill, and he will meet with Howard Dashill to find out how the bill may affect the surface streets in RV.
 - 4e. MCOG's 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Active Transportation Plan – Public Review Draft is hereby being released for comment. Please see the attached document. (Note: the

Appendices are located on the MCOG's website at: <https://www.mendocinocog.org/2026-regional-transportation-active-transportation-plan>.) Please submit all comments to MCOG's Regional Project Analyst Hector Ortega (horteiga@dbcteam.net) **MCOG is still welcoming comments.**

4f. 2024-25 Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury report - June 6, 2025 Planning and Building Department Structural Issues: Exposing the Cracks. Link:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/71866> The County's response is found here:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/73932/63894231783697000>

5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:

a. Tribal Council **Not present**

b. Sheriff Kendall **303 calls in RV for service in the last 30 days. He introduced the county jail's restorative justice rep, Buffy Wright Bourassa, who spoke about her job and their services helping offenders return to society.**

c. Supervisor Haschak **Attended a dinner at the Commons. The county positions of auditor/controller-tax collector have been separated into two positions and will be filled in spring. Spoke to the Potter Valley dam project. Working on funding for the fire district. Great Redwood Trail meeting on Nov. 20th. Zoom is available. Anonymous complaints to Code Enforcement will be de-prioritized. Options for Skate Park locations was discussed.**

d. Mendocino County DOT **Not present**

e. MCOG **Not present**

f. Office of Assemblyman Chris Rogers: Monica Barragan **Not present**

g. Covelo Fire Protection District Report **Not present.**

h. (add this group to future agendas) Round Valley Community Water District presented water testing results from samples taken around RV. They also briefly described the Town Creek Bioengineering & Education Project progress. Link to water test slideshow:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19kZ_BQ6zf0i2kT1rjuoD0oVHBSHmfYiv3r8_iB2-y68/edit?slide=id.p#slide=id.p

6. New Business:

6a. Discussion/possible action: a review of resources available for improved recycling and trash collection and disposal, with potential recommendations for improved services. Lew Chichester, presenting. **Lew is concerned that we do not have a place to redeem CRV cans and bottles, nor a place to dispose of appliances or hazardous materials, and the transfer station fees are too high in RV. This causes illegal dumping. He will continue to pursue solutions, and we will invite Amber Fisette, Deputy Director of Transportation, to our next meeting. Better education was mentioned as a partial solution.**

6b. Discussion/possible action: County PBS is developing a Low Intensity Camping Ordinance amendment and is seeking input from stakeholders. PBS did present and is seeking input. Does the RVAMAC wish to submit comments? **AB518 was passed and it is back to the county.**

6c. Discussion/possible action: Installation of cameras around Short Creek Road and Barnes Lane (and other potential sites) to capture evidence of littering. Kathy Britton, presenting. **Haschak does not think we can use MAC funds for cameras. We will revisit next month.**

6d. Discussion/possible action: Approval of a Letter of Support for the BHCIP grant just submitted to DHCS by the RVIHC. If funded we can build a new Behavioral Health facility that would include a commercial kitchen, space for the food pantry and a "healing space" which is a gymnasium sized space that would have dividers and could double as a conference space. Kathy Britton, presenting. Proposed letter and conceptual design attached. **Dane motioned to add our support to the letter, without objections.**

7. Old Business:

7a. Discussion/possible action: PG&E has filed its Final Surrender Application with FERC. 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. **Tabled**

7b. Discussion and possible action: development of a county noise control ordinance. Will there be an opening for RVAMAC comments? **No update available.**

7c. 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. **Tabled**

7d. 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. **Tabled**

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. **Tabled**

7f. The RVAMAC is possibly in need of a new laptop for the purpose of zoom and recording of the monthly meetings. Review quotes and consider purchase of this equipment. (Per Lew, the existing laptop was upgraded and is working okay.) Is this still the case? **Our old PC has had a makeover and will continue to function, so this item can be stricken from future agendas.**

8. Treasurer's report **No expenditures**

9. Next Meeting: December 03, 2025. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Adjournment **7:56**

Respectfully submitted 11/17/2025 by Marylou Mileck