

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

Wednesday, August 06, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Call to Order & Roll call **Meeting called to order 6:00PM. Present: Dane Downing, Marylou Mileck, Laura Betts, Kathy Britton.**
2. Approval of August 06, 2025 Agenda **Marylou moved to approve the agenda, no objections.**
3. Approval of May 07, 2025 meeting minutes. There was no quorum for the June 04, 2025 or July 02, 2025 meetings - agenda items have been carried over. **Dane moved to approve May 7 minutes, no objections.**
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
 - 4a. Round Valley Indian Health Center and Round Valley Indian Tribes are sponsoring a 4 day Emergency Preparedness Training with Falmouth Institute at the Covelo Recreation Center October 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2025. Advance registration is required, there is a QR code on the flyer. Seating is limited to 25 participants. This training requires a 4 day commitment.
 - 4b. **Emily McCobb, a veterinarian from U.C. Davis announced the vet clinic for the weekend of August 9th. They are looking for community input.**
5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:
 - a. Tribal Council **Not present**
 - b. Sheriff Kendall **Not present**
 - c. Supervisor Haschak **Haschak is working on the Skate Park project. There are complications at the Rec Center. The Tribes may have some land. The Haz Mobile is run by the City of Ukiah. Contact Mendo Recycle and Public Works to request better coverage for Round Valley. The annexation of Ukiah is back to the drawing board.**
 - 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**
6. New Business:

6.a. Discussion/possible action: Delta Tunnel Sites Reservoir Proposed Project and Viable Alternatives. Dane Downing, sponsor. **A letter was read by Robby Wyre. Marylou moved for the MAC to support the letter, no objections.**

6.b. Discussion/possible action: Michelle Merrifield has requested to speak about the valleys farm land and fields to have fire breaks or a control burn on dry vegetation. **Michelle was not present. Kathy will email her about other groups who meet about this same issue.**

6.d. 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 streambed was planned to begin July 14th. (Update) **This project will begin in September. They are also doing water testing for individual land owners. If you would like your well water tested, call Lourance 707-972-3637 or email RVCWDprojects@gmail.com.**

6.e. Discussion/possible action: The RVAMAC is 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. **Lew is going to attend a class through Mendocino College to update our old laptop. Thank you, Lew.**

7. Old Business:

7.a. 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. **This item has expired from the agenda.**

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.) **See item 5.c. Lourance will follow up with County lead.**

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

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. **Senator Mike McGuire is working on this and wants to keep this “low key” for now. We will hear back in the fall.**

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. **This item was taken care of earlier this year. Sheriff Kendall is in contact with USFS who will help provide housing should a deputy relocate to Round Valley.**

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. **Amy Campbell of County Animal Care is the point person.**

8. Treasurer’s report **For the new fiscal year, July 1, 2025, our balance is \$2,500.**

9. Next Meeting: September 03, 2025. Send agenda items to

admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Adjournment **7:03PM**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marylou Mileck August 25, 2025