

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

Wednesday, January 07, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Library Commons 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, CA

### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Roll call : **Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM. Present: Laura Betts, Kathy Britton, Dane Downing, Marylou Mileck (via zoom)**
2. Approval of January 07, 2026 Agenda **Dane moved to approve agenda, with no objections**
3. Approval of November 5, 2025 and December 03, 2025 meeting minutes **Tabled**
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.

**4a. The Mendocino Voice will host a community listening session at Mendocino College in Ukiah on Tuesday, January 13 to hear directly from Native American communities about local news coverage from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m..**

**4b. Buffey Wright Bourassa introduced herself. She works with Restorative Justice at the MCSO and is running for John Haschak's seat at the Board of Supervisors. Look for your absentee ballot in May for the June election.**

5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:

5a. Tribal Council **N/A**

5b. Sheriff Kendall **RV had 250 calls for service over 32 days. A lot of thefts, a lot of arrests. Laytonville had 115 calls in the same time period. Stats are available on "Citizen Connect" on the MCSO web page. Many calls on New Year's for "explosions" from all areas.**

5c. Supervisor Haschak **N/A**

5d. Round Valley County Water District **Lourance shared a slideshow from the Town Creek Bioengineering and Education Project.**

5e. Mendocino County DOT **N/A**

5f. MCOG **N/A**

5g. Office of Assemblyman Chris Rogers: Monica Barragan **N/A**

5h. Covelo Fire Protection District Report **N/A**

5i. Emily McCobb, U C Davis Covelo Vet Clinic **The next clinic is at the end of March. A pilot project is in the works for a large animal clinic, Saturday only, possibly with a small co-pay. They will not do any sedations. Ten more vets/assistants would come to RV and will need to be fed by the local volunteers.**

6. New Business:

6a. 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 will draft a letter for the RVAMAC to consider, (Tabled from December) **Michelle wrote a letter for MAC approval. A long discussion ensued with everyone being in favor of the idea proposed. Dane moved to support the letter without objections. The letter will then go to the RVIT, and Kathy will present the letter to the local Fire Departments; CVFD and CalFire, hoping for these entities to support a future project.**

6b. Discussion/possible action: Lew Chichester is requesting a Resolution regarding trash in Round Valley. Lew's proposed findings, goals and proposed solutions are attached for incorporation into a Resolution. (Carried over from December agenda) **Laura moved to approve Lew's letter with an added section asking the County to revise the contract with the current carrier, C&S Waste Solutions, to give Round Valley the services we need. If necessary, the letter could go to the state level.**

6c. Discussion/possible action: CalTrans has been invited to provide an update on their Highway 162 projects and address concerns presented by Pat Sobrero. See attachment. (Carried over from December agenda) **CalTrans not present. Pat S reported that CalTrans told her they would finish striping Hwy 162 the week after the December MAC meeting, but it was not done by this meeting. Pat will make another request.**

6d. Discussion/possible action: Clean California Designation Program - Are we interested in starting a campaign in our community to earn this designation? Informational flyer attached. Carried over from December agenda) <https://cleanca.com/designation/> **Kay Richards is working on a community survey to see if there is interest.**

6e. Discussion/possible action: MCOG has been invited to update our community as to its Round Valley Projects as of November 2024. See attachment. **Not present. We will ask for an update for our February meeting.**

6f. Discussion/possible action: Many unincorporated areas, even Covelo/Round Valley, have their own specific local plans as part of the County's General Plan. Is this a project

the RVAMAC wants to participate in? Attachment: Covelo Local Plan 2009 **Chair recommends we all review the attachment from the December meeting. It is available on the RVAMAC website.**

7. Old Business:

7a. None listed by error.

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

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. **Lew did a recap of the project. There is a meeting this Friday with McGuire's office, Lew, the county and other parties.**

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. **No news. Item can be removed from the monthly agenda.**

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. (Per conversation with Barbara Thrasher, last week she picked up pup number 250 for the 2025 year). **Dane will contact County Animal Care to see if they can increase services for RV.**

7f. Discussion and possible update: 7g. Informational: Round Valley Indian Health Center and Round Valley Indian Tribes sponsored a 4 day Emergency Preparedness Training with Falmouth Institute at the Covelo Recreation Center October 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2025. Twenty-one people attended the training. There will be follow up stakeholders meetings to coordinate a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan for the community. A meeting will be coordinated with the Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting in the near future. **Regular meetings are resumed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every month at 5-7 PM, at the Library Commons.**

8. Treasurer's report **\$2,252.10 after paying a couple of reimbursements.**

9. Next Meeting: February 04, 2026. Send agenda items to: [admin@mac.roundvalley.org](mailto:admin@mac.roundvalley.org).

10. Adjournment **8:08 PM**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Marylou Mileck**