

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

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll call **Called to order 6:00 PM. Present: Marylou Mileck, Dane Downing, Randall Vann, Kathryn Britton**
2. Approval of February 4, 2026 Agenda **Randall moved with no objections**
3. Approval of November 5, 2025, December 03, 2025, and January 7, 2026 meeting minutes **Randall moved to approve all three with no objections**
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items. **None**
5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:
 - a. Tribal Council **N/A**
 - b. Sheriff Kendall **N/A**
 - c. Supervisor Haschak **The county passed a resolution for the two-basin solution 3 to 2. There was a Skate Park meeting with RVIT. Many questions were asked. John: "Hopefully those questions got answered". County Haz Mobile will be at the transfer station this Friday and Saturday. State audit happened and county is working on getting in compliance. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) has an agreement with RVIHC to accept non-acute patients during business hours. Nine people graduated from EMT training. The graduates are required to complete a state test.**
 - d. Round Valley County Water District **Prescribed burn this Saturday. Two trainings next month. County is working on getting the Water/Sewer building transferred to local agency.**
 - e. Mendocino County DOT **N/A**
 - f. MCOG **N/A**
 - g. Office of Assemblyman Chris Rogers: Monica Barragan **Scott Alonso was present, representing Chris Rogers. Rogers' 2nd year. He has introduced 7 bills and plans 7 more. Examples: Tribal Foster Youth. Good Fire Act. Public Safety. State Demonstration Forest System. Big Foot State Crypted (AB1666).**
 - h. Covelo Fire Protection District Report **N/A**
 - i. Emily McCobb, U C Davis Covelo Vet Clinic **CC Park has received pmt from UC Davis for 2024 to help with expenses for hosting the clinic. Large animal veterinarians are coming to the March 28th clinic as a pilot project, Saturday only.**

6. New Business:

6.a. Annual election of RVAMAC Officers for 2026. **Kathy – Chair. Randy – Vice Chair. Dane – Treasurer. Marylou – Secretary. Laura – at large. Two tribal appointees still need to get paperwork done with County. Alternate seat is also vacant.**

6.b. 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. Review draft of agenda/edits/approve to send to Amber Fissette. (and BOS). **Dane moved and Randy seconded, all in favor, to approve Lew's letter with minor changes and send it to John H, BOS, Chris Rogers, RVIT, Covelo Water District.**

7. Old Business:

7.a. 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 is not present. Pat Sobrero has been communicating with them: "Steve Tisell said that the center striping was just completed. (I haven't been out and can't vouch for that.) He said that they will complete work on 162 in the spring: they need a month of 50° days and for temperatures to be rising to complete the job. They will be adding a final layer of asphalt to the road, they will add shoulder backing (to fill in the areas where the road is above the shoulder), and when that is done, they will add the white thermo-plastic edging."**

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. **John H had a mtg w county council and Xuyen Ung and they asked about whether the cost estimate for the feasibility study is realistic and who will be responsible maintenance. John will plan another meeting ASAP and include members of the RVAMAC.**

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 action.**

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). **No action.**

7f. Discussion and possible update: 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 did draft a letter for the RVAMAC to consider; we agreed to take that to the fire department. **Kathy will take Michelle's letter to the fire department's next meeting. We could look at Brooktrail's "Vegetation Ordinance" for ideas.**

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. Next steps: Next Emergency Preparedness meeting planned to be held at the Covelo Volunteer Fire Department. **4PM on February 11th at the Library Commons has been proposed.**

7.h. 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/> **Survey of local interest is in progress.**

7.i. Discussion/possible action: MCOG has been invited to update our community as to its Round Valley Projects as of November 2024. See attachment. **MCOG not present. The multiuse trail appears to be finished, but the trail behind the C Store over to Henderson is being used as a road.**

7.j. 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 **There is consensus that the MAC participate in developing the plan and everyone is encouraged to keep updated and submit any ideas to the county.**

8. Treasurer's report **\$2,252.10 current balance. Post office box fee and Zoom subscription have been paid. We need more Google storage for the website.**

9. Next Meeting: March 03, 2026. Send agenda items to: admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Adjournment **7:35PM**