

**Resolution Number 2026-001**

Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council  
Covelo, California

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAKING ITS  
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MENDOCINO COUNTY  
REGARDING TRASH AND RECYCLING ISSUES IN THE ROUND VALLEY  
AREA

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council made the following findings:

1. The amount of illegally or improperly abandoned household garbage, random trash, recyclables, household appliances and vehicles in the Round Valley Area has increased in the last decade to an unacceptable level.
2. Household garbage and other debris are regularly found on the side of the local Round Valley roads, down the hill from the turnouts on the State Highway 162 and in the creeks, and are stacking up on residential property.
3. No California Redemption Value (CRV) redemption method is available in the Round Valley area. The CRV value cannot be redeemed by a Round Valley area resident or business without driving almost fifty miles each way to Willits, or further.
4. The Covelo Transfer Station will accept glass, aluminum, plastic and paper recyclables for free, but no longer pays for aluminum cans, CRV glass beverage bottles or CRV plastic beverage bottles.
5. Disposal fees for household garbage at the Covelo Transfer Station are continuing to increase, beyond the ability of many Round Valley area residents to afford.
6. Large home appliances such as washing machines and dryers, kitchen stoves and water heaters all wear out eventually. The Covelo Transfer Station does not accept any of these types of items for disposal. Local Round Valley area residents must deliver the appliances to the transfer station in Willits or further away for legal and proper disposal.
7. Many local Round Valley area residents lack the ability to transport large home appliances, including as far away as Willits which is the closest location to legally and properly dispose of large home appliances.
8. No metal items, including wire fencing, corrugated roofing, pipe, vehicle parts and sheet metal are accepted at the Covelo Transfer Station. These items are regularly found on the side of the roads, down the hill from the turnouts on the State Highway 162 and in the creeks, and are stacking up on residential property.
9. Perhaps the greatest resource of Round Valley is its outstanding natural beauty. The increasing level of garbage scattered about and the development of illegal dump sites are unacceptable trends. Garbage and discarded appliances in the creeks is particularly offensive and a serious threat to our environmental resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council, based upon the evidence in the record before it, makes the following findings and recommendations to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors regarding the above noted findings:

1. Establish a California Redemption Value recyclable buyback program at the Covelo Transfer Station or other location within Round Valley.
2. Limit the frequency of large household appliances and other metal items dumped in the creek beds and adjacent off road areas.
3. Establish a program to accept large home appliances and metal at the Covelo Transfer Station for

a minimal fee, or without fee.

4. Seek awareness from the state and federal governments of our trash problem. Contact State Assemblyman Chris Rogers, State Senator Mike McGuire and U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman.
5. Encourage legislation for specific funding allocations or secure the resources from existing funded programs to address the need for more effective trash disposal and recycling in Round Valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council designates the Council Chair as the custodian of the document and other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council decision herein is based.

*I hereby certify that according to the Provisions of Government Code Section 25103 delivery of this document has been made.*

ATTEST: Katherine Britton, Chair

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