

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Roll call **Called to order 6:01 PM, Dane, Randy, Kathy, Peter Bauer**
2. Approval of March 4, 2026 Agenda **Correction: RV Prepared meeting is March 18, 4PM. Randy so moved, no objections.**
3. Approval of February 4, 2026 meeting minutes **Correction: change 6d to RV Prescribed Burn Assn instead of Water District and Include trash resolution with minutes. Randy so moved, no objections.**
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items. **3/28 9-12 Valley View Cemetery cleanup. RV Prescribed Burn assessment training March 14-15. March 7th: Library Graphic Novel open house. March 8th Donkey Basketball at Willits High. Mendo Sheriff organizing landscape maintenance 10-wk course.**
 - a. Welcome to newly appointed RVAMAC alternate council member Peter Bauer **Welcome and thank you!**
5. Reports from County, State and Tribal officials:
 - a. Tribal Council **N/A**
 - b. Sheriff Kendall **Behavioral Health wing construction moving forward. Prop 36 has not been funded by Governor. Restorative Justice program is very busy, doubling the folks being helped.**
 - c. Supervisor Haschak **Presenting. Thanks Kay Richard for her service on the Planning Commission and Randy Vann's for his service on Fish and Wildlife. BOS is working on balancing the budget by June 30th. Approximately 80 low intensity camping sites county-wide. BOS recommending a cap of 100 sites. Meeting on fire hydrant project coming up. There will be a new congress representative for RV after re-districting. State audit found 19 issues that need to be brought into compliance. DOT and MCOG will present findings of road improvements in unincorporated areas of Mendo County.**

d. Round Valley County Water District **Lourance presenting: Road and drainage workshop, March 21, 10 AM, 4-6 hours. Buster Christensen presented a slide show containing much good information about the water quality of RV.**

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

f. MCOG **N/A**

g. Office of Assemblyman Chris Rogers: Monica Barragan **Scott Alonzo presenting. Rogers is introducing 19 bills. Alonzo will share synopses with MAC email.**

h. Covelo Fire Protection District Report **An extensive report from Chief Rojas. A lot of new volunteers, ten individuals are going through EMT training, a new grant received, more being applied for.**

i. Emily McCobb, U C Davis Covelo Vet Clinic **Elizabeth presenting: 3/28-29 clinic. Large animal services Saturday only, with a goal of 24 animals. There will be a fee associated with this. See Facebook posts and share information.**

6. New Business:

6a. Discussion/possible action: Approval of expenditure to cover printing costs currently developing the Round Valley Area Emergency Operations Plan. The Wildfire and Disaster Preparedness Working Group meets monthly and is currently working on developing the Round Valley Area Emergency Operations Plan, as the document continues to grow and additional participants from various Round Valley groups join the discussion, the need for printed copies has increased significantly. As a working group of the RVAMAC, we would like to request approval for a copying budget to allow us to make copies at the library, where printing costs are \$0.10 per page. The library is willing to keep a running total of charges. The estimated annual budget of \$150 (\$10-\$15/month) would suffice while we are actively working on the plan, and much less will be needed when this particular project has been completed. **Presented by Pat S. Dane will check with Planning & Building to make sure this cost can be covered by the MAC. Randy moved to approve this pending P&B's approval. No objections.**

6b. Discussion/possible action: BOS February 24, 2026, meeting, Item C19 on the Consent Calendar. Request for Sup. Haschak to discuss this item and how, if at all, Round Valley may receive grant money for trash abatement. **DOT is applying for a grant. John H will check with DOT to see if RV can be included.**

7. Old Business:

7a. 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) **Pat S: after the snow CalTrans had graveled the road and the center line was consequently invisible. The job has yet to be completed.**

7b. Discussion and possible action: development of a county noise control ordinance. Updates? Will there be an opening for RVAMAC comments? **Ask Sheriff Kendall for an update at the April meeting.**

7c. Discussion and possible action: any needs for the Covelo Fire Hydrant project? Lew Chichester to give a brief report on the town fire hydrant project. This item is a work in progress and will remain on the agenda. **RFP may have gone out for the feasibility study. Meeting is being planned for March 20 with interested parties. How will the MAC know about progress of the project? Please loop the MAC in on any progress. John will contact Xuyen Ung who is leading.**

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 update**

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. **Ongoing problem**

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. **No 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. Next steps: Next Round Valley Prepared meeting scheduled at the library commons - March 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

7h. 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) **Lourance suggested that we are already doing most of this, but no one has stepped up to become 'official'.**

<https://cleanca.com/designation/>

7i. Discussion/possible action: MCOG has been invited to update our community as to its Round Valley Projects as of November 2024. See attachment. **No update**

7j. 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 **everyone please take a look at the plan and submit comments.**

8. Treasurer's report **Current balance \$2235.11**

9. Next Meeting: April 1, 2026. Send agenda items to:

admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Adjournment **Randy moved to adjourn 8:13**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marylou Mileck 3/25/26