



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2025 05:30 PM
8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243, Redwood Valley, CA 95470
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Dolly Riley.

A. Roll Call

Present: Dolly Riley, Chris Boyd, Patricia (Pien) Ris-Yarbrough, Marybeth Kelly, Sonya Pio

Absent: Deb Hughes

2. Consent Calendar. Approval of Minutes of 5-14-25

Pien motioned, Chris seconded, approval of 5-14-25 Minutes. All voted yes.

3. Public Comments

Pien noted that Fire Safe Council outreach coordinator Eva King would like to meet with Redwood Valley residents to form neighborhood Fire Safe Councils. Eva King's email is firesafemendocino.org and phone 707-518-3088. Gizmo Henderson thanked Ukiah Fire Dept (organized by Battalion Chief Alex Leonard) for burning the center grass divider of 101 Fwy in Ukiah. John King announced two benefits for the Inland Human Society: 6-21 Wine Launch party at Toxqui Cellars 1-5 pm (7301 N State St), and 6-29 Summer Dance with Fargo Bros at Mia Bea Winery 5-8 pm (9910 Madrone Lane, off Rd I).

4. Brief Report from County and Agencies

1. Supervisor Madeline Cline was not present due to her attendance at another meeting.

2. Lt. Aaron Clark and Captain Quincey Cromer of MCSO were present to answer questions. They were well received and explained 'Citizen Connect' online feature to input an address so you can be notified of any crime around that address. Cpn Cromer stated he helped create the yet-to-be-approved Noise Ordinance which is meant to quiet noisy parties late at night and will not include farm animal noise.

3. Guest speakers Poppy Burkhead, Operations Project Manager for Lake Mendocino and Katrina Kesson of Greater Ukiah Business Alliance discussed joint projects such as plans for a large destination park similar to Tunnel Top Park in SF, and rental of kayaks. Mgr Burkhead stated: They have reduced staff, budget must be submitted 2 years in advance, camping is open, water releases from Eel River to the Lake will occur in winter only, water quality for swimming is best away from shore, and there is a study for raising the dam to allow more water storage. She answered questions about dogs (yes, not at Pomo site), possible disc golf (future maybe), leeches (sometimes late summer), and local biologist service (none local).

4. Grange update given by Marybeth: Flea Market is 6-14, Grange Meeting is 6-19, Family Game Night is 6-20, Adopt-A-Road clean up is 6-21 at 9-10 am, the Black Bart Parade is 6-28 at 11 am, kitchen renovation completion is in sight, and there are plans to paint the meeting room.

5. Traffic: Gizmo discussed a response he received from CHP regarding use of a QR Code in stickers that explain trailer chain safety. Marlene Shupe stated she finds the Hwy 20 offramp at East Rd to be dangerous, and was advised to contact CalTrans.

6. Water: Gizmo shared that he has left a message for Laura Garza of County Drought Resiliency Planning, wanting to know how much water is lost to aging infrastructure.

7. State Assemblyman Chris Roger's field representative Scott Alonzo was present and was added to the Agenda. He stated: There will be a vote on the State budget 6-13, there is a \$15 billion deficit which may be larger due to US Administration cuts, there will be a change to Medi-Cal in which undocumented residents ages 19 to 59 will begin to pay \$30 per month for health services starting in 2026, Proposition 36 Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act will be awarded \$100 million for mental health services, and AB 492 cuts to reimburse solar users is not full decided.

8. Fire Dept updates. This item was moved up on the Agenda by request of Fire Chief Dan Grebil. He stated: The Redwood Valley/Calpella Fire Station now has a 2nd person on call with the help of volunteers, there will be a Board meetin 6-12 to adopt the map of fire severity zones as a procedural item, they will adopt a \$1.5 million preliinary budget, and discuss an outdoor warning siren. (An update: Dolly attended 6-12 Fire meeting and their Board voted to allow Chief to create a policy to use sirens.) Chief Grebil added that the PG&E settlement will fund defibrillators and I-Pads that will allow Countywide fire personnel communicatons.

5. Redwood Valley Rec Center: Marybeth, Dolly, Citizen Gabriel Baca

Marybeth stated that UUSD has selected a realtor who will be issuing an RFP, request for proposal.

6. Cannabis Policy Standing Subcommittee: Chris, Pien, Community Members

Pien stated that she observed a new hoop house at 9800 West Road, but no notice of permit has reached the MAC. She will call PBS and ask about this.

7. Development Review Standing Subcommittee: Marybeth, Pien, Citizen Gabriel Baca

No permit applications have been received by the MAC. Dolly stated that Reena Birch of Form Energy stated in email on 5-27 that the project would be reduced from 128 containers to 40 containers based on electric grid studies that indicated the larger bank would take longer to charge. Gizmo noted that Hip Camps on less than 2 acres with more than 1 campsite would require a user permit. No news on Faizon.

8. CAP Subcommittee: Dolly, Chris, Citizens Jini Reynolds, Sheilah Rogers and Alex DeGrassi

Planner Russel Ford stated on 5-28 in an email that the CAP has some overlaps to the General Plan and they are sorting through it.

9. Prohibit New Gas Stations: Chris, Pien, Citizen Gizmo Henderson

Chris noted that subcommittee members will begin to share information with other MACs starting with Hopland MAC next week. Chris, Gizmo, and Gabriel Baca will present there. Others will follow.

10. Fire Prevention, Fire Dept Updates: Dolly and Citizen Gizmo Henderson

This agenda item will be part of "Agencies" (#4) on future agendas. Marybeth noted that the trailer Safety Chain message will be posted on freeway signs. Pien stated that Fire Safe Council's Eva King is recruiting citizens for local councils. The recent Fire Safety Town Hall was discussed.

11. Member has presented Resolution advocating Prop 36 funding

A resolution presented in an email by Deb Hughes was discussed, and since Deb was not present and

Assemblyman Chris Rogers' rep Scott Alonzo stated \$100 million had been added to enact Prop 36, the Council decided to table the matter.

12. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements

Dolly stated no meeting in July and requested support for the MAC float in the Black Bart Parade on 6-28. Dolly stated we have openings for 3 members. Chris suggested we request a change in the MAC Resolution decreasing the number of members from 7 with 2 alternates, to a lesser number, with further discussion next meeting. John King asked "How can we better involve the community." He suggested a planning session on specific acts of recruitment next meeting. Ideas included: talking to neighbors, a You Tube video, Grange posting notices, and recruiting high school and college students. Dolly stated that Jini Reynolds has offered to provide child care for meetings and this was discussed. A majority felt this would be a liability even with fingerprinting done on provider, and decided against this service but felt it was a kind gesture.

13. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Next meeting 8-13-25.