



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 10, 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, Deb Hughes, Sonya Pio

2. Consent Calendar. Approval of Minutes of 8-13-25

Chris motioned, Pien seconded approval of Minutes. All voted yes and Minutes were approved.

3. Public Comments

Gizmo Henderson thanked interim Fire Chief Dan Grebil, announced Octoberfest and asked for volunteers to help him paint fire hose for chain covers, and talked about Blue Zones' role in pollution and traffic.

Jini Reynolds expressed concerns that our community does not have much to offer children and families, and stated there needs to be more children's activities. Parents want to come to meetings but lack child care. She noted that our youth are the future decision-makers.

After this, people expressed ideas: A mock MAC meeting for students, invite Political Science students from MCC, maybe Radio Ha Ha could do a show at the Grange, attendance as community service, and a BBQ activity to involve children, attract adults, and recruit volunteers.

4. Brief Report from County and Agencies

4a. Fire Chief Grebil stated the RV Fire Dept is working on a fleet replacement plan. They are finalizing an outdoor fire warning siren and will test it on Nov 4. Staff will be trained. They will interview for next Fire Chief this month and hire soon. Dolly discussed the Roads A&B neighborhood fire safe council and gave an outline of the process to become a fire wise community.

4b. Sheriff Matt Kendall appeared by Zoom and stated: There have been 84 calls for service in the last month largely about domestic issues and fires. AB 470 that holds AT&T will retain land lines. There is progress on the new jail wing. He answered questions about a June raid and will discuss privately with Pien. He noted property size for proposed campsites should be sufficient in size, as density impacts communities. He addressed the next steps to take in a trash dumping complaint.

4c. Orion Walker from MCOG's Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN) discussed services to people in rural communities. He brought an energy efficiency package which is available for free on their website and

said they can do home assessments. He said they are trying to get the word out to food banks and senior centers, and noted NREN will work with PG&E discounts such as Care Plan and Energy Savings Assist. The NREN program is funded through our utility payment taxes.

4d. Supervisor Madeline Cline was not present. Dolly conveyed her update that she is working on a resolution to allow Public Health to help develop a nitrous oxide ordinance, and that the noise ordinance will come to the BOS soon for approval.

4e. Scott Alonzo for State Assemblyman Rogers was not present.

4f. Water update. Adam Gaska was not present. Monica Huettl was present at the 9-8-25 Barra meeting and discussed the proposed annexation of the Redwood Valley County Water District into the Russian River Flood Control agency, which would enable RVCWD to purchase 320 acre feet of water. She said the meeting included many thoughtful responses about the proposed removal of Scott Dam and Cape Horn Dam, which is contentious as it would drain Lake Pillsbury.

4g. Grange. Marybeth gave RV Grange updates: The Grange will provide tables and chairs for a Veterans luncheon on 9-11, the Grange flea market is 9-13, the Grange dinner and meeting is 9-18, Family game night is 9-19, and the Grange Adopt-a-Road clean up is 9-20 with the Russian River Clean up the same day. The Fargo Bros dance is 11-15 at the Grange. The Grange kitchen project will complete plumbing and commercial kitchen certification hopefully in next 2 months. Jini reported for State Grange: They've closed a few and opened a Grange near Ft Bragg and in Upper Lake. Potter Valley wants a Grange. She will be going to the State Grange convention and she advocates for a Junior Grange.

4h. Traffic. Gizmo discussed the 9-8 MCOG meeting where they focused on public transit and the RV bus stop. He said CalTrans disclosed current safety projects. Gizmo wants paving stones in the highway triangle at Hwy 20, East Rd on/off ramp. He holds there are safety issues with local on and off ramps, with the northbound exit of 101 at West Rd being mistaken for the N State St turnoff to the casino more than once, since these two routes run parallel.

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

5a. RVMC. Marybeth noted the UUSD's request for proposal (RFP) to utilize the old RV School offers only sale or a lease to buy. The Redwood Valley Rec Center team will meet at the Grange 9-15 to discuss. Dolly had read the RFP and noted the mandatory "quiet period" not to discuss RVMC's interest in leasing, and requested that Deb no longer invite UUSD as guest speakers so as to avoid violating the quiet period.

5b. Dolly gave CAP update: On 9-9 Russ Ford of PBS stated that the Community Action Plan is being reviewed by Supervisor Cline, then County Council, then presented to the BOS.

5c. Prohibit New Gas Stations. Chris presented a MAC Resolution to prohibit new gas stations, which was discussed. Council decided that the document should be viewed by the community and it will be attached to the Oct MAC meeting agenda for greater circulation.

5d. No new permit applications were received, but Pien noted there is a new building on Road E, which she can report to PBS to ensure there is a permit.

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

Chris reported that the 6-25 General Government Committee discussed cannabis security and micro businesses. She attended the 9-9 BOS meeting, and she advocated not having large cannabis farms in residential areas, noting Santa Barbara County has put a limit on total grow area. Deb pointed out that the County wants the licensure fees from cannabis farmers. Group discussed out of control legal grow areas.

7. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements

7a. Members reported out on MAC recruitment efforts, noting ideas stated earlier.

7b. The Council decided to close our never-used PO box. Dolly encouraged Chris to be reimbursed for the MAC website expenses.

7c. For October guest speaker, Gizmo agreed to call Patricia Austin of CalTrans District 1, and share her acceptance with Dolly so she may receive an agenda.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned 7:36. Next meeting 10-8-25.