



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers

14050 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MEETING PROCEDURES: *All items on agenda will be open for public comments before final action is taken. Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public meeting on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Administrative Services Director/City Clerk prior to the meeting date so that the material may be distributed to the City Council prior to the meeting. Speakers must restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three minutes time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.*

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA) REQUESTS

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AGENDA REPORTS

Staff reports for each agenda item are available for review at www.clearlake.ca.us. Any writings or documents pertaining to an open session item provided to a majority of the City Council less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, shall be made available for public inspection on the City's website at www.clearlake.ca.us.

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<https://clearlakeca.zoom.us/j/86382266278?pwd=OYBU8Ek4YaPb1YTziLueLAcSNcJlMC.1>

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A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: *The City Council invites members of the clergy, as well as interested members of the public in the City of Clearlake, to voluntarily offer an invocation before the beginning of its meetings for the benefit and blessing of the City Council. This opportunity is voluntary and invocations are to be less than three minutes, offered in a solemn and respectful tone, and directed at the City Council. Invocational speakers who do not abide by these simple rules of respect and brevity shall be given a warning and/or not invited back to provide a subsequent invocation for a reasonable period of time, as determined appropriate by the City. This policy is not intended, and shall not be implemented or construed in any way, to affiliate the City Council with, nor express the City Council's preference for, any faith or religious denomination. Rather, this policy is intended to acknowledge and express the City Council's respect for the diversity of religious denominations and faith represented and practiced among the citizens of Clearlake. If a scheduled invitational speaker does not appear at the scheduled meeting, the Mayor will ask that the City Council observe a moment of silence in lieu of the invocation. More information about the City's invocation policy is available upon request by contacting the Administrative Services Director/City Clerk at (707) 994-8201x106 or via email at mswanson@clearlake.ca.us.*

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA *(This is the time for agenda modifications.)*

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of October's Adoptable Dogs

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: *This is the time for any member of the public to address the City Council on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City. **The Brown Act, with limited exceptions, does not allow the Council or staff to discuss issues brought forth under Public Comment.** The Council cannot take action on non-agenda items. Concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please note that comments from the public will also be taken on each agenda item. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person.*

G. CONSENT AGENDA: *All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a*

member of the Council requests otherwise, or if staff has requested a change under Adoption of the Agenda, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration. Any item so removed will be taken up following the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

2. Lake County Vector Control District Board Minutes of September 9, 2026

Recommended Action: Receive and file

3. Warrants

Recommended Action: Receive and file

4. Minutes

Recommended Action: Receive and file

H. BUSINESS

5. Adopt Resolution 2026-39 Renewing Ordinance 261-2022 and Approval of the Clearlake Police Department Military Equipment Policy & Annual Report

6. Consideration of a Letter of Support Endorsing the Revitalize Rural America Act

Recommended Action: Approve Letter of Support and authorize the Mayor to sign

I. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

K. CLOSED SESSION

(7) LIABILITY CLAIMS -Claimant Specialty Paving, Inc. DBA A.C. Dike Co. ; Agency Claimed
Against : City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)

L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

M. ADJOURNMENT

POSTED: October 9, 2026

BY:



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:32 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Curt Giambruno, Frank Lincoln, Ron Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., District Manager and Research Director, and Julie Manick, Office Manager.

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Approve Minutes of August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting with Corrections to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 24376 - 24404 Making the Total Expenditures for August 2026 \$131,797.62.

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Board Minutes of August 12, 2026 with corrections. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. Five mosquito samples and three sentinel chickens in Lake County have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in 2026.

For the rest of California, eighty-six cases of WNV illness have been reported in California residents. Of those, sixty-nine patients suffered from neuroinvasive disease, and six cases were fatal. In addition, 3,231 WNV-positive mosquito pools from 29 counties, 512 positive dead birds from 23 counties, 114 sentinel chickens from 9 counties, and 10 horses have tested positive for WNV.

Four St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) positive mosquito samples have been reported from three California counties this year. One human case of SLEV has been reported in a San Diego County resident.

For the rest of the United States, there have been 407 human cases of West Nile virus illness reported from forty states. In addition, thirty-five states have reported WNV in non-human species (mainly mosquitoes, but also includes veterinary cases, dead birds, and sentinel animals).

One human case of Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) has been reported in a Wisconsin resident. Additionally, nine states have reported positive mosquito samples for JCV.

Nonhuman eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) activity has been reported in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. One human case has been reported in a Michigan resident this year.

Ten human cases of La Crosse encephalitis virus (LACV) have been reported from six states. Additionally, non-human LACV activity (mainly mosquitoes) has been detected in Ohio.

One human case of St. Louis encephalitis (SLEV) has been reported from Arizona this year. Four states have reported SLEV in mosquitoes.

Twenty-nine human cases of Powassan virus (POWV) have been reported from nine states.

This year there have been 101 travel-associated cases of chikungunya (CHIK) virus disease, including two cases in California. No locally acquired cases have been reported in the US.

There have been six travel-associated cases of Zika (ZIK) virus reported in residents of six states this year. No locally acquired case of ZIK have been reported.

There have been seventy-two cases of locally acquired dengue (DEN) virus infection reported in Florida and one in Virginia. Puerto Rico (888) and American Samoa (728) have reported locally acquired dengue cases as well. In addition, thirty-seven states and two US territories have reported 346 travel-associated dengue cases this year.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. The District set carbon-dioxide-baited traps in various locations around the county in August. The most abundant mosquito species was *Culex tarsalis*. Large numbers of biting black gnats were collected as well.

The New Jersey Light Traps set in Clearlake and Upper Lake were sampled in August. The most abundant mosquito species collected were *Culex tarsalis* and *Anopheles franciscanus*.

The resting boxes set in Kelseyville, Lakeport and Upper lake were sampled in August. Five mosquito species were collected, the most abundant being *Culex tarsalis*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Twenty-four ticks have been brought in for identification this season. Of those, sixteen *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing. All the samples were negative for *Borrelia* (the causative agent of Lyme disease).

Dr. Scott reported on the Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. The Clear Lake gnat numbers decreased from 0.21 larvae per dredge in July, to 0.08 larva per dredge in August. The chironominae numbers decreased from 30.86 larvae per dredge in July to 6.85 larvae per dredge in August. The tanypodinae numbers decreased from 3.46 larvae per dredge in July to 1.31 larvae per dredge in August.

Operation Report

For the month of August, 0.05 inches of rain was recorded at the District. The total rainfall for the season is 22.16 inches.

The level of Clear Lake was at 4.26 feet on the Rumsey Gauge as of August 1 and declined to 3.22 feet by August 31.

Five mosquito samples and three sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) this year. Four of the positive-WNV mosquito samples were from Lower Lake and one was from Lakeport. Two of the WNV-positive sentinel chickens were from Lower Lake and one was from the Upper Lake flock.

The Vector Control Technicians responded to 81 service requests in August, including 8 yellowjacket requests, and 26 technician-initiated larval source treatments. In addition, 13 online service requests were submitted in August.

On August 12, Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan and Seasonal Lab Assistant Davin Braden participated in the Workforce Alliance and Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance Career Day. Ms. Meighan gave a short presentation about the District, the jobs, and the requirements for working here. She also explained that the District is a public health resource for questions about mosquitoes, ticks and Lyme disease testing, and other insects.

Seasonal Lab Assistant Arai Chou Levy left the District in August to attend California State University, Sacramento.

The County will be sending an appraiser to the District's parcel in the Reclamation. A key step in the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project (Project) is for Lake County to acquire the titles to all the properties within the Project. The District purchased its 10.3-acre parcel in 1985 for a series of studies on mosquito control in wild rice. Presently the District uses this property as a mosquito and tick surveillance and study site, and a secure location for one of the District's sentinel chicken flocks.

The District's Board Room was used by Shade Canyon School on August 18. The County of Lake Department of Public Health used the District's Board Room on August 11, 21, and 24. The agencies appreciated the use of the District's meeting space and enjoyed the lake view.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Julie Manick continue to participate in the County Auditor-Controller's roughly biweekly meetings every other Friday to help the Special District's prepare for the changeover to their new financial software system, Workday, on October 1, 2026.

Dr. Scott participated in a 90-minute training from US Bank titled, "Access Online: Managing Your Card Program". The webinar reviewed how to access their site, use tracking and report features, and manage users.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Julie Manick are meeting weekly with VC3 to plan for our centralized domain, SharePoint, and multifactor authentication rollouts.

Dr. Scott submitted the District's Biological and Cultural Resource Assessment Reports to the City of Lakeport. Planning Services Manager Victor Fernandez is reviewing the project and will follow up to advise Dr. Scott of the next steps to correct the zoning and General Plan designations of the District's Esplanade property.

Dr. Scott attended the Middle Creek Project Committee on August 3. The agenda included coordination with the District, and update on property acquisitions, and work with Caltrans, PG&E, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dr. Scott continues to meet with the District's Labor Negotiator, Austris Rungis, to discuss Operating Engineers 3 Health Coverage and other issues that may affect our District and employees.

On August 11, Dr. Scott was a guest-speaker on KPFZ for Right Plant, Right Place Radio Show speaking with the Master Gardeners. Dr. Scott spoke on a variety of topics including mosquitoes, yellowjackets, as well as answering questions from incoming callers.

On August 12, Dr. Scott, along with the Trustees and Office Manager Julie Manick, completed the two hours of Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors. The training fulfills the biennial training requirements set forth by AB1825, AB1661, AB2053, and SB369.

Dr. Scott met with an upholsterer to get a quote on recovering the District's chairs. Dr. Scott will be seeking bids from additional upholsters.

Approve Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Prop. 4 Compliance Resolution 26-04

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the 2025/2026 Prop. 4 Compliance Resolution 26-04. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), none against.

Approve Checks for the Month of September 2026

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 24405 - 24453 for the month of September 2026 in the amount of \$85,874.61. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Announcement of Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 1:30 PM on October 14, 2026 at the Lake County Vector Control District Office, 410 Esplanade Lakeport, CA 95453.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary



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Check Register

Packet: APPKT04700 - 9/30/26 AP CHECK RUN AA

By Check Number

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: AP-Accounts Payable						
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001397	AT&T CALNET 3	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	334.47	22274
001397	AT&T CALNET 3	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	30.85	22275
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001397	AT&T CALNET 3	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	30.33	22277
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002114	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	99,064.23	22283
000068	BOB'S JANITORIAL	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	296.43	22284
VEN01618	CHEYENNE BLUE	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	500.00	22285
VEN01393	CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM INGLIS	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	75.00	22286
000024	CLEARLAKE POLICE ASSOCIATION	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	1,760.00	22287
VEN01581	CRACKERJACK CLEANING LLC	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	3,370.00	22288
002392	DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	2,178.92	22289
VEN01627	DEREK E COUNTS II	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	75.00	22290
000073	EASTLAKE SANITARY LANDFILL	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	182.28	22291
VEN01108	FAWN CHRISTINE WILLIAMS	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	75.00	22292
000120	FED EX	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	54.00	22293
2404	FLEXTG LLC	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	58.62	22294
000495	FRANK HAAS	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	50.00	22295
VEN01731	HOMERO MORALES MENDOZA	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	87.00	22296
VEN01394	HUNTERS SERVICES INC	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	285.00	22297
VEN01418	JACK SMALLEY	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	75.00	22298
VEN01317	JACOB WHEELER	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	200.00	22299
000304	KONOCTI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	450.00	22300
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002261	LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	15.00	22305
002175	LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	1,750.00	22306
001915	LEONARDO FLORES	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	120.00	22307
VEN01329	MCGRATH RENTCORP AND SUBSIDIA	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	1,282.66	22308
001489	NAPA AUTO PARTS	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	288.42	22309
001392	OFFICE DEPOT	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	603.53	22310
001843	PG&E CFM	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	5,488.50	22311
	Void	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	0.00	22312
001298	QUACKENBUSH MRRCF	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	127.92	22313
VEN01625	RAYMOND A. SILVA	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	75.00	22314
VEN01728	SIMON ANGEL CARMONA WHITAKEI	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	120.00	22315
001581	SQUAD ROOM EMBLEMS	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	310.00	22316
002375	THOMAS DEWALT	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	3,800.00	22317
002091	T-MOBILE USA INC	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	416.47	22318
000708	VALIC LOCKBOX	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	470.00	22319
001325	VERIZON WIRELESS	09/30/2026	Regular	0.00	1,007.76	22320

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Vendor Number
000085

Vendor Name
VESTIS GROUP INC

Payment Date
09/30/2026

Payment Type
Regular

Packet: APPKT04700-9
Discount Amount
0.00

Payment Amount
139.68

Number
22321

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Bank Code AP Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	59	49	0.00	135,629.68
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	1	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	59	50	0.00	135,629.68

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
999	Pooled Cash	9/2026	135,629.68
			<u>135,629.68</u>



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Packet: APPKT04716 - 10/8/26 AP CHECK RUN AA

By Check Number

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: AP-Accounts Payable						
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001138	ADVENTIST HEALTH	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	121.00	22323
001423	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	4,441.72	22324
001423	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	397.00	22325
VEN01351	BKF ENGINEERS	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	11,590.75	22326
VEN01389	BRIDGES CONSTRUCTION INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	28,760.00	22327
001665	BRUNO SABATIER	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22328
002162	CALIFORNIA ENGINEERING	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	39,994.95	22329
VEN01178	CALIFORNIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	192.15	22330
003667	CASE EXCAVATING INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	14,250.00	22331
001293	CDW GOVERNMENT	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	22,276.02	22332
002370	CODE PUBLISHING CO	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	159.00	22333
000548	COMPUTER LOGISTICS	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	1,800.00	22334
000548	COMPUTER LOGISTICS	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	195.00	22335
000774	DEEP VALLEY SECURITY	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	110.07	22336
000774	DEEP VALLEY SECURITY	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	36.69	22337
000160	DEPT OF JUSTICE	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	140.00	22338
000160	DEPT OF JUSTICE	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	35.00	22339
001835	DIRK SLOOTEN	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22340
VEN01386	DOWNEY BRAND LLP	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	3,720.00	22341
000073	EASTLAKE SANITARY LANDFILL	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	382.71	22342
000004	EDWARD A ROBNEY JR	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22343
001199	EUREKA OXYGEN CO	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	345.49	22344
2404	FLEXTG LLC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	51.18	22345
VEN01468	GEI CONSULTANTS INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	687.50	22346
VEN01577	GOVERNMENT FINANCE SERVICES, L	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	6,187.50	22347
VEN01476	GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGIE	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	500.00	22348
000121	HIGHLANDS WATER COMPANY	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	121.51	22349
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001554	HINDERLITER DELLAMAS & ASSOC.	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	1,685.31	22360
001949	ICE WATER DISTRIBUTORS INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	71.40	22361
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VEN01317	JACOB WHEELER	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	500.00	22363
VEN01619	JESSICA PYSKA	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22364
001939	JIM SCHOLZ	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22365
002272	KENNETH W PARLET II	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22366
VEN01537	KIRSTEN PRIEBE	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22367
000304	KONOCI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	211.11	22368
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000304	KONOCI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	212.28	22370
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VEN01545	LARKYN E FEILER	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	4,525.71	22373
002280	LAW OFFICES OF P SCOTT BROWNE	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	2,046.43	22374
VEN01123	LOOMIS	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	729.27	22375

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Packet: APPKT04716-1

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
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	Void	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	0.00	22378
001439	NICHOLS CONSULTING	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	4,500.00	22379
001392	OFFICE DEPOT	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	197.01	22380
001238	PEACE OFFICERS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	570.00	22381
001843	PG&E CFM	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	24.64	22382
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000130	PITNEY BOWES	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	849.15	22385
000208	PORAC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	270.00	22386
VEN01754	POWERWORKS ELECTRIC INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	16,325.00	22387
002031	REDWOOD COAST PETROLEUM & N	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	1,264.33	22388
VEN01226	SPEAKWRITE LLC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	15.13	22389
002273	STACEY MATTINA	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22390
002277	STANLEY A ARCHACKI	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	22391
001952	STEVE FELDER	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	27.00	22392
000085	VESTIS GROUP INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	70.50	22393
001214	WEST ALERT SECURITY SER INC	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	360.00	22394
002298	W-TRANS	10/08/2026	Regular	0.00	213.75	22395

Bank Code AP Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	108	73	0.00	197,544.79
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	1	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	108	74	0.00	197,544.79

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
999	Pooled Cash	10/2026	197,544.79
			<u>197,544.79</u>



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 2026-39 Renewing Ordinance 261-2022 and Approval of the Clearlake Police Department Military Equipment Report

MEETING DATE:
October 15, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Tim Hobbs, Chief of Police

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☐ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to adopt resolution 2026-39, renewing Military Equipment Policy Ordinance 261-2022 and to approve the Clearlake Police Department Annual Military Equipment Report in accordance with state law requirements as set forth in Assembly Bill No. 481.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481"), adding Chapter 12.8, "Funding, Acquisition and Use of Military Equipment", to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code (sections 7070 – 7075), relating to the use of military equipment by California law enforcement. The law requires that agencies utilizing or seeking to acquire military equipment, as defined, must have a policy approved by the City Council by ordinance and review it annually thereafter.

The police department does not currently utilize former military equipment; however, the law's definition of "military equipment" is comprehensive and includes many items commonly used in law enforcement. The proposed policy identifies two items currently owned by the City: a mobile command unit and an unmanned aerial system (drone). The Department is also seeking approval to acquire four additional smaller drones and one armored rescue vehicle.

1. The mobile command unit, a converted ambulance, is used as a field command post for major incidents in the city. In recent years, these incidents have primarily been fires, public events and crime scenes.
2. The Department's existing drone is utilized to enhance the Department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or are less effective. Uses may include but are not limited to search and rescue, suspect apprehension, crime scene documentation, tactical operations, scene security, hazard monitoring, identification and mitigation, response to emergency calls, crisis communications and legally authorized surveillance.

The Department currently utilizes mutual aid to obtain special weapons and tactics (SWAT) resources. Given the variety of agencies that could potentially respond, the proposed policy provides that those agencies are required to comply with their respective military equipment use policies. Determining what resources they may bring to a particular incident is impractical; restricting them in advance would unnecessarily jeopardize public safety.

The Department is also seeking approval to acquire four additional smaller unmanned aerial systems such as DJI Mini or Air series models, for patrol operations and officer training. While the Department currently possesses a larger, more advanced drone, deploying that equipment for routine operations and training is not always necessary or cost-effective. Smaller drones would provide a more practical option for everyday patrol needs while preserving the capabilities of the larger drone for incidents requiring its specialized equipment. Additionally, having multiple drones would improve availability across patrol shifts, allowing officers to have access to this resource at all times rather than relying on a single aircraft.

In evaluating future needs, the Department also recognizes the potential benefits of acquiring an armored rescue vehicle. While the term “armored vehicle” can sometimes carry a military connotation, the primary purpose of such equipment is officer and community safety. These vehicles are designed to provide critical protection in the most dangerous situations, such as active shooter incidents, high-risk warrant services, or situations involving heavily armed suspects.

An armored rescue vehicle would serve not as an offensive tool, but as a shield allowing officers to approach dangerous situations safely while reducing exposure to gunfire or other threats. The enhanced protection it offers not only increases officer safety but also ensures that officers can more effectively safeguard residents during dangerous situations.

Equally important, armored vehicles provide the ability to rescue injured officers or civilians who might otherwise be unreachable due to hazardous conditions. In many jurisdictions, armored rescue vehicles have been used to extract wounded individuals, deliver emergency medical assistance, and evacuate community members from dangerous areas. In this way, the equipment directly supports the Department’s mission to enhance public safety while minimizing risk to both first responders and the public.

By incorporating this capability, the Department would be better positioned to respond decisively in rare but high-consequence events, where minutes matter and safety is paramount.

The Department posted the Military Equipment Use Policy and Annual Military Equipment Report on its internet website in September of 2026. A public meeting was held on October 15, 2026, at 2 pm at City Hall to gather public input on the policy and the annual report.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 2026-39 and approve the 2025-26 Military Equipment Annual Report
2. Other direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

☐ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City

☒ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City

☐ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities

☒ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake

☐ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City

☐ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards

☐ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

Section H, Item 5.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 2026-39: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE
RENEWING ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY
2. Approve the 2025-26 Military Equipment Annual Report

☒ **Attachments:**

- 1) Resolution 2026-39
- 2) 2025-26 Military Equipment Annual Report

Military Equipment

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices (LRADs), acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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706.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Clearlake Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Police should designate a member of this department to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Clearlake Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 - 1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 - 2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

706.4 SECTION TITLE

706.5 SECTION TITLE

706.6 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

- (a) **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS/Drones) - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(1)**
 - 1. **Quantity Owned:** 1
 - 2. **Lifespan:** Approx 5 years
 - 3. **Equipment Capabilities:** Remotely piloted aerial vehicle capable of providing live and recorded aerial imagery. The UAS is equipped with wide-angle, zoom, and thermal imaging cameras, a laser rangefinder, obstacle avoidance, and other flight safety and navigation capabilities.

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4. **Manufacturer Product Description:** Autel Robotics EVO Max 4T. The EVO Max 4T is an enterprise UAS equipped with wide-angle, zoom, and thermal imaging cameras and a laser rangefinder. The aircraft incorporates obstacle avoidance and autonomous flight capabilities and has a maximum flight time of approximately 42 minutes.
 5. **Purpose/Authorized Uses:** UAS/Drones may be utilized to enhance the Department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or are less effective. Uses may include but are not limited to: search and rescue; suspect apprehension; crime scene documentation; tactical operations; scene security; hazard monitoring, identification and mitigation; response to emergency calls; crisis communications; legally authorized surveillance.
 6. **Fiscal Impacts:** The total purchase cost of the UAS and associated equipment was \$17,426.09. Ongoing costs associated with operation, maintenance, software, and licensing may vary from year to year.
 7. **Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use:** It is the policy of the CPD to utilize UAS only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law, including all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements and regulations.
 8. **Training Required:** Prior to piloting a department UAS/Drone, members must secure an FAA Remote Pilot License.
- (b) **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS/Drones) - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(1) Quantity Owned: 1**
1. **Quantity Sought:** 4
 2. **Lifespan:** Approx. 5 years
 3. **Equipment Capabilities:** Compact remotely piloted aerial vehicles capable of providing live and recorded aerial imagery. The UAS may include high-resolution cameras, obstacle sensing, zoom capabilities, and other flight safety and navigation features.
 4. **Manufacturer Product Description:** DJI Mini and/or Air series UAS. These compact UAS provide high-resolution aerial imaging and various flight safety and automated flight capabilities. Their small size and portability allow for rapid deployment by officers during law enforcement and public safety operations. Specific models acquired will depend upon operational needs and product availability.
 5. **Purpose/Authorized Uses:** UAS/Drones may be utilized to enhance the Department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or are less effective. Uses may include but are not limited to: search and rescue; suspect apprehension; crime scene documentation; tactical operations; scene security; hazard monitoring, identification and mitigation; response to emergency calls; crisis communications; legally authorized surveillance.

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6. **Fiscal Impacts:** The estimated cost to acquire four UAS and associated equipment is approximately \$8,000. Ongoing costs associated with operation, maintenance, software, and licensing may vary from year to year.
 7. **Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use:** It is the policy of the CPD to utilize UAS only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law, including all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements and regulations.
 8. **Training Required:** Prior to piloting a Department UAS/Drone, members must secure an FAA Remote Pilot License.
- (c) **Armored Vehicle - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(3)**
1. **Quantity Sought:** 1
 2. **Lifespan:** Approx 10 years+
 3. **Equipment Capabilities:** High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) or Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected (MRAP) vehicle. The armored vehicle is capable of providing enhanced ballistic protection for personnel and may be utilized for the rescue and evacuation of injured officers or citizens, deployment of personnel into high-risk areas, and other critical incidents. The vehicle provides greater protection to citizens and officers than a ballistic shield and personal body armor alone.
 4. **Manufacturer Product Description:** HMMWV or MRAP obtained through the federal military surplus program. Specific manufacturer and model will depend upon availability.
 5. **Purpose/Authorized Uses:** The use of armored vehicles shall only be authorized by a watch commander or higher rank, based on the specific circumstances of a given incident. Armored vehicles shall be used only by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
 6. **Fiscal Impacts:** The vehicle may be acquired at no purchase cost through the federal military surplus program; however, the Department may incur costs associated with transportation, maintenance, repair, and operation. Ongoing costs will depend on usage and may vary from year to year.
 7. **Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use:** It is the policy of the Department to use the armored vehicle only for official law enforcement or public safety purposes, and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.
 8. **Training Required:** Operators are provided hands-on training regarding use of the vehicle and locations where items are stored.
- (d) **Mobile Command Unit - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(5)**
- (a) **Quantity Owned:** 1
 - (b) **Lifespan:** Approx 10 years+

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- (c) **Equipment Capabilities:** Converted former ambulance utilized as a field command post complete with radio communication and mobile dispatching capabilities. The vehicle also stores a variety of equipment utilized during incident management and in support of evidence collection and crime scene processing.
- (d) **Manufacturer Product Description:** N/A. This unit was converted by the agency.
- (e) **Purpose/Authorized Uses:** The mobile command unit is utilized primarily as a field incident command post and mobile dispatch center. The unit has primarily been utilized for fire incidents in the city where unified command is established between the police and fire department. Other types of incidents the unit is used at includes community events, warrant service, response to emergency/tactical situations and in support of crime scene documentation and evidence collection.
- (f) **Fiscal Impacts:** The initial cost of the vehicle was \$1 from the Fire Department. The ongoing costs association with the unit depend on usage and can vary significantly year to year.
- (g) **Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use:** It is the policy of the Department to use the Mobile Command Unit only for official law enforcement or public safety purposes, and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.
- (h) **Training Required:** Operators are provided hands-on training regarding use of the vehicle and locations where items are stored.

706.7 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.

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- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

706.8 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Military equipment used by any member of this jurisdiction shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid.

Situations may arise where the Department may deploy or use military equipment, as defined, owned by other law enforcement agencies.

The Department hereby adopts the military equipment use policy as is approved, and may be amended from time to time, under Government Code section 7070 et seq., for jurisdictions that the Department may engage with to provide mutual aid. This section is in no way a limitation to the ability of the Department to deploy or use the military equipment of another jurisdiction.

706.9 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

706.10 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

706.11 COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

This procedure is to ensure compliance with the military equipment use policy. All complaints, concerns, or questions submitted regarding this policy will be handled pursuant to the Department's normal complaint process and in a timely manner.

AB 481 Annual Report

AB 481 requires law enforcement agencies to obtain the approval of its governing body to enact a military equipment use policy before purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. This initial policy must be passed via ordinance and renewed by a vote of the Council each year. AB 481 provides an expansive definition of "military equipment" that includes many items which law enforcement agencies use, deploy, and obtain on a regular basis. The law enforcement agency is required to return annually to provide an Annual Report to the governing body and the public at large. The agency is also required to host a community engagement session for members of the public to attend.

On May 5, 2022, the City Council for the City of Clearlake adopted Ordinance 261-2022 adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy governing the law enforcement's use of items that are deemed "military equipment" under AB 481. Since then, Clearlake Police Department (CPD) has successfully maintained the military equipment in accordance with the policy. This Annual Report will provide a summary as required by Government Code section 7072(a). The CPD will host a community engagement session on October 15, 2026, at 2 pm.

The following constitutes the CPD's Annual Report:

(a) **Mobile Command Unit - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(5)**

1. **Use of Equipment:** During the year the mobile command unit was used for the following events, 4th of July, traffic collision investigations and crime scene investigations.
2. **Concerns and Complaints Received:** None received.
3. **Internal Audit Results and Response:**
4. **Total Annual Cost:** \$0.00
 - a. **Acquisition:** \$0.00
 - b. **Personnel:** \$0.00
 - c. **Training:** \$0.00
 - d. **Transportation:** \$0.00 (Fuel)
 - e. **Maintenance:** \$0.00
 - f. **Storage:** \$0.00
 - g. **Upgrade:** \$0.00
 - h. **Other ongoing costs:** \$0.00
5. **Quantity:** 1
6. **Future Acquisition Plans:** 1

(b) **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS/Drones) - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(1)**

1. **Use of Equipment:** Equipment has been purchased, and the program is currently being set up.
2. **Concerns and Complaints Received:** None.
3. **Internal Audit Results and Response:** N/A
4. **Total Annual Cost:** \$0.00
 - a. **Acquisition:** \$17,426.09
 - b. **Personnel:** \$0.00
 - c. **Training:** \$0.00
 - d. **Transportation:** \$0.00
 - e. **Maintenance:** \$0.00
 - f. **Storage:** \$0.00
 - g. **Upgrade:** \$0.00
 - h. **Other ongoing costs:** \$0.00
5. **Quantity:** 1
6. **Future Acquisition Plans:** 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE
RENEWING ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (“AB 481”), adding Chapter 12.8, “Funding, Acquisition and Use of Military Equipment”, to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code (sections 7070 – 7075), relating to the use of military equipment by California law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, AB 481 seeks to provide transparency, oversight, and an opportunity for meaningful public input on decisions regarding whether and how military equipment is funded, acquired, or used; and

WHEREAS, AB 481 requires, inter alia, the Police Department submit to the City Council an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, The City Council shall review its Ordinance approving the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment at least annually and vote on whether to renew the Ordinance at a regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, The City Council shall determine, based on the annual military equipment report submitted, whether each type of military equipment identified in that report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in its Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has reviewed the annual military report submitted by the Police Department and determined the military equipment has complied with the standards for approval set forth in its Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The City Council voted to renew Ordinance No. 261-2022 by resolution of the City Council set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantial part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. City of Clearlake Ordinance No. 261-2022 is hereby renewed, and the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment identified in the updated Clearlake Police Department Military Equipment Use Policy is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Clearlake, County of Lake, State of California, on this 15th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Letter of Support Endorsing the Revitalize Rural America Act

MEETING DATE:
October 15, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Alan Flora, City Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☐ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to consider approving a Letter of Support endorsing the Revitalize Rural America Act and authorize the Mayor to sign.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On October 6, 2026, U.S. Congressmen Mike Thompson and James Gallagher addressed correspondence to Mayor Dirk Slooten requesting that the City of Clearlake endorse the bipartisan Revitalize Rural America Act.

As one of Lake County's primary population centers, Clearlake delivers vital public services while navigating acute socioeconomic constraints, limited administrative capacity, persistent workforce shortages, and vulnerability to natural disasters such as wildfires. Rather than a standard resolution of support, staff have prepared a targeted letter that endorses the intent of the Act while conveying specific policy recommendations to ensure the final bill effectively addresses the operational realities of smaller incorporated rural municipalities.

The Revitalize Rural America Act establishes critical federal support mechanisms across workforce development, federal grant acquisition, healthcare access, housing, and disaster preparedness.

The proposed letter endorses the measure while formally submitting five key enhancements for congressional consideration:

1. **Broad and Consistent Rural Eligibility:** Urging federal definitions based on population scale, economic disadvantage, and demonstrated need—preventing rigid geographic criteria from inadvertently disqualifying small, incorporated cities like Clearlake.
2. **Comprehensive Municipal Workforce Incentives:** Expanding tax incentives and student loan forgiveness across the full spectrum of local government operations (including public works, building inspection, planning, engineering, finance, administration, and public safety) where rural recruitment deficits are acute.

3. **Reduction of Grant Financial Barriers:** Pairing expanded technical grant assistance with or reduced local match requirements and streamlined reporting for economically distressed rural communities.
4. **Direct Local Government Infrastructure & Resilience Support:** Ensuring federal disaster hardening and infrastructure funding directly assists municipalities responsible for public hazard mitigation and post-disaster recovery, rather than solely assisting private parcel owners.
5. **Administrative Simplicity & Flexibility:** Minimizing compliance costs, complex reporting mandates, and overhead burdens that deter small jurisdictions operating with lean staffing levels from accessing federal aid programs.

Transmitting this letter ensures Clearlake's distinct operational and community needs are directly incorporated into congressional committee deliberations as the bill advances.

OPTIONS:

1. Move to approve the proposed Letter of Support and authorize the Mayor to sign.
2. Other direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments: Authorizing the letter of support carries no impact on the City of Clearlake General Fund. If enacted with the recommended provisions, the legislation will improve the City's eligibility for federal funding opportunities, reduce local match burdens, and support staff recruitment and retention efforts.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- ☒ Goal #1: Economic Development
- ☒ Goal #2: Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- ☐ Goal #3: Celebrate Clearlake
- ☐ Goal #4: Clean
- ☒ Goal #5: Fiscal Sustainability
- ☒ Goal #6: Safe

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Move to approve the proposed Letter of Support and authorize the Mayor to sign.

- ☒ **Attachments:**
- 1) Draft Support Letter
 - 2) Correspondence from Members of Congress Mike Thompson and James Gallagher



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October 15, 2026

The Honorable Mike Thompson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James Gallagher
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for the Revitalize Rural America Act and Recommendations for Final Legislation

Dear Congressman Thompson and Congressman Gallagher:

On behalf of the City of Clearlake, I am pleased to express our support for the Revitalize Rural America Act and commend your bipartisan leadership in advancing legislation that recognizes the unique challenges and opportunities facing rural communities throughout California and across the nation.

As one of Lake County's largest population centers, Clearlake provides essential municipal services to a community facing significant economic challenges while operating with limited financial and administrative resources. Like many rural jurisdictions, we face persistent difficulties recruiting qualified employees, securing competitive federal funding, maintaining aging infrastructure, expanding affordable housing, and ensuring access to essential health care services.

We particularly appreciate the legislation's recognition that rural communities require targeted federal assistance and greater flexibility to address these challenges. The proposed investments in public workforce recruitment and retention, grant assistance, housing, health care, and disaster resilience would provide important opportunities to strengthen communities like Clearlake.

As the legislation advances, we respectfully offer several recommendations that we believe would further strengthen its effectiveness for smaller rural municipalities:

1. Ensure Broad and Consistent Rural Eligibility. Federal programs frequently employ different definitions of rural communities, which can unintentionally exclude smaller incorporated cities serving economically disadvantaged populations. We encourage language that ensures communities such as Clearlake are eligible for assistance based on population, economic conditions, and demonstrated need, rather than restrictive geographic classifications.

2. Expand Workforce Recruitment and Retention Incentives. We strongly support the proposed tax incentives and student loan forgiveness provisions for rural public employees. We encourage broad eligibility across municipal occupations, including public safety, engineering, planning, building inspection, public works, finance, and administrative positions. Smaller cities often experience recruitment challenges across nearly every department, and these incentives should recognize the full range of professionals necessary to deliver essential public services.

3. Reduce Financial Barriers to Federal Grant Participation. Expanded technical assistance for federal grant applications would be particularly valuable to rural governments with limited staffing. However, local matching requirements and complex administrative obligations can be equally significant barriers. We encourage provisions that reduce or waive matching requirements for qualifying economically disadvantaged rural communities and simplify grant administration wherever practical.

4. Strengthen Direct Assistance for Rural Infrastructure and Disaster Resilience. Clearlake has experienced the devastating impacts of major wildfires and continues to face substantial infrastructure and disaster recovery challenges. We encourage the legislation to ensure that assistance extends beyond individual property owners to include local governments responsible for public infrastructure, emergency preparedness, hazard mitigation, and long-term community recovery.

5. Preserve Flexibility and Minimize Administrative Burdens. Rural local governments frequently operate with small staffs responsible for multiple functions. New federal assistance programs should be designed to maximize accessibility while minimizing unnecessary reporting, compliance costs, and administrative requirements that could discourage participation by the communities most in need.

These recommendations are offered in the spirit of strengthening an important legislative initiative. We recognize that rural communities are not simply smaller versions of urban jurisdictions. They face fundamentally different fiscal, geographic, and operational circumstances that warrant thoughtful federal policy.

The Revitalize Rural America Act represents an important acknowledgment of these differences and the need to ensure rural communities have meaningful opportunities to prosper. We appreciate your leadership and willingness to advance bipartisan solutions that recognize the importance of rural America.

The City of Clearlake is pleased to support the Revitalize Rural America Act and respectfully encourages consideration of these recommendations as the legislation moves forward. We look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen rural communities and improve opportunities for the residents we serve.

Sincerely,

Dirk Slooten
Mayor

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Section H, Item 6.

October 6, 2026

Dirk Slooten
Mayor
14050 Olympic Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422

Dear Mayor Slooten:

We respectfully request that Clearlake endorse the **Revitalize Rural America Act**, bipartisan legislation to strengthen rural communities, improve access to essential services, and support local economies.

As local leaders, you understand the challenges facing rural communities. Limited staffing can make it difficult to compete for federal funding, vacancies can strain essential services, and shortages of health care providers and affordable housing can make it harder for families to remain in the communities they call home. Local governments need federal policy that recognizes these challenges and help address them.

Our legislation would provide practical support for local governments and the residents they serve by:

- **Helping rural governments secure federal resources.** Expand technical assistance for communities applying for grants, loans, and other programs.
- **Strengthening the public workforce:** Provide tax relief for qualifying rural public employees and student loan forgiveness for rural public service to help recruit and retain essential workers.
- **Improving access to health care:** Expand telehealth, support physician recruitment in underserved communities, and create a tax credit to help rural hospitals retain employees.
- **Support housing and disaster resilience:** Expand access to housing tax credits and help property owners protect their homes and businesses against wildfires and other natural disasters.
- **Sustaining local agriculture:** Provide tax relief for qualifying farmland sales to young farmers or family members, helping keep agricultural land locally owned.

These investments would help local governments deliver services, support employers, and create opportunities for the next generation to build a future in rural America. They reflect a shared commitment to ensure that rural communities have the resources they need to succeed.

We respectfully request that you consider adopting a resolution or otherwise endorse the Revitalize Rural America Act. Your support would help demonstrate the importance of this legislation to the local governments responsible for meeting rural residents' needs every day.

Thank you for your service to the local community and for considering this request. We look forward to our continued work together to strengthen rural communities.

Sincerely,



Mike Thompson
Member of Congress



James Gallagher
Member of Congress