



RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION – 5:15 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2025

City Council Chambers
675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. 2025/0805.01 - **Conference with Labor Negotiator** Agency Negotiator: City Manager – Employee Organizations: Rio Dell Employees Association, Rio Dell Police Officers Association, and all Contract Employees – Gov’t Code §54957.6

D. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

E. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

F. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

G. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

H. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

J. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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K. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar adopting the printed recommended Council action will be enacted with one vote. The Mayor will first ask the staff, the public, and the Councilmembers if there is anyone who wishes to address any matter on the Consent Calendar. The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually following action on the remaining consent calendar items.

- [1.](#) 2025/0805.02 - Approve Minutes of July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting **(ACTION)** - Pg. #4
- [2.](#) 2025/0805.03 – Authorize the Chief of Police to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Critters Without Litters **(ACTION)** - Pg. #9
- [3.](#) 2025/0805.04 - Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of support for SB 349 Related to Transient Occupancy Taxes **(ACTION)** - Pg. #13
- [4.](#) 2025/0805.05 - Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Comment Letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Related to the Surrender Application and Decommissioning Plan for the Potter Valley Project **(ACTION)** - Pg. #17

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

M. REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2025/0805.06 - City Manager/Staff Update **(RECEIVE & FILE)** - Pg. #29

N. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

O. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/STUDY SESSIONS

1. 2025/0805.07 - Public Hearing - Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 520 First Ave.
(DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION) - Pg. #36

P. ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Q. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

R. ADJOURNMENT

*The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, **August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.***

**RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

Mayor Garnes called the regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Garnes, Mayor Pro Tem Carter, Councilmembers Orr, Wilson, and Woodall

Others Present: City Manager Knopp, Interim Police Chief Landry, Community Development Director Caldwell, Wastewater Superintendent Kelly and City Clerk Dunham

Absent: Finance Director Sanborn and Water/Roadways Superintendent Jensen (excused)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Garnes invited public comment on non-agenda matters. No public comment was received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Garnes asked if any councilmember, staff, or member of the public would like to remove any item from the consent calendar for a separate discussion. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Carter/Woodall to approve the consent calendar including the following items:

- 1) Minutes of the November 5, 2024 Regular meeting;
- 2) Proposal for one-time extension and training for the Rio Dell Bio-Scrub by BCR Environmental for \$14,759.00;
- 3) Proposed American Rescue Plan (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLWSF) Program Funds Allocation;
- 4) Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Regional Government Services Authority in coordination with the City Attorney for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; and
- 5) Receive and File the Check Register for October.

Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager/Staff Update

City Manager Knopp provided highlights of the staff update and provided a brief storm update. He said that the Eel River at Scotia was expected to rise to 42' with possible

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flooding in the low-lying areas of Ferndale. Likely local impacts would be related to power, internet, and traffic conditions due to downed trees.

He reported that the Wastewater Collection System camera inspections (CCTV) were completed with some immediate and easily correctable Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) sources identified.

Staff met with regulators from the State Water Resources Control Board related to the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and ongoing I & I concerns.

He announced that there would be a Nuisance Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m., followed by a Traffic Committee meeting on December 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

He then reported that at the request of CalTrans, staff is doing research regarding the S. Sequoia Ave./Grayland Heights bridge as part of the State's effort to evaluate local bridges for seismic safety. He said that it is not clear whether the bridge was dedicated to the City as part of the annexation and subdivision of Grayland Heights or if it is privately owned.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the City is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge.

City Manager Knopp indicated that ownership of the bridge is unclear and it could be privately owned however, if there were a catastrophic failure, those residents would likely turn to the City for a solution. He noted that staff is still researching the history of the bridge and if there was an official dedication of the bridge to the City, there would be a recorded Offer of Acceptance filed with the County.

Councilmember Wilson referred to the City's Solid Waste Agreement and said that the City's waiver on SB 1383 compliance would be slated to expire in 2025 and asked if the City received an extension.

City Manager Knopp said that staff met today with the Franchise holder (Recology Eel River) and the consultant working with the City on the new Franchise Agreement and was told that the agreement would expire on December 31, 2026. He explained that the goal is to come back to the Council in January or February 2025 and outline some of the City's options. One option would be to maintain the baseline services with some minor modifications or possibly move to Universal Collection although there would likely be a cost increase, possibly as much as 50% because of the cost of new equipment and supplies. He said that the first step is to gather information so the Council can make an informed decision.

Mayor Garnes asked staff if the foundation on the house at 4 Painter St. was a continuous perimeter foundation.

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Community Development Director Caldwell explained that it is a continuous perimeter foundation and that the builder is actually installing a block foundation with #5 rebar instead of #4 rebar so it is actually being over-built. He indicated that they are doing a great job with the rebuild and was glad to see the house being repaired after the earthquake instead of being demolished.

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/PUBLIC HEARINGSAppointment of Two (2) Council Members (Carter and Woodall) to Serve on a Rio Dell School District/Davis St. Park Ad Hoc

City Manager Knopp provided a staff report and said that Mayor Pro Tem Carter and Councilmember Woodall have recently been attending Rio Dell School Board meetings where the topic of a new plan for Davis St. Park has gained attention. He noted that the Davis St. Park is currently owned by the School District who may be interested in the surplus or selling of the property for future development by the City as a more formal public park facility. The appointment of the Ad Hoc will formalize the City representatives to work with the District on the subject.

A motion was made by Orr/Carter to approve the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Carter and Councilmember Woodall to an Ad Hoc Committee on the subject of the Davis Street Park and Rio Dell School District. Motion carried 5-0.

Ratify the Selection of the Artist for the Eel River Trail Community Art Installation

City Manager Knopp provided a staff report and said that on Saturday, November 9th, and Tuesday, November 12th, community voting sessions were held at City Hall for the selection of the artist for the Eel River Trail community art installation. There was a total of 13 artist submissions with local area artist Blake Reagan being the overall pick from 38 total voters. Following closely behind Blake Reagan were artists Laci Dane and Kim Reid. He commented that Blake is known as a prolific mural artist locally and recently painted the owl mural on the corner of Monument Rd. and Wildwood Ave.

His vision for the art depicted native species including a Blue Herron with the Eel River Valley in the background with the Redwood Forest skyline and Marbled Murrelets tucked into a nearby redwood tree. The art would be focused on the river and the surrounding forest, being the habitat for many species. He would also work with the school kids with the art tiles on each side of the center art piece depicting a chosen animal on one side and native plants on the other side.

City Manager Knopp extended special thanks to Mayor Garnes, Mayor Pro Tem Carter and Councilmember Woodall for volunteering to staff the vote submission sessions.

Mayor Garnes thanked the community for coming out to vote on the artist and to Councilmember Wilson and his wife for participating in the process.

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A motion was made by Woodall/Carter to ratify the selection of artist Blake Reagan for the community art installation. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Cancellation of the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

City Manager Knopp provided a brief staff report and said that more often than not, the second City Council meeting in December is canceled unless there is urgent business to come before the Council. He said at this time there is no urgent business pending however, should something urgent come up, a special meeting could be called.

A motion was made by Woodall/Carter to approve the cancellation of the December 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Second Reading (by title only) and Adoption of Ordinance No. 409-2024 amending Section 17.30.360(4) of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Vacation Dwelling Unit Regulations appeal period to be consistent with Section 17.35.060 of the RDMC

Community Development Director Caldwell provided a staff report recommending approval of a minor text amendment to the Vacation Dwelling Unit Regulations appeal period to be consistent with Section 17.35.060 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code.

Mayor Garnes opened a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed text amendment. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Woodall/Carter to approve the second reading (by title only) and Adoption of Ordinance No. 409-2024 amending Section 17.30.360(4) of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Vacation Dwelling Unit Regulations appeal period to be consistent with Section 17.35.060 of the RDMC. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Carter reported on upcoming meetings and events and said that she would be attending a RREDC meeting in Arcata on Monday and announced that there would be a pet vaccine clinic held at the Rio Dell Fire Hall on Monday, November 25, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition to vaccines, there will be flea, tick and worm medicine available and micro-chipping for anyone interested in having their animal chipped.

She also extended special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Resource Center, the Rio Dell Fire Department, California Conservation Corp (CCC), and any other volunteers for their participation in putting up the Christmas decorations.

She requested the Parks Community Survey results be placed on the next agenda. The Council concurred. She then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Councilmember Orr announced that this month’s HCAOG meeting is a closed session via Zoom. He also extended thanks to the community for the Christmas decorations and said that it warmed the heart of their little exchange student who can hardly wait for Christmas.

Councilmember Wilson announced that he would be attending a RCEA meeting tomorrow and reported on the November 14th HWMA meeting where the board approved issuing an RFP to identify the requirements for having a processing facility in the county related to SB 1383 compliance.

Mayor Garnes and Councilmember Woodall also extended thanks to everyone that participated in putting up the Christmas decorations, noting that it was a great team effort.

ADJOURNMENT

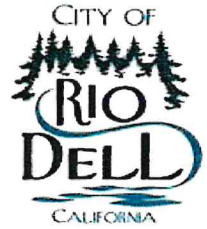
A motion was made by Carter/Woodall to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. to the December 3, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:

Debra Garnes, Mayor

Karen Dunham, City Clerk

*675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562*



TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Josh Phinney, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

DATE: August 5th, 2025

SUBJECT: MOU with Critters Without Litters

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the execution of a MOU with Critters Without Litters by the Chief of Police.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Rio Dell Police Department (RDPD) encounters situations in which stray, injured, or neglected animals require timely veterinary care, humane euthanasia, or basic wellness services such as vaccinations. Currently, the City has no formal agreement in place to ensure access to affordable, reliable veterinary services during business hours. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Critters Without Litters, a local nonprofit veterinary clinic directed by Kari Crockett, will establish a cooperative relationship to provide necessary animal care during their regular hours of operation (Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Services covered include emergency treatment, rabies vaccinations, wellness exams (by appointment), and euthanasia when warranted. The MOU clarifies that the City will be responsible for transporting animals to and from the clinic, and includes provisions to limit the City's liability once animals are in CWOL's care. This agreement will help streamline animal-related responses, improve humane treatment standards, and create a consistent point of contact for routine and emergent veterinary needs during regular business hours.

Attachments: **MOU.**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIO DELL AND CRITTERS WITHOUT LITTERS**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the **City of Rio Dell**, a municipal corporation (“City”), acting through its **Police Department (“RDPD”)**, and **Critters Without Litters**, a California nonprofit veterinary clinic (“CWOL”), directed by **Kari Crockett**.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a mutual understanding between the City and CWOL to facilitate access to veterinary care for animals under the temporary custody or responsibility of the Rio Dell Police Department.

2. Scope of Services

CWOL agrees to provide the following services to RDPD, subject to availability and the clinic’s capabilities:

- **Emergency veterinary care** during regular business hours:
Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - If a treatment is beyond CWOL's capabilities, CWOL will refer the City to an appropriate full-service veterinary clinic at no charge.
- **Humane euthanasia** during business hours when necessary due to injury, illness, or public safety concerns.
- **Rabies vaccinations** and other basic vaccinations as appropriate.
- **Wellness examinations**, provided appointments are scheduled in advance. CWOL will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate such appointments, as soon as practical, to avoid unnecessary disruption of the Rio Dell Police Department.

3. Animal Transport Responsibilities

The **City shall be solely responsible** for the transport of animals to and from CWOL’s clinic located in Humboldt County. CWOL will not be responsible for pickup or delivery of animals unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

4. Point of Contact

All coordination, including scheduling and treatment discussions, will go through CWOL’s designated point of contact:

Kari Crockett
Director, Critters Without Litters
Phone: (707) 223-5054
Email: humboldthumanedirector@gmail.com

5. Liability and Indemnification

Once an animal is delivered to CWOL by the City for treatment, CWOL shall assume temporary custody and responsibility for the care and handling of the animal to the extent required by the treatment authorized by RDPD.

CWOL agrees to perform services in a reasonable and professional manner. The City shall not be liable for any injuries to staff, volunteers, or other animals sustained during the treatment process, nor for outcomes resulting from treatment decisions made in good faith by CWOL.

CWOL agrees to **indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Rio Dell, its officers, employees, and agents** from and against any and all claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the acts or omissions of CWOL in connection with the treatment or care of animals under this MOU, except where such liability arises from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City.

6. Compensation and Billing

CWOL will invoice the City at its standard service rates. The City agrees to remit payment in accordance with its established vendor payment procedures, generally within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

7. After-Hours Emergencies

This MOU does not obligate CWOL to provide services outside of its normal business hours. In the event of an after-hours emergency, the City may contact and use any available emergency veterinary provider.

8. Term and Termination

This MOU will remain in effect unless modified in writing or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days’ written notice.

9. Non-Binding Understanding

This MOU is intended as a good faith agreement between the parties and does not create any legally enforceable obligations or agency relationship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF RIO DELL

By: _____
Name: Josh Phinney
Title: Chief of Police
Date: _____

CRITTERS WITHOUT LITTERS

By: _____
Name: Kari Crockett
Title: Director
Date: _____

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August 5, 2025

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for SB 349 Related to Transient Occupancy Tax

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the Mayor to Execute Change the attached letter; or,

Provide alternate direction.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

This legislation enables enforcement of local ordinances related to short-term rentals, including the collection and remittance of transient occupancy taxes (TOT) by providing cities with the physical address of each short-term rental listed on the facilitator's website and full audit authority of TOT dollars. This bill ensures that the correct amount of TOT is being collected and remitted and allows for more effective enforcement against unlicensed units.

Why this is Important to Cal Cities Members:

- Short-term rentals are regulated exclusively at the local level through ordinances that often include regulations on permitting, tax compliance, noise, parking, and occupancy, among other provisions. But the enforcement of short-term rental ordinances and the collection and remittance of TOT from short-term rentals can be hindered by the lack of full transparency on the part of short-term rental facilitators.
- Cities often lack access to property addresses or other property-related information when it comes to code enforcement or when TOT is collected by the short-term rental facilitator. This results in cities not knowing where businesses are operating in their communities and whether the correct amount of TOT is being collected and remitted.
- Short-term rental facilitators, such as Airbnb and VRBO, have full knowledge of these properties' locations and resist disclosing this information.

- The current system creates an uneven playing field and incentivizes bad actors to bypass paying their fair share in the communities they operate in — even though short-term rental properties place additional demands on local services.

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August 5, 2025

The Honorable Ash Kalra
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator. Notice of SUPPORT (As Amended on July 7, 2025)

Dear Assembly Member Ash Kalra,

The City of Rio Dell **supports** SB 346, which would better equip cities to enforce local ordinances related short-term rentals, including the collection and remittance of transient occupancy taxes (TOT).

Short-term rentals are regulated exclusively at the local level via the adoption of an ordinance that often includes regulations on permitting, tax compliance, noise, parking, occupancy, as well as other responsibilities for hosts and short-term rental facilitators. In some instances, ordinances limit the number of short-term rentals allowed to operate lawfully, other ordinances ban short-term rentals entirely.

Short-term rentals can present numerous challenges to neighborhoods and adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, and public safety issues, decrease available housing stock, and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows, collectively creating additional demands on local public service providers.

Unfortunately, the enforcement of TOT ordinances and the collection and remittance of these taxes from short-term rentals can be inconsistent, even when voluntary collection agreements are in place with a short-term rental facilitator. Cities lack access to property addresses or other property-related information, even under these agreements, resulting in a difficult choice to either accept tax payments without any way to verify their accuracy and legality or attempt to collect taxes directly from property owners—a costly and time-consuming process. Meanwhile, short-term rental facilitators have full knowledge of these properties' locations and resist disclosing this information. Cities can only compel short-term rental facilitators to disclose this critical information through certain legal action, such as subpoenas. This is not how oversight of public dollars should work.

SB 346 would address the above issues by providing cities with the physical address of each short-term rental listed on the facilitator's website and full audit authority of TOT

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dollars. These changes would ensure the correct amount of TOT is being collected and remitted and would allow for more efficient enforcement against unlicensed units.

For these reasons, the City of Rio Dell supports SB 346.

Sincerely,

Debra Garnes
Mayor
City of Rio Dell

cc. Senator McGuire and Assembly Member Rogers
Sara Sanders, CalCities
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, cityletters@cacities.org



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TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Comment Letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission related to the Surrender Application and Decommissioning Plan for Potter Valley Project as Submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached correspondence; or,

Take no action.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On July 25, PG&E filed its Surrender Application and Decommissioning Plan for the Potter Valley Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The application includes the removal of the Scott Dam.

The Potter Valley Project is located in the Upper Eel River in Lake and Mendocino counties. The main storage reservoir for the Project, Lake Pillsbury, is formed behind Scott Dam, which is located on the Eel River. Water captured and stored in Lake Pillsbury is released into the Eel River and then captured again in Van Arsdale Reservoir, an approximately 65-acre reservoir formed behind Cape Horn Dam. Water captured in Van Arsdale Reservoir is diverted and conveyed to the Potter Valley Powerhouse, which is located just north of a predominately agricultural area known as the Potter Valley.

In summary, the letter recognizes that there are benefits to the dam removal but also some possible negative side effects. Those potential considerations are (1) release of stored sediment behind the dam, (2) possible mercury contamination in those soils, (3) water rights equity considerations and (4) economic considerations.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

DRAFT

RE: PG&E Surrender Application and Decommissioning Plan for Potter Valley Project

Dear,

The City of Rio Dell has been actively monitoring the developments related to the Scott Dam since 2018, when PG&E announced its intent to divest the century-old hydroelectric facility known as the Potter Valley Project. As documented in our City Council meetings of November 6, 2018, and September 17, 2019, this project directly affects our community's water security and long-term sustainability. The proposed removal of Scott Dam, while offering significant ecological benefits to the Eel River watershed, presents both opportunities and challenges for Rio Dell's water security, systems, sustainability and overall water quality management.

Background and Stakeholder Context

The Potter Valley Project, constructed beginning in 1905, represents a complex water management system that diverts Eel River water to the Russian River watershed through Scott Dam (creating Lake Pillsbury) and Cape Horn Dam. Historical diversions averaged 152,600 acre-feet annually until 1979, subsequently reduced to 64,400 acre-feet by 2007-2016. This massive out-of-basin transfer supports agricultural development in Potter Valley and provides water supply to Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

Following PG&E's 2018 announcement, a Coalition formed to pursue a "Two-Basin Solution" with co-equal goals: improving fish passage and habitat on the Eel River while minimizing adverse impacts to water supply reliability in both river basins.

Rio Dell's position in this complex stakeholder landscape is unique. Unlike downstream counties that benefit from the water diversions, our community depends directly on Eel River flows for municipal water supply. The 2014 state water curtailment, which restricted our residents to 50 gallons per person per day until we could demonstrate adequate river flows, underscores our vulnerability to water supply disruptions.

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Direct River Interface with the City

The Eel River flows for approximately four (4) miles through Rio Dell. The river provides tremendous recreation opportunities for residents of the City and region. Fishing, camping, swimming, boating and all other typical river related recreation occurs mostly in the summer months. The City has recently built a ¼ mile non-motorized riparian trail with environmental education components. As one of the largest draws for outside visitors, the river is a major driver of economic activity for Rio Dell.

Additionally, the City's main source of water is an infiltration gallery located along the west bank of the river. Due to budget constraints at the time of construction, the gallery does not extend across the river. This design leaves the gallery vulnerable to changes in flow location during the summer months as there is potential for the flow to move towards the east and away from the gallery. This problem would be compounded by increases in sedimentation in the river, not to mention potential increases in localized flooding from additional sedimentation.

Possible Impacts on Rio Dell

Scott Dam currently regulates Eel River flows, providing some consistency in water availability particularly in the late summer and early fall season. Dam removal will restore natural flow patterns, characterized by higher winter/spring flows and potentially lower summer/fall flows. Our water infiltration system, which relies on consistent river-groundwater interaction, may require operational adaptations during periods of reduced natural flow.

Sediment, Clay & Gravel

The removal process will release approximately 40 million cubic yards of accumulated sediment, presenting both immediate and long-term considerations:

Possible Impacts:

- Changes in flow channelization, diverting water away from the City's main water intake, the Infiltration Gallery.
- Significant increases in river turbidity during initial dam removal phases
- Fisheries impact from summer deep pools being filled from new wave of sedimentation.
- Potential clogging or blocking of infiltration galleries and wells due to fine sediment loads
- Temporary disruption to water treatment processes requiring enhanced filtration capacity

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- Need for increased monitoring and potential municipal system shutdowns during peak sediment release periods

Possible Mercury Contamination

Our understanding is that recent studies analyzing sediments in Lake Pillsbury provide encouraging results. Laboratory analysis indicates that sediment contamination levels generally do not require manual removal prior to dam removal. However, several concerns remain:

- Temporary Exposure Risk: Initial sediment flushing may create localized spikes in suspended particles potentially carrying bound mercury
- Methylation Potential: Newly exposed organic-rich sediments under anaerobic conditions could enhance mercury methylation, converting inorganic mercury to more toxic methylmercury
- Bioaccumulation Monitoring: Enhanced surveillance of mercury levels in both water supplies and local food webs will be essential

Water Rights Equity

Rio Dell possesses only junior water rights to the main stem of the Eel River, which is the city's primary water source. This is a critical vulnerability for the community. In times of shortage, the most recent ("junior") right holder must be the first to discontinue such use

The implications of Rio Dell's junior status became clear during the 2014 drought:

- The State Water Resources Control Board issued a June 30 curtailment notice, saying Rio Dell no longer had legal rights to draw water out of the Eel River
- This imposed a 50 gallon per person per day limitation on residents, with state-imposed fines for failure to achieve conservation objectives
- Rio Dell residents reduced water use by 56 percent toward the end of July
- The curtailment was eventually rescinded, but only after the city demonstrated there were no registered senior water rights holders being affected by its use

The city remains vulnerable because:

1. Primary Source Dependency: The Eel River is Rio Dell's primary water source
2. Junior Priority Status: During shortages, Rio Dell must cease diversions before senior rights holders
3. Climate Variability: Future droughts could trigger similar curtailments
4. Potter Valley Project Impact: Changes to upstream water management could affect downstream flows

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The removal of the Scott Dam adds complexity to Rio Dell's water rights position:

- The current "Potter Valley" project diverts water from the Eel River to the Russian River watershed
- While dam removal might improve natural flows, it could also create short-term disruptions
- Rio Dell's junior status means the community has limited leverage in negotiations about project modifications

Rio Dell's water security depends heavily on maintaining adequate Eel River flows, but our junior status leaves us vulnerable during any water shortage periods. This vulnerability may increase as a result of dam removal.

Economic Considerations

Rio Dell's economic situation reflects broader challenges facing small rural communities in Northern California's former timber regions. The community's dependence on the Eel River with junior rights status compounds its economic vulnerabilities, as demonstrated during the 2014 drought when residents faced severe water restrictions.

The combination of below-average incomes, higher-than-national poverty rates, aging infrastructure, and limited economic diversity positions Rio Dell as a community facing significant socioeconomic challenges compared to both state averages and urban California communities.

This economic profile helps explain why issues like the Scott Dam removal are so critical for Rio Dell - the community has limited financial resources to adapt to major infrastructure changes or invest in alternative water sources, making reliable access to Eel River water essential for both residential needs and any potential economic development.

Rio Dell's economic situation shows concerning disparities compared to state averages:

- 2023 Median Household Income: \$46,055
- Per Capita Income: \$24,427

State Comparison:

- California's median household income is \$96,334
- Rio Dell's income is approximately 48% of the state average
- Median household income below state average and median house value below state average

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Potential Solutions and Mitigating Factors

Projects such as the decommissioning of the Scott Dam often create divides where both detractors and supporters can become absolute in their positions. While I believe Rio Dell is generally supportive of the decommissioning of the dam, there are potential negative consequences as listed above. We also believe there are some solutions to these problems that can be implemented to either solve or mitigate these issues.

Sediment, Clay & Gravel:

1. Fund the design and construction of an extension to the Rio Dell infiltration Gallery to cross the span between both west and east banks.
2. Fund the design and construction of a flocculation / sedimentation basin at the water treatment facility to reduce turbidity and improve the pre-processing of water into the main water filters.
3. Fund the design and construction of an enhanced water backup well system, currently located at Metropolitan.

Possible Mercury Contamination:

4. Conduct a comprehensive study of Mercury in lakebed soils.
5. Fund ongoing and continuing mercury monitoring along the Eel River, both during the deconstruction phase and for an appropriate period of years or decades following decommissioning. Include monitoring for other hazardous materials that may exist in the lakebed.

Water Rights Equity:

6. With expected changes to water draws that result from the decommissioning of Scott Dam, where possible a reasonable portion of existing senior water rights should be expropriated to the City of Rio Dell in anticipated of the increase of variability in seasonal water flows.

Economic Considerations:

7. By enacting the above factors, Rio Dell feels confident that negative impacts from the decommissioning of the dam will have been reasonably mitigated and in some circumstances, potentially solved.

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Conclusion

The Potter Valley Project's transformation represents both significant opportunity and considerable risk for Rio Dell. While Scott Dam removal promises substantial long-term ecological and water quality benefits for the Eel River watershed, the transition period will require careful planning, enhanced monitoring, and potential infrastructure modifications to protect our community's water security.

Our city's experience during the 2014 drought demonstrates both our vulnerability to water supply disruptions and our community's capacity for conservation and adaptation. By working on these issues we can help ensure that the ecological restoration of the Eel River supports rather than compromises our long-term water sustainability.

The success of the Two-Basin Solution depends on meaningful inclusion of all watershed communities, including those like Rio Dell that rely directly on the river's natural flows. Our continued participation in this process is essential not only for protecting our immediate interests but for contributing to a genuinely sustainable regional water management framework.

Sincerely,

Kyle Knopp
 City Manager
 City of Rio Dell

cc. Congressman Jared Huffman
 Round Valley Indian Tribes
 Wiyot Tribe
 County of Humboldt
 PG&E
 California Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Sonoma Water
 Mendocino Inland Water and Power Commission
 National Marine Fisheries Service
 Trout Unlimited
 California Trout
 Friends of the Eel River
 Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association
 Humboldt County Farm Bureau

ATTACHMENT 1



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Eel River Watershed with County Boundaries

Map 1



Imagery: ESRI Basemap Service
Created: May 31, 2018
Humboldt County Public Works



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Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

Lower Eel River

Map 2



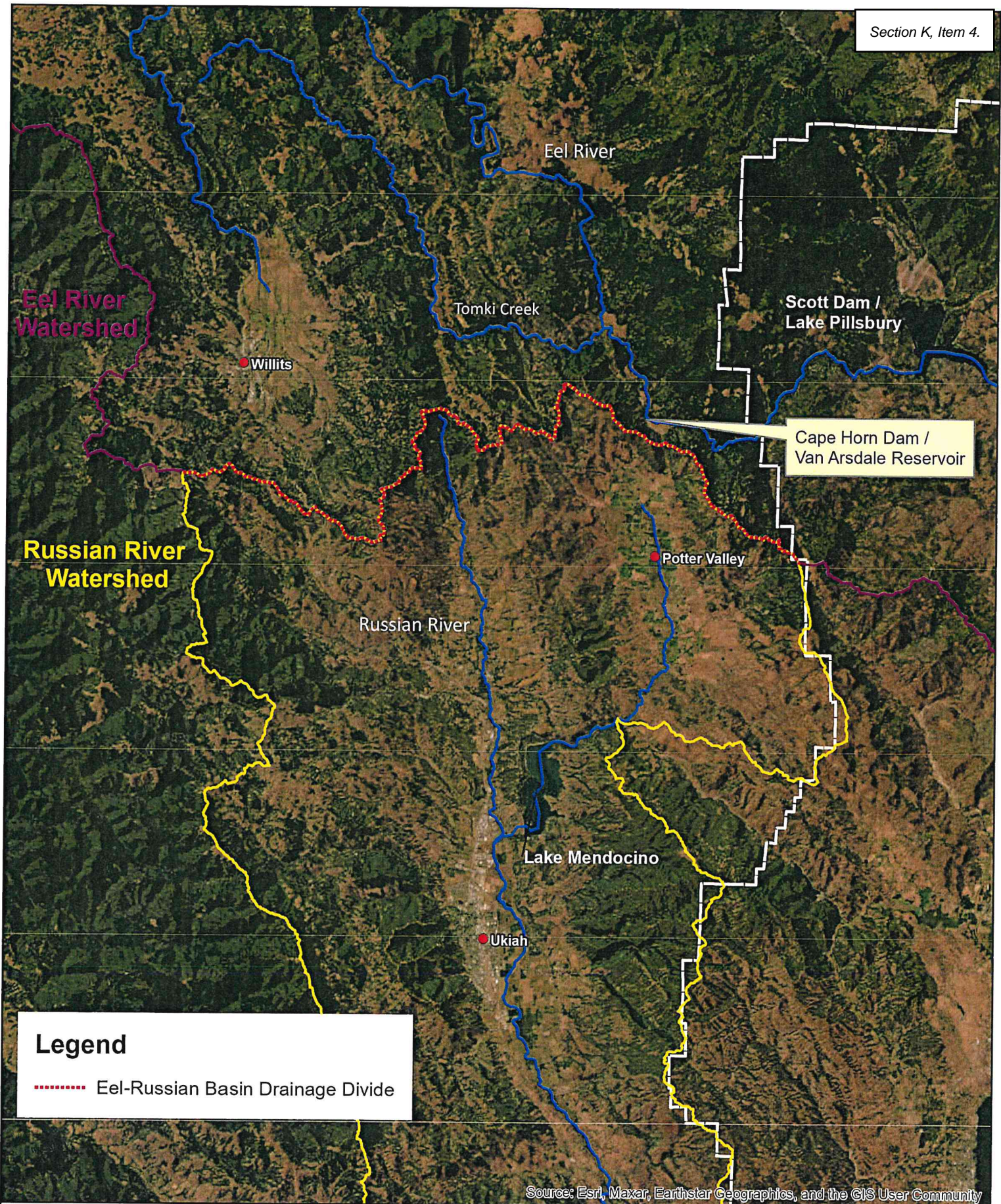
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Eel River and Russian River Basins

Map 3



Legend

..... Eel-Russian Basin Drainage Divide

Eel-Russian Basin Drainage Divide

Map 4



Imagery: ESRI Basemap Service
Created: June 29, 2020
Humboldt County Public Works
All locations are approximate.

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Staff Highlights – 2025-08-05

City Council

City Manager

Submitted a community highlight article to North Edge (AEDC) for the upcoming regional economic development conference.

Discussions with other City Managers related to large state capitol projects and the need to enforce laws and regulations on the state itself in terms of where /how they pay sales taxes. The City may need to engage specialty consulting firms in order to receive sales taxes related to these types of projects.

Staff anticipates bringing forward 4 earthquake repair projects for approval related to infrastructure at the meeting of August 19, these are amongst the final projects.

City Clerk

Processed Five (5) Building Permit Applications:

171 Monument Rd. – Re-roof Residence
1157 Riverside Dr. – 200 Amp Service Panel Upgrade
70 Wildwood Ave. – Re-Roof Commercial Building
1275 Northwestern Ave. – Temporary Cargo Container with Power
583 Second Ave. – PV Solar

Processed One (1) Encroachment Permit Application:

439 Northwestern Ave. – Remove Idle Overhead Service

Processed Three (3) Business License Applications:

Arts Roofing – Non-Resident Contractor
Humboldt County Doula, LLC – Prenatal/Postpartum & Childbirth Service
Psomas- Civil Engineering, Surveying and Construction Management Services

Misc:

Submitted July Employment Statistics Report to the US Department of Labor

Responded to questions from the Humboldt County Assessor's Office Re: Building Permits



Sent out Notice of Cancellation of July 22, 2025, Planning Commission meeting

Coordinated with the Fire Department on the Special Event Permit for Wildwood Days

Sent Letter to Diaz Trucking Re: Operating a Business without a Business License

Coordinated with Watt's Cleaning Service Re: Janitorial Contract for City Hall Cleaning

Submitted information to Alliant for SCORE Annual Reporting to the Office of Self-Insurance

Sent Address Verification Letter for 84 Edwards Dr. to the County Assessor's Office

Requested a Certificate of Insurance from SCORE for Measure Z MOU

Sent Letter Granting 60-Day Extension of Sewer Lateral Testing Requirements/123 Bellevue

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

Finalized the third complete CDBG project providing earthquake victims rebuilding assistance through the City's Program Income funds.

Coordinated with Emergency Management Coordinator at Public Water Agencies Group to confirm the City of Rio Dell's continued CalWARN membership status.

Submitted quarterly compliance report to FEMA for the Eel River Crossing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project.

Compiled current spay/neuter program information and fund balance for city records.

Provided information for Public Records Act (PRA) requests pertaining to the Rio Dell Gateway Landscape Improvement Project.

Executed Progress Payment #3 for the Rio Dell Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Project and submitted invoice #9 to the State Water Board, triggering draw request #3 from RCAC.

Collaborated with contract engineers GHD and City Clerk to address FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation Request for Information (RFI).

Worked with local cannabis business to secure Q4 FY 2024-2025 tax payments.

Provided CDBG loan payoff details to local title company for property transaction.



Submitted City of Rio Dell Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) claim form to Humboldt County Association of Governments.

Coordinated with Clean CA representatives to acquire promotional video for Eel River Trail project to strengthen Wildlife Conservation Board Phase 2 grant application presentation scheduled for August 28, 2025.

Submitted revised invoices and supporting documentation to Caltrans for Emergency Relief (ER) projects related to earthquake damage road work.

Established fieldwork start date with Senior Manager from DavisFarr CPA firm for Transportation Development Act (TDA) audit transition.

Collaborated with finance staff on ADA compliance requirements for city website accessibility.

Coordinated with City Clerk to provide payroll information to SCORE and the City's risk management group.

Public Works Water

Monthly reports

Drought reports

Maintenance on Gateway Irrigation system

USA's Locates

Water leak repairs at 355 Pacific Ave.

Replaced failing ERTs before reading meters.

Order new 2" meter, ert and register for failed meter at Rio Dell Corp Yard

Meter reading.

Door hangers for unpaid accounts.

Maintenance and calibration of Water treatment plant pH equipment

General cleanup at water treatment plant and Infiltration Gallery

Public Works Wastewater

Coordination and repairs services planning for WWTP Biosolids Dryer. (Ongoing with BCR)



Maintenance and repairs on Wastewater treatment plant Onsite Chlorine Generator Equipment

Weekly and monthly sampling and monitoring.

WWTP Ground water monitoring and sampling at the Irrigation field

Weekly and monthly treatment plant washdowns and cleaning inside tent

Maintenance on Belt Press and Polymer injection system

Install new Chemical feed pump for Belt Press

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Street Sweeper preparations on Davis St and Wildwood Ave

Roadside mowing around town

Preparations for Wildwood Days Weekend

Mow and Weedeat City Hall, Memorial and Blue Star parks.

Mowed freeway ramps on Painter St. and Davis St.

Repair leaking sprinkler head on city hall and parks. (ongoing)

Vinegar spray along curbs on Wildwood, Monument and River side

Edge curbs on all parks and islands.

Weekly Weedeat and garbage removal of the Eel River Trail.

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

Community Development Department

Reach out to Mike O'Hern regarding Painter Street SSO project, discuss need for new easement and required legal description for the document.

Meeting with Kerry Venegas, Eel River Long Term Recovery Group, review status of applications.



Prepare Staff Report and Resolution for The Humboldt Seed Company, identify public noticing list, send out public notices.

Tele meeting w/David Ross, Element 7 receivership regarding sale, process for transferring ownership.

Complete State Annual Planning Survey

Attend Retail Strategies webinar.

Final siding inspection 484 Davis Street

Final inspection 30 Monument/117 Wildwood

Open refer Margro Properties VDU CUP, identify 300's, prepare staff report, resolution.

Attend Simpson HDUE bracing webinar

Review and refer Maison Earthquake report

Review and approve solar plans 90 First Ave

Review and approve solar plans 655 Rigby Ave

Final Inspection 190 Bellevue Ave – Foundation repairs

Attend Nuisance and Traffic Committee meetings

Prepare visuals for W-Trans TIS recommendations.

Facilitate contract/conflict waiver for Dog Park w/Humboldt Fence.

Prepare draft text amendments for Truck Parking.

Prepare referral for Thompson CDBG loan for earthquake repairs. Respond to agencies re: Inadvertent Discovery Protocol. Prepare draft NEPA document.

Conduct inspection for City of Fortuna.

Final inspection 70 Wildwood Ave.

Rough mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspections 111 Creek Street

Roof Inspections 1137 Miller Court

Prepare Planning Commission Notice of Decisions for Margro and the Humboldt Seed Company.

Review LWCF grant application materials, reach out to representative with questions.



Solar w/battery system inspection 1110 Rio Vista

Roof Inspections 1137 Miller Court

Framing and drywall inspections 210 Wildwood Ave

Insulation inspection 111 Creek Street

Prepare adoption staff report Housing Element Text Amendments

Insulation inspection 111 Creek Street

Pre-site inspection 330 Berkeley Street regarding fence exception

Energy Code webinar Performance Approach review

Meeting with Mary McGrath re: earthquake repairs, pellet stove

Reply to Christopher Cortazar's email inquiries re: timber harvesting, cannabis permits, accessory and vacation dwelling units

Reach out to Assessor re: update tax rolls

Final inspection 875 Rio Dell Ave – Corrections required – Corrections Made

Roof Inspections 117 Monument Road

Gas line inspection 100 Painter Street

Participated in HCAOG Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) methodology meeting to discuss potential options regarding Housing-Jobs alternatives. According to Department of Finance (DOF), the City's population slightly decreased from 3,255 in January 2024 to 3,232 in January 2025, a decrease of 0.7%. The County as a whole continues to see slight decreases in population as well. In January 2024 the County had a population of 70,716, in January 2025 the population was 70,471, a decrease of 0.3%. Sixty-four percent (64%) of the City's residents are low income, 11% are moderate income and 25% are above moderate income.

Final (electrical) inspection 306 Wildwood

PV & Battery inspections 918 Hilda Court

Continue work on LWCF grant application. Reach out to Tidwell & Associates re: appraisal, reach out to O'Hern re: survey.

Respond to HCAOG Survey, requests for affordable housing project in City.



Provide Randy with suggested amenities for Dog Park.

Reach out to Humboldt Fence re: Phase II – anticipate starting in late August.

Review and approve plans for mobile office, power drop at Humboldt 454.

Review COA's for Marathon 102 re: road improvements.

Review maps/survey re: Stream Street, public or private. Forward parking info to PD

Amend Building Inspector Agreement, send to Ross Nash

Review impacts of Potter Valley dam removal project, forward to Kyle, tele meeting with Jeannie Fulton w/ Farm Bureau

Meeting with Marc Matteoli re: sale of Church parcel off of Rigby, potential subdivision.

Forward approved Housing Element text amendments to HCD, follow up on CalFire's impact to our local housing and RHNA numbers.

Review Grant Agreement w/WCB re: Phase II of Eel River Trail

Tele meeting with Retail Strategies re: economic development

Follow-up to PlaceWorks regarding inquiry on Housing Element update and support, request proposal.

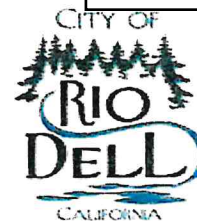
Follow-up to SHPO re: Thompson NEPA document, update Shannon at HCD

Review Angel Garcia application for an exception to the fence regulations, prepare and present options to avoid the CUP.

Respond to Margro Advisors inquiry regarding the CEQA Notice of Exemption, and filing requirements.

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park



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For Meeting of: August 5, 2025

☐ Consent Item; ☒ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council

From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer

Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

Date: August 5, 2025

Subject: Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 520 First Avenue

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing
2. Receive any testimony/evidence concerning the cost recovery for the abatement conducted at 520 First Avenue
3. Close the Public Meeting
4. Discuss the matter
5. Approve the Findings and Order Confirming Accounts and Assessment for the abatement of 520 First Avenue

Background and Discussion

On December 7, 2021 and December 8, 2021, an abatement warrant was executed at 520 First Avenue for excessive solid waste and junk vehicles. On July 7, 2023, the violations on the Property were determined to be excessive for an additional time. The City and multiple allied agencies made attempts to work with the occupants in clearing the violations however, were unsuccessful. Due to no compliance received in clearing the violations, an abatement warrant was executed on March 18, 2025 and March 19, 2025. The City's costs for the abatements were determined to be \$8,977.22. This cost assessment was sent via certified mail to the property owner and occupants on May 5, 2025. There has not been any attempts to pay or make a plan with the City for this debt.

Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Sections 8.10.310 through 8.10.330 cover the cost recovery process. RDMC Section 8.10.330 references the California Government Code Section 38773.5 which spells out the process for establishing taxes and assessments. This process requires two meetings, a public meeting followed by a public hearing.

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Attachment(s): Findings and Order Confirming Account and Assessment

Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Recovery



**FINDINGS AND ORDER
CONFIRMING ACCOUNT AND ASSESSMENT**

In Re: Cost Recovery Hearing
City of Rio Dell v, The Estate of Jo An Tolley
520 First Avenue, Rio Dell, California
AP# 053-095-015

August 5, 2025

On August 5, 2025, the Rio Dell City Council convened a hearing under Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320 for the assessment of costs related to nuisance abatement activities at the subject premises recited above.

At said hearing the Council considered the evidence presented to it concerning the subject premises, including relevant documents, writings, codes, ordinances, as well as oral testimony at the hearing, and now, therefore, it makes the following:

FINDINGS:

1. The property located at 520 First Avenue, Rio Dell, California is located in an Urban Residential zone within the City of Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California and is referred to as Assessor's Parcel Number 053-095-015; and
2. The Rio Dell Police Department received a complaint concerning the existence of violations on the property, to wit: Property use in violation of Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.020(a)(1), improper disposal of solid waste; and Section 8.10.020(c), junk vehicles; and
3. The property owner and/or occupants, were served with a Notice of Violation dated November 25, 2020, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.230, describing the violations and ordering abatement of those conditions; and
4. The property owner and occupants had significant and reasonable time to correct all violations and refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines prescribed by the Notice of Violation; and
5. The property owner and/or occupants were served with a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate dated March 25, 2021 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.260, giving the property owner and occupants additional, significant, and reasonable amount of time to correct the violations; and

6. The property owner did not contest the imposition of the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
7. The property owner refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines imposed by the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
8. On March 18, 2025 and March 19, 2025, the City of Rio Dell did, in fact, abate said nuisance; and
9. The City of Rio Dell maintained an accurate and itemized account of the cost of the abatement, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.310; and
10. The property owner was served with a Cost Recovery Assessment outlining the costs incurred by the City and requesting that payment be made within thirty days; and
11. The property owner has refused and/or failed to make payment to the City for the cost of the abatement within the time allotted; and
12. The property owner was served with a Notice of Assessment, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, specifying the work done; an itemized account of the cost and receipts of preforming the abatement; the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied against the property, the time and place where the Rio Dell Police Department would submit the account to the Rio Dell City Council for confirmation; and a statement that the City Council would hear and consider objections and protests to said account and proposed assessment; and
13. The costs of the abatement as set forth in the Notice of Assessment were necessarily incurred and are reasonable.

Following the said meeting and hearing, the City Council for the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain and declare as follows:

ORDER:

1. That the account and proposed assessment of \$8,977.22 be, and is hereby, confirmed in full; and
2. That the Rio Dell Police Department shall cause to be prepared and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, a Notice of Lien, which shall contain the identity of the property, a description of the proceedings under which the assessment was made (including this Order Confirming Assessment), the amount of the assessment, and a claim of lien on the described premises.

The City Council votes are tabulated as follows:

Mayor Debra Garnes:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Carter:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Frank Wilson:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Robert Orr:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Julie Woodall:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>

DATED: _____

Mayor of the City of Rio Dell

DATED: _____

Clerk of the City of Rio Dell



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Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment

June 6, 2025

Via Certified Mail

To: The Estate of Jo An Tolley
520 First Avenue
Rio Dell, California 95562

Location: AP# 053-095-015
520 First Avenue
Rio Dell, California

This Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment follows the Notice of Violation, served on November 20, 2024; the Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate, served on March 25, 2021; and the Notice of Abatement Cost issued on May 5, 2025. Notice is hereby given that the City of Rio Dell ("City") has completed the abatement of the nuisance conditions on the property located at 520 First Avenue, Rio Dell, California, known as Assessor's Parcel Number 053-095-015, under the authority of the Section 8.10.290 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code. Attached is a cost recovery assessment, which specifies the work done, including an itemized account of the costs and receipts for the performing the abatement, and the total amount of the assessment to be levied against the property, to wit, \$8,977.22. Pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, you have already been provided over thirty (30) days to pay this sum to the City.

Notice is further given that, on June 17, 2025 at its regular public meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Rio Dell City Council, located at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California, will schedule a public hearing on whether to impose a lien on your property in an amount equal to the City's nuisance abatement costs. The public hearing will be scheduled for August 5, 2025. If the costs of abatement are imposed by the City Council following the June 17, 2025, public hearing, the City will impose the costs of abatement as a special assessment against your real property; and the special assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the collection of ordinary County

taxes; and shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, under the same procedure for foreclosure and the sale in the case of delinquency as is provided for in ordinary County taxes.

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Notice is further given that at public hearing on June 17, 2025 the City Council will hear and consider any objections and protests to the assessment. You may appear with an attorney or other representative, call and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence on your behalf. Should the assessment be levied, the property may be sold after three years by the tax collector for unpaid delinquent assessments in accord with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.330 and California Government Code Section 38773.5.

Mary Clark
Community Service Officer
Rio Dell Police Department

Date