



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 14, 2021 05:00 PM**  
**8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243 Redwood Valley 95470**  
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Chair Dolly Riley • Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds • Treasurer Katrina Frey • Member Chris Boyd • Member Sattie Clark • Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly • Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of 3-10-21.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Dolly Riley.

A vote accepting the Minutes was approved unanimously by Members Jini Reynolds, Dolly Riley, Christine Boyd, Patricia Ris-Yarbrough, and Sattie Clark.

Throughout the meeting, up to 29 people were present on Zoom.

Member Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds.

The motion passed with the following vote:

5 In Favor       Opposed  
   Abstained    2 Absent

**2. Public Comments**

Megan McClure stated the Fire Safe Council has a new chipper that is available to sign up for on chipper days. Carson asked about cannabis, further down the agenda. Gizmo Henderson noted that the highway 20 bridge project was approved and is directed by Robert King, who agreed to abide by speed limit and not idling during favorable weather conditions.

**3. Public Discussion of PG&E \$22 mil Settlement Funds after the 2017 fire.**

Dolly suggested 3-5 ideas per person so that next month they can be recommended to the BOS. Martha Barra stated that Tomki Road needs to be passable in the event of a fire, and the 1-way bridge on Road B that needs to be made passable both ways as a safety issue. She added that a sideways mower to clear the grass and heavy growth from along the side of the road should be happening, and the Fire Safe council could also help with an outreach program to encourage individuals to clean up their own property. The new water lines up Tomki and West Road is going in without fire hydrants and funding should be used to add some hydrants. Water storage tanks should be filled early in the season for fire trucks to haul out of. Megan McClure, of Resource Conservation District, wanted to comment on the PG&E settlement funds, stating that spending will be subject to guidelines and we need to take into account the requirements for spending this funding. Hazardous trees need to be removed and sediment containment because it's contaminating the streams. Portia Snyder said she spoke with Linda Talso, of the RV Fire Department. We need two four wheel drive fire engines, road repair, a new siren alarm system, the firehouse itself needs improvements, fire hydrants are necessary (water district) and the Grange needs help as a staging area. Chris agreed, suggesting a new siren system, road improvements. Sara Shepherd wants the fire department to have everything they need. She advocated hazardous tree removal, an alarm system, and Mariposa Country park improvements as her top priorities. Bree Klotter of the Water District wants to open up Tomki Road as well as implement fire hydrants along it. Sheilah Rogers seconds fire resilience and recovery efforts. She is alarmed that the money was suggested at first in such a widespread manner, but she wants to focus on the inland areas. Dolly's priorities included water conveyance, funding for needs of the fire departments, and a funding offset for citizens in the fire area that want to install a metal roof. Carson agrees about the early alert and alarm system. With about six alarms we could reach almost every household. Marybeth thinks that making Tomki Road safe and passable to all vehicles as well as keeping the brush down along the roadways including the removal of hazardous material is a top priority. She advocated for sirens and the fire department's needs, adding the RV Grange also needs some maintenance, pointing out it was used as a community center during the 2017 evacuation. Jini agreed the Grange needs a new kitchen, to become ADA compliant, and a new heating and cooling system. Cathy Monroe agreed with fire hydrants, and wants cameras set up as a fire warning system, hazardous tree removal, and for the first two miles of Tomki Road a removal of hazardous French Broom. Supervisor Glenn McGourty is awaiting information in regards to restrictions and guidelines for the usage of the money. Supervisor Mo Mulheren said the committee is creating a list for a presentation to the board. Dollar amounts for items is needed and we have some time. Patricia seconded everything suggested. Gizmo Henderson suggested the reinstatement of the Chamberlain Creek prisoner fire crew, adding that we need to try fighting fire with controlled burns. Have the crew come out in the winter time and work with people who have an excess of dead trees on their property. We need a radio amber alert to help direct traffic. Janice Ramos agrees with everything said so far. Adam Gaska stated the fire department should get at least a million because we need type one and type three fire engines and a rescue vehicle. Roads need to be

improved. Chris mentioned that the fire department is meeting this week so they will be able to have a dollar amount. Estelle Clifton agreed with clearing along roads, and utilizing convict crews. Glenn and Dolly formally welcomed Adam Gaska to the committee.

#### 4. **Report from County and Agencies on Current Events**

Member Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Sattie Clark.

The motion passed with the following vote:

5 **In Favor**       **Opposed**  
   **Abstained**    2 **Absent**

A vote was taken to approve funds for laminating fire prevention posters as stated further on. Guest Speaker Mary Ann Petrillo of the West Business Development Center talked about MOVE 2030. The center has moved online. Anyone who needs help with tax preparation, setting up a zoom call or economic data info can view the webinars on the website. MOVE 2030 is a grant dedicated to economic resilience, online education and grants of all kinds. Facilitated community discussions of multiple MACs (Big MAC) came up with similar ideas as the MAC. MOVE 2030 works on community development, streamlined automated processes, utilization of technology, consistent and regular data collection and the sharing of that data to entities such as the MAC, with coordinated efforts to secure investments grants and funding. During the pandemic everyone has suffered in some way. We need to fully utilize the assets of our County and unlock the full economic potential. We are very small so every business is vital. Regional and multi county projects are essential. Humboldt and Mendocino Counties have recently partnered and are thinking about hosting an event for small businesses.

Dolly asked if 2030 is partnered with the Potter Valley project. Ms. Petrillo was unsure if they have connected with this particular group. Una Wirkebau said this is why we have the Big Mac meetings- so that those conversations can take place and the funding can be acquired accordingly. Glenn McGourty agreed that getting information online would be much easier and more convenient. Gizmo Henderson asked if there is a possibility that 2030 would be looking for a grant to help build public transit malls to help the lower income communities who are unable to have cars. Mary invited Gizmo to email her and mentioned that there is a construction grant coming up, and joint projects are looked at.

Eileen Mitro of Climate Action Mendocino was not present to discuss that organization's purpose and goals.

Tom Schoeneman was present to discuss Redwood Valley water issues. Dolly wanted to reach out to developmental projects to connect them with the water district. Tom says we're breaking records in terms of drought. Drilling wells is incredibly expensive, groundwater is regulated by the feds, we're looking into everything that can be done but our hands are tied. Ag water is being shut off on April 19th. Senator McGuire has been in contact with Redwood Valley in regards to infrastructure water projects but we really don't have the water. Tom invited everyone to the RV Water District meeting tomorrow at five. None of the numbers look good. Our domestic water is secure as of today, but we're really depending on Millview. We need money to drill a well and get hydroponic studies. We need grants to redo our interties. The pipes are too small. This is just a crisis situation. Granville stated that the district drilled a well up at the plant that turned out to be worthless which is why we are so dependent on Millview. The aquifer is substantial however the well drilled on Masonite was also a dud. A third well was drilled and it also turned up dry. Chris added that she heard that a new well drilled into the Ukiah Valley aquifer is not drawing water as well as had been expected. Punching holes in and hoping for the best is where we're at. Granville says the H&M well that was drilled did produce water but it was very contaminated in terms of domestic purposes. Bree agreed that water reliability is one issue, but water usage for March last year vs this year makes it clear that people are conserving water. Ag water was cut off so water usage has dropped dramatically but based on what she's seeing she believes that things are looking positive. The Board of Supervisors and Glenn M did a good job and everyone understands the precariousness or the issue. Patricia wondered how wells are found. Gizmo told everyone that we use witchers to find wells mostly. Glenn said there's also ground penetrating lasers and shockwave technology. The city of Ukiah is supposed to have a surplus of water and our best bet might be wholesale from Ukiah.

Gizmo Henderson discussed fire prevention. He produced a letter that was shared with Sheriff Matt Kendall asking for the CMS messaging boards to display a message stating that dragging chains can start fires. Hopefully this message will be out on Memorial Day weekend. Gizmo is asking the MAC for \$190.54 to laminate posters designed by Cal Fire to further advocate for fire prevention in regards to trailer safety and dragging chains. Gizmo has devised a plan to use old fire hose to cover low hanging chains to further prevent sparks. Keep a fire extinguisher on board and your tires inflated. Dolly asked for a vote on the workshop money for Gizmo, and members voted in favor of the expenditure. Patricia asked if there was a slogan for this project. Gizmo said he could work on that. Patricia said that gas stations could also be another place to distribute.

Julia Carrera, Cannabis Inspector, was not present to talk about cannabis rules but emailed a sample of an inspection report to MAC members.

#### 5. **Cannabis Policy Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Patricia, Sattie**

Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Chris Boyd.

The motion passed with the following vote:

5 **In Favor**       **Opposed**  
   **Abstained**    2 **Absent**

Sattie Clark provided a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding cannabis rules, and MAC members voted to approve the letter, which stated no hoop houses, that road bases to contaminate the soil, wells are going dry- we don't have enough water and trucking water is damaging, no plastic, chain link or any fences that will be detrimental to wildlife, no

removal of heritage crops for the replacement of cannabis, 6,000 square feet of grow maximum, organic methods only (sun and earth certified). Jini motioned to approve the letter, Chris Boyd seconded. Sattie asked for discussion on the wording none objected, multiple parties agreed with the current wording. Carson said that small operators that are compliant are at risk of losing their business or not making it into phase three and he is concerned about those people. Estelle Clifton discussed her letter regarding deficiencies with Planning and Building Department She doesn't have trust, she sees no guidelines, and thinks we need a resource professional, and a botanist. Why waste money on fancy consultants. Revamp the department. Who's doing what where? The public has concerns which are outlined. Press releases are valuable so people can know if they are in compliance or not. We need environmental issues to be addressed by community members who know what they're doing. Glenn McGourty stated that planning services will be looked at. Martha thinks that the county needs to take it one step at a time in regards to cannabis. Glenn said they're working on active enforcement but they don't really do anything until we bust people. He supports the cannabis industry but what we have now isn't at all what he envisioned. Dolly asked if people will be notified before they get fined. Glenn stated that offenders get a cease and desist notice and a short period of time to get into compliance after that period of time a large sum fine is administered daily.

**6. Development Review Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Marybeth, Jini, Patricia**

Jini Reynolds confirmed that there were no new developments in the valley. Ryan in the building department is working on updating the website. Sattie asked if permits only come through for change of zoning. Jini said they only get notified for permanent structures. Sattie and Patricia requested to be notified for all new structures, not just permanent ones.

**7. CAP: Interim Community Action Plan and Design Review: Chris, Sattie**

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The CAP was submitted last year and the MAC is awaiting a review from the Planning Commission and approval.

**8. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements**

Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough.

The motion passed with the following vote:

5 **In Favor**       **Opposed**  
   **Abstained**    2 **Absent**

The MAC voted approval of a resolution to honor the work of past Supervisor Carre Brown, who helped start the MAC. Dolly asked to frame the resolution and present it to her. Jini motioned to approve, Patricia seconded. Another vote was requested to continue contracting secretary services from Zoe Bigelow, followed by unanimous approval. Members welcomed Adam Gaska, who will be an official member after completing his Oath of Office.

**9. Adjournment. Next meeting 5-12-21.**