



Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

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Regular Meeting Summary Minutes DRAFT

Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Coast Life Support District Building; 38901 Ocean Drive, Gualala, CA, 95445

*A verbatim recording of this meeting is available from the
Gualala Municipal Advisory Council website at this Internet address:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOLaRNvCSL0>

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
- Council members present: Kevin Evans, Robert Juengling, Dave Shpak, Dan Lewis, Don Hess, Henry Mayer, Zachary Hayward (remote). Councilmember Finley was absent and excused from the meeting due to urgent health matters.
- Mendocino County personnel present: Ted Williams, Brandon Lee, Chris McNally.

2. Agenda Approval

- Chairman Evans proposed shift of agenda item order.
- Motion and second to approve as amended: Mayer, Lewis. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- May 7, 2025. Motion and second to approve: Lewis, Mayer. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

4. Mendocino County Sheriff or Code Enforcement Report

- Deputy Sheriff McNally summarized recent south coast actions and investigations.
- Lieutenant Sheriff Lee described role as Coastal Commander.
- Public comment: John Bower recommended a round-about be built at the intersection of SR1 and Old State Highway to control motorist speeds through downtown. Mr. Bower expressed concerns about unlicensed ATV motorists operating and speeding on public streets, Scotch broom overgrowth on Pacific Woods Drive, absence of safe pedestrian ways on Old Stage Road, and placement of chip seal instead of replacing failed pavement on Old Stage Road.
- Councilmember and Sheriff staff discussion about motorist speeding on local roadways.

5. Correspondence and Presentation

- Correspondence as reported on the approved agenda.
- Madeline Hope and Gwendolyn Meyer presented on Cleaner California Coast and Leave No Trace initiative in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin counties.
 - Presentation slides will be published on the GMAC website.
 - Councilmembers Mayer, Lewis, Hess, Juengling, Hayward, Evans discussed kiosk size, placement, utility requirements, staffing, restrooms, trash receptacles, and stakeholder coordination with presenters.

- Laura Elisa Garza Diaz, Ph.D. presented on the University of California Cooperative Extension Water and Climate Program, and Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan.
 - Presentation slides will be published on the GMAC website.
 - Councilmembers Mayer, Lewis, Hess, Juengling discussed Drought Resilience Plan definitions, data sources and metadata, potential consequences of federal funding cuts with Dr. Garza.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- John Bower expressed concerns about councilmember conduct, Mendocino County staff statements, and removal of parking spaces from the state highway right-of-way during consideration of the proposed CDP-2024-0040 (SR1 Gualala Downtown Streetscape Project) at the GMAC meeting on 5/7/25.
- Corrine Cronin expressed concern about councilmember recurring absence from regular GMAC meetings. Ms. Cronin also asked that some form of upcoming events calendar be hosted on the GMAC website.

7. Public Agency Referrals

7.1. CDP-2025-0009; Caltrans

- Councilmember Shpak summarized the referral for GMAC situational awareness of proposed preventative maintenance work on SR1 between Point Arena and Elk. This was an information item only since the proposed project is not within the GMAC planning area.
- Public comment: John Bower expressed concern that the proposed project did not include SR1 south of Point Arena to PM Men. 0.0.

8. Old Business - Discussion or Action

- ### **8.1. Mendocino County Local Coastal Program and Gualala Town Plan Update; Concerns, Issues, Objectives for the South Coast**
- Councilmember Shpak reviewed the intent of this agenda item as a recurring prompt for GMAC discussion in advance of formal review of draft LCP update documents. Shpak also reported on the GrassRoots Institute Local Coastal Program Update webinar on 5/15/25.
 - Councilmember Mayer noted that water availability is a primary constraint upon land development in the south coast, and should be emphasized in LCP planning considerations. Councilmember Lewis concurred with Mayer's assessment.
 - Councilmember Hess and John Bower discussed North Gualala Water Company actions and speculation related to the moratorium on new water service connections and water flow data for the North Fork Gualala River.

9. New Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Bower Park Renovation

- Councilmember Mayer reported that the construction bid solicitation deadline was on 6/5/25.
- Chairman Evans anticipated that Mendocino County would review bids received and select the least cost, responsive, and responsible proposal to build the project.

10.2. Caltrans SR1 Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project

- Councilmember Shpak reported that the proposed CDP-2024-0040 would be heard by the Mendocino County Coastal Permit Administrator on 6/26/25 in Ukiah.

10.3. Gualala Community Center Reconstruction and Master Plan

- Chairman Evans reported the Community Center is conducting a regular election for four seats on the non-profit Board of Directors, and that the Board would convene a meeting on 6/10/25 to consider four different schemes for the reconstruction project.
- Public comment: Corrine Cronin expressed desire to see the budget of project expenses to date and had questions about the criteria for Board of Directors candidacy. Chairman Evans will furnish project budget information and summarized Board candidate criteria.

10.4. Local Coastal Program and Town Plan Update

- See agenda item 8.1.

10.5. Economic Development

- No report.

10.6. Website, Social Media, Telecommunications, Community Broadband Access

- Councilmember Hess reported progress on the Facebook profile. An expert will be needed to complete the work he has done on the new Internet web page. Hess will ask an acquainted expert to provide an estimate of time and cost to finish the web page.
- Chairman Evans will consult with Planning and Building Services Director Krog on contracting to complete the web page and report to GMAC on 7/3/25.

11. Treasurer Report

- Treasurer Lewis reported consultation with Planning and Building Services to reimburse Councilmember Mayer for out-of-pocket costs of public notice.
 - Councilmember Hess reported the Independent Coast Observer did not provide a receipt for his payment, so he will furnish a copy of the cancelled check in lieu of a receipt.
 - Motion and second to approve the request for reimbursement: Mayer, Juengling.
Vote: Ayes unanimous.

12. Councilmember Comments, New Business for Future Agenda

- Chairman Evans inquired about a quorum for the next regular GMAC meeting on 7/3/25. A quorum of members committed to attend the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn: Mayer, Juengling. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.