

- Public comment: Corrine Cronin asked about intentions and practical controls of short-term visitor rental, which was answered by presenters.
- 6.2. Presentation by Laura Baker and Dylan Freebairn-Smith about Stormwater Drainage and the SR1 Gualala Downtown Streetscape Project
- Council member Juengling self-recused and left the GMAC table.
 - Baker and Freebairn-Smith did not attend the meeting.
 - Council member Shpak introduced Katie Everett, Caltrans District 1 Project Manager of the SR1 Gualala Downtown Streetscape Project.
 - Everett described prior conversations with Friends of Gualala River representatives and awareness of concerns regarding 6PPD-Q-laden stormwater discharge into the Gualala River estuary. Everett summarized proposed project features that would substantially reduce 6PPD-Q in stormwater discharge compared to existing conditions and in excess of quantities generated by the highway project. Everett also summarized Caltrans efforts, in coordination with other federal, state, and tribal regulatory and stakeholder agencies, to manage 6PPD-Q in stormwater discharge throughout the north coast region.
 - Council members Mayer, Evans, and Shpak asked questions that were answered by Everett.
 - Public comment: Robert Juengling asked questions that were answered by Everett.
 - Council member Juengling returned to the GMAC table after conclusion of agenda item.
- 7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
- None.
- 8. Public Agency Referrals**
- None.
- 9. Old Business - Discussion or Action**
- 9.1. Review and Adopt Proposed Bylaw Amendment
- Council member Mayer conducted the second reading of the Bylaw amendment adopted by GMAC on 10/2/25.
 - Chair Evans directed Secretary Shpak to transmit the Bylaw amendment to Mendocino County Council and Supervisor Ted Williams for Board of Supervisor approval.
 - Public comment: none.
- 9.2. Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan
- Council member Shpak summarized progress on the RTP/ATP update and the ongoing public comment period that will end on 11/26/25.
 - Chair Evans described comment regarding annual flooding and closures of SR1 at the Garcia River.
 - Public comment: none.
- 10. New Business - Discussion or Action**
- None.

11. Committee Reports

11.1. Bower Park Renovation

- Council members Evans, Mayer, and Shpak reported no apparent progress on the renovation project.
- Council member Mayer expressed intention to contact Doug Anderson, Mendocino County Project Manager, for project status update.

11.2. Caltrans SR1 Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project

- Council member Juengling self-recused and left the GMAC table.
- Council member Shpak summarized Board of Supervisors consideration of the CDP appeal by the Bower Limited Partnership on 11/4/25, and subsequent action to affirm the CDP and add conditions of approval pertaining to decorative landscaping.
- Council member Mayer acknowledged Mendocino County budget constraints and recommended GMAC engagement throughout project implementation.
- Council member Juengling returned to the GMAC table after conclusion of agenda item.

11.3. Local Coastal Program and Town Plan Update

- Council member Shpak summarized status of studies of visual and cultural resources, and sea level rise roadway impacts.
- The next GrassRoots Institute webinar on the LCP update will be held on 11/20/25.

11.4. Economic Development

- Council member Juengling reported no progress on the Visit Mendocino roadway sign intended for the southern SR1 approach to Gualala.
- Council member Evans reported the Board of Supervisors was informed on 11/4/25 that county-wide transient occupancy tax revenue in the first quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026 has exceeded forecast substantially.

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

- Council member Mayer reported continuing success in adapting to website and teleconference hosting, thanks in large part to excellent documentation provided by Council member Hess.
- Public comment: Karen Elowitt, Editor/Publisher of the Independent Coast Observer, expressed the need for video to help the remote audience know which council member is speaking.
- Chair Evans directed Secretary Shpak to add discussion in the 12/4/25 meeting agenda of options to provide video to the GMAC teleconference service.

12. Treasurer Report

- None.

13. Councilmember Comments, New Business for Future Agenda

- Council members Juengling, Evans and Shpak expressed appreciation for GMAC members efforts and collegial conduct.
- Council member Mayer suggested outreach to encourage interest in filling GMAC seats, as seats become vacant.

- Council member Hayward mentioned his pending employment out of the area has been delayed, which will defer his departure from GMAC.
- Public comment: Karen Elowitt recommended GMAC consider placing notice of GMAC vacancies in the ICO to improve community awareness.
- Council member Evans encouraged participation in the Lions Club Lighted Truck Parade on 11/29/25 in Gualala, and expressed wishes for happy Thanksgiving.

14. Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn: Mayer, Juengling. Vote: Byes unanimous.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.