



Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

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Regular Meeting Summary Minutes DRAFT

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 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=9PVnccE6e54>

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Council members present: Kevin Evans, Robert Juengling, Dave Shpak, Dan Lewis, Henry Mayer, Nicole Everett, Zachary Hayward. Council member Finley was absent.
- Mendocino County personnel present: Deputy Sheriff Chris McNally, Lt. Sheriff Brendan Lee.

2. Agenda Approval

- Secretary Shpak proposed additions to the posted draft agenda: two emails to item 4, a CDP referral to item 7, and information to item 11.
- Motion and second to approve as amended: Mayer, Hayward. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion and second to approve February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes: Mayer, Lewis. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

4. Correspondence

- Correspondence as reported on the approved agenda.

5. Mendocino County Sheriff or Code Enforcement Report

- Deputy Sheriff McNally summarized recent south coast actions and investigations.
- Lt. Sheriff Lee reported Department participation in a recent Mendonoma Health Alliance drug take-back event in Gualala and expectation of another event in May.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

7. Public Agency Referrals

7.1. CDP-2026-0003; Caltrans

- Council member Shpak summarized his review of, and recommended GMAC comments on a CDP for the emergency China Gulch culvert replacement and associated habitat and recreation access improvements.
- Dominic Vitali, Caltrans District 1 Environmental Branch Chief, summarized culvert installation and wetland restoration, expectations for fish passage functionality,

anticipated maintenance requirements and activities, passive treatment of 6-PPDq and other contaminants in stormwater runoff.

- Rose Dana, Caltrans District 1 Biologist, described consideration of the proposed stormwater bioswale of the SR1 Gualala Downtown Streetscape Project in design of the culvert replacement project. Ms. Dana also reported the presence of 50 juvenile salmonids at the culvert outlet during a recent inspection.
- Council members Juengling, Lewis, and Mayer asked questions regarding stormwater drainage, 6-PPDq bioremediation and filtration, saltwater intrusion, salmonid tracking, slope stabilization, and planting maintenance. Responses provided by Vitali, Dana, and Laurel Osborn, Caltrans District 1 Associate Environmental Planner.
- Council members commended the Caltrans team on expeditious completion of the culvert replacement and collaboration with regulatory agencies and Redwood Coast Land Conservancy on habitat and recreation improvements.
- Public comment: Rick Cratty asked Caltrans team to furnish project as-builts and map of the state highway easement adjacent to his property on China Gulch. Vitali will follow up with Cratty.
- Motion and second to recommend that CDP-2026-0003 be approved with conditions: Shpak, Hayward. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Council member Shpak will report to Mendocino County Planning and Building Services.

7.2. CDPM-2024-0010; Beerensson

- Council members Evans and Everett volunteered to review the proposed CDPM for presentation and action at the April 1, 2026 regular meeting.

8. Old Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

9. New Business - Discussion or Action

9.1. Magdalena Homes Planning in Gualala

- Mr. Rick Cratty gave a progress update.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Bower Park Renovation

- Council member Mayer summarized project status reported via correspondence with the Mendocino County Project Manager.

10.2. Caltrans SR1 Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project

- Council member Juengling self-recused and left the GMAC table.
- Council member Shpak stated there was no update since the last GMAC meeting.
- Council member Juengling returned to the GMAC table after conclusion of agenda item.

10.3. Local Coastal Program and Town Plan Update

- Council member Shpak reported the next GrassRoots Institute LCP Update webinar is scheduled on 3/19/26 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- MCOG will conduct a community workshop on local roadways at risk of sea level rise-induced flooding, erosion, and other storm-related impacts at the Point Arena City Hall

on 3/25/26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. is available until 2/16 and can be accessed at the MCOG website. Shpak also reported that the MCOG Board of Directors is scheduled to adopt the 2026 RTP/ATP on 4/6/26. The 1/25/26 draft is available at the MCOG website.

- Chair Evans asked Council member Mayer to post links to the GRI LCP update webinar and MCOG community workshop on the GMAC website. Council member Shpak will furnish copies of relevant GRI and MCOG correspondence to Mayer.

10.4. Economic Development

- Council member Juengling noted that the VisitMendonoma website includes Gualala.

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

- Council member Mayer reported he has training Council member Hayward to set-up and operate remote attendance gear and provided password access to the GMAC website.
- Council members discussed posting links to content germane to GMAC from non-GMAC agencies, such as CDP referrals from Mendocino County PBS.

11. Treasurer Report

- 11.1. Council member Evans reported correspondence from Mendocino County PBS Director Julia Krog on forthcoming deletion of the GMAC referral fee.

12. Councilmember Comments, New Business for Future Agenda

- Council members Lewis and Shpak reported planned absence from the April 1 GMAC meeting.
- Council member Juengling reported added content on the Gualala Community Center website.
- Council member Evans reported that Mendocino County PBS was notified that the US Census Bureau has approved the Gualala Census Designated Place. Evans will distribute a map of the Gualala Census Designated Place to Council members when received from PBS.
- Chair Evans noted the next regular GMAC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1. GMAC will return to the normal First Thursday monthly meeting routine on May 7, 2026

13. Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn: Juengling, Everett. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.