



Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

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Regular Meeting Summary Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, June 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:*

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1. Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Council members present: Kevin Evans, Robert Juengling, Dave Shpak, Henry Mayer, Nicole Everett, Zachary Hayward. Council members Finley and Lewis were absent.
- Mendocino County personnel present: Sheriff Lieutenant Brandon Lee (remote), Sheriff Deputy Chris McNally.

2. Agenda Approval

- Chair Evans reported presentation would not occur and directed deletion of that draft item.
- Secretary Shpak proposed four additions to correspondence in the posted draft agenda.
- Motion and second to approve as amended: Juengling, Hayward. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion and second to approve May 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes: Mayer, Everett. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

4. Correspondence

- Correspondence as reported on the approved agenda.

5. Mendocino County Sheriff or Code Enforcement Report

- Sheriff Deputy McNally summarized recent south coast actions and investigations.
- Council member Mayer inquired about the missing person report. Deputy McNally reported the matter was resolved.
- Public Comment
 - John Bower asked about responsibility for enforcing parking prohibition on State Route 1 along the extent of the completed streetscape project. Deputy McNally reported authority of California Highway Patrol. Mendocino County Sheriff enforcement would require prior authorization by county ordinance.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- John Bower

- Expressed desire for a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 1 and Old State Highway.
- Expressed desire for Caltrans to relocate sidewalks proposed by the streetscape project along SR 1 proximate to Center Street and extend the highway sidewalk across the China Gulch embankment.
- Expressed desire for GMAC to talk with the new Gualala Hotel owner about parking.
- Expressed desire for "someone to pony up" to replace on-highway parking and install a roundabout.

7. Public Agency Referrals

- None.

8. Old Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

9. New Business - Discussion or Action

9.1. Meeting Room Monitor Speakers

- Council member Mayer reported three vendor price quotes and offer from council member emeritus Hess to sell current monitor speakers at half the retail prices.
- Council members Everett and Hayward noted the current equipment is sufficient.
- Motion and second to purchase the current pair of monitor speakers from Hess at \$125: Everett, Juengling. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Chair Evans directed submittal of equipment purchase quote/invoice and other price quote materials to the Mendocino County Planning and Building Services Department for direct payment to Hess.

9.2. July 2026 Regular Meeting Date

- Chair Evans asked council members of plans to attend the regularly scheduled GMAC meeting on 7/2 to ensure a quorum.
- Council member Mayer stated planned absence on 7/2 and coordination with council member Hayward to set up and operate meeting room equipment and Zoom teleconference.
- Chair Evan ascertained a quorum on 7/2/26.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Bower Park Renovation

- Council member Mayer summarized project status reported via correspondence with the Mendocino County Project Manager.
- Council member Evans reported request for unit costs of features to be deferred from the renovation project to inform potential funding donations.
- Council member Hayward expressed desire for project funds to be allocated to develop parking on the footprint of the removed community building and adjacent garden. Council member Mayer responded that he does not want to give up play features for additional parking, yet will ask the County Project Manager about the plan for the building footprint.

- Public Comment
 - John Bower
 - Advised on techniques for installation of asphalt paving.
 - Expressed happiness to see progress.
 - Expressed opinion of inadequate parking capacity.
 - Reported unsafe conditions for pedestrians on Old Stage Road and expressed desire for Mendocino County Department of Transportation attention to safety hazards.

10.2. Caltrans SR1 Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project

- No report.

10.3. Local Coastal Program and Town Plan Update

- Council member Shpak reported the GrassRoots Institute LCP Update webinar on 5/21, including an update on AB 2494. The next webinar will be on 7/16 from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Shpak also reported that Mendocino County Planning and Building Services is working on the 7th cycle Housing Element update and is soliciting public input through June via an electronic survey available at the PBS website.
- Council member Shpak reported that the Mendocino Council of Governments adopted the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan and the 2026 Regional Housing Needs Allocation on 6/1.

10.4. Economic Development

- No report.
- Council members Evans and Everett will coordinate communications with VisitMendocino.
- Council member Evans reported recent purchase of the Gualala Hotel. Council member Juengling reported the new owner intends to open the first floor by 7/4.
- Public Comment
 - John Bower asked GMAC to provide him with contact information for the new owner of Gualala Hotel.

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

- No report.

11. Treasurer Report

- No report.

12. Councilmember Comments, New Business for Future Agenda

- None.

13. Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn: Mayer, Juengling. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.