



Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

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Regular Meeting Summary Minutes

Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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, Nicole Everett. Council members Mayer, Finley, and Hayward were absent.
- Mendocino County personnel present: Sheriff Deputy Chris McNally.

2. Agenda Approval

- Chair Evans reported there will be no Zoom teleconference for remote attendance.
- Secretary Shpak proposed additions to correspondence and public agency referrals, and deletion of teleconference from the posted draft agenda.
- Motion and second to approve as amended: Everett, Juengling. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion and second to approve June 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes: Shpak, 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 Evans inquired about mobile 911 calls. Deputy McNally described local dispatch procedure and responsibility.
- Public Comment
 - John Bower asked about the recent mobile telephone earthquake notifications.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- John Bower
 - Expressed concern about surveys for State Route 1 streetscape utility relocations.
 - Expressed concern that discovery of soil contaminants will affect his property management.

7. Public Agency Referrals

- 7.1. [CDP-2024-0030 Chrisman](#): council members Evans and Everett will review the proposal and report to GMAC on 8/6.
- 7.2. [CDP-2026-0009 Canonge](#): council members Juengling and Lewis will review the proposal and report to GMAC on 8/6.

8. Old Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

9. New Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Bower Park Renovation

- Council member Evans summarized project status reported via correspondence with the Mendocino County Project Manager. Evans reported that county staff are preparing a proposal for the Board of Supervisors to consider funding the complete renovation project scope on 7/21.
- Public Comment
 - John Bower advised on techniques for installation of asphalt paving.

10.2. Caltrans SR1 Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project

- Council member Juengling recused himself from council discussion, due to potential conflict of interest.
- No update.
- Public Comment
 - John Bower
 - Stated that stormwater runoff is draining into utility vaults.
 - 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 concern about public parking.
 - Expressed concerns about the scheduled construction start in December and impacts upon businesses and tourists.
 - Robert Juengling
 - Noted that Boonville is considering streetscape improvements to State Route 128 and may benefit from lessons learned in Gualala.
 - Expressed confidence that Gualala is ready for the downtown streetscape construction and will adapt to temporary disruptions.
 - Summarized the history of considerations of a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 1 and Old State Highway.

10.3. Local Coastal Program and Town Plan Update

- Council member Shpak reported the next GrassRoots Institute LCP Update webinar will be on 7/16 from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Shpak also reported that Mendocino County Planning and Building Services has completed and published the SR1 traffic capacity analysis final report; Sea Level Rise Risk Analysis and Risk Assessment; and Draft Sea Level Rise Resilience Strategy.
- Shpak reported that Caltrans District 1 will host a public open house in Ukiah on 7/15.
- Shpak reported that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency is conducting a performance review of the California Coastal Management Program. Public meetings will be held on August 10, 11, 12, and the public comment period will end on 8/22/26.

10.4. Economic Development

- Council member Juengling will contact Sonoma County Tourism.
- Council member Everett intends to meet with Visit Mendocino and expressed interest in joining council member Juengling in conversations with Sonoma County Tourism.
- Council member Evans reported recent Board of Supervisors discussions about increasing the transient occupancy tax rate and a potential road maintenance sales tax measure.

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

- No report.

11. Treasurer Report

- No transactions to report.

12. Councilmember Comments, New Business for Future Agenda

- Council member Evans described the recent Civil Grand Jury report on procedural errors by Mendocino County PBS staff on processing coastal development permit applications.
- Evans also reported that PBS Director Krog has resigned and will take a position with Marin County. He also reported that the Board of Supervisors appointed Sarah Pierce as the Acting County Executive Officer.

13. Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn: Lewis, Everett. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.