



Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

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Regular Meeting Summary Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, September 3, 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=S4VZy12HQVs>

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Council members present: Robert Juengling, Dave Shpak, Dan Lewis, Henry Mayer, Nicole Everett. Council members Evans, Finley, and Hayward were absent. Vice Chair Juengling presided in the absence of Chair Evans.
- Mendocino County personnel present: Sheriff Deputy Chris McNally.

2. Agenda Approval

- Secretary Shpak described a correction and two additions to agenda item 4. Correspondence.
- Motion and second to approve as amended: Everett, Lewis. Vote: Ayes unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Council member Juengling noted several corrections in spelling Randy Birke's last name.
- Motion and second to approve August 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes as amended: 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 Juengling conveyed concerns of community members about the "boatyard property" on Old Stage Road. Deputy McNally recommended contact with Mendocino County Code Enforcement.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

7. Public Agency Referrals

- None.

8. Old Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

9. New Business - Discussion or Action

- None.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Bower Park Renovation

- Council member Mayer conveyed progress reported by Kirk Vierra, Mendocino County construction manager. Estimated timeframe to re-open the park is mid-November through mid-December.
- Council member Shpak reported the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District is preparing an application in pursuit of a grant under the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) Round 5 to fund the completion of the 2024 master plan improvements. The approximate value of remaining master plan improvements is \$1,000,000. Applications for the competitive process are due on 12/17/26. The District expects to conduct several public meetings on the south coast to confirm the list of master plan improvements and affirm community support.
- Council members discussed construction progress, park operation and maintenance funding obligation, and distinction between post-construction maintenance and normal maintenance. Shpak reported that the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District has talked proactively with the County about an operation and maintenance partnership.
- Public Comment
 - Karen Ellowit asked about pickleball court(s). Council member Shpak reported the renovation project includes one designated pickleball court and one designated tennis court. Council members did not know if the tennis court would be marked for pickleball use.

10.2. Caltrans SR1 Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project

- Council member Juengling recused himself from council discussion, due to potential conflict of interest.
- Council member Shpak presented an update per recent conversation with the Caltrans project manager, Ms. Katie Everett, and action by the California Transportation Commission to allocate full funding for the project. Shpak also summarized content in the SR1 traffic capacity analysis final report related to further consideration of a roundabout on State Route 1 at the intersection of Old State Highway as a feature in the LCP update, but not the streetscape project.
- Council members expressed enthusiasm for progress and anticipated on-going need for community information. Shpak will coordinate with the Caltrans project manager for an update briefing at the GMAC meeting on 10/1.
- Council member Juengling returned to the dais after conclusion of the agenda item.

10.3. Local Coastal Program and Town Plan Update

- Council member Shpak summarized information shared at the previous GrassRoots Institute LCP Update webinar on 7/16, Planning Commission and Supervisor consideration of baseline policies for sea level rise resilience that are mandated by the Coastal Commission grant.
- Council member Shpak also summarized discussion with Mr. Liam Crowley, Mendocino County lead planner on the LCP update, regarding community participation. Council members expressed interest in engagement and support for PBS staff.

10.4. Economic Development

- Council member Everett reported coordination with Visit Mendocino and plans for a gateway sign on northbound SR1 at the Gualala River bridge pull-out. Council members expressed interest in the sign design and confusion about the choice of a non-coastal graphic at the Gualala location.
- Council member Juengling reported a visit to the Fort Bragg Chamber of Commerce.

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

- No report.

11. Treasurer Report

- No report.
- Council member Mayer stated he will transmit the invoice for purchase of room monitor speakers to Treasurer Lewis for submittal to PBS.

12. Councilmember Comments, New Business for Future Agenda

- Council member Shpak expressed appreciation to Council member Everett for completing Ethics training timely. Shpak noted that other Council members should be aware of the two-year training cycle for ethics, Brown Act, and other training. Shpak will distribute a link to the Mendocino County Counsel website that provides training resources to Council members.
- Council member Shpak noted he will be absent from the November GMAC meeting due to international travel.

13. Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn meeting: Mayer, Everett. Vote: Ayes unanimous.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.