



HOPLAND

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

Action Minutes

Regular Meeting – Hybrid

April 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Hopland Fire Protection District Community Room

21 Feliz Creek Road, Hopland, California

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 and Assembly Bill No. 361, which waives in-person accessibility for public meetings, provided that there are other means available for the public to participate, the Hopland Municipal Advisory Council meetings will be held virtually via Zoom Video Communications until further notice. Meeting access information is available on the Agenda for this meeting.

Members: Julie Golden, Amy Frost, Hannah Bird, Jane Cupples, Shawn Padi

Alternate: Bernadette Byrne

Administrative Support: Rebecca Dalske, Melissa Frausto - LACO Associates

1. Call to order & roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm. All members were present except for Amy Frost.

2. Public comment & announcements on non-agenda items

No updates/ discussion

3. Consent Calendar

The following consent items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, and will be acted on by the HMAC in a single action without discussion, unless a request is made by a Council Member or a member of the public for discussion or separate action.

- a. Approval of the March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Re-authorizing Resolution for Continued Remote Meetings per AB 361 (Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3))

Bernadette motioned to approve the consent calendar, with a second from Julie. All council members present voted in favor.

4. Discussion and possible action on community updates and issues

- a. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office: *General updates from Sheriff Kendall*
No updates/discussion.
- b. Hopland Fire Protection District: *General updates from Chief Franklin*
The Fire Protection District (District) will host the annual Hopland Fire Annual Fundraising BBQ on May 6th. The District is seeking donations for the general raffle.
- c. Hopland Cemetery District: *General updates from Katharine Cole*
No updates/discussion.

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d. Shanél Valley Academy: *General updates from Amy Frost*

Julie shared that the Shanél Valley Academy (SVA) is working on a grant to have local foods prepared for lunch. Additionally, the SVA will host a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser on May 6th from 12pm to 6pm, which will include entertainment, face painting, vendors, food, and a children's game area.

e. Hopland Research and Extension Center: *General updates from Hannah Bird*

Hannah shared that the Hopland Research and Extension Center (HREC) will have a luncheon fundraiser on May 21st to learn about a variety of research projects in addition to music and a live auction.

f. Hopland Public Utility District: *General updates*

Julie was able to attend a Hopland Public Utility District (PUD) meeting and learned that the PUD Board of Directors (Board) has an opening. Shawn shared that he may be interested in the position and has emailed the Board.

Supervisor Glenn McGourty (Mendocino County Board of Supervisors – 1st District) shared that there is currently a lot of grant funding available for infrastructure improvements in disadvantaged communities.

g. Board of Supervisors: *General updates*

Supervisor McGourty shared that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) recently went through Mendocino County Department budgets. The Ukiah Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVGSA) is working through state regulations and has applied for a grant that would fund hydrological studies in cross sections of the Ukiah Valley Groundwater Basin (UVGB). Additionally, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) would like to keep the gate down on Scott Dam to lower the water level in the reservoir.

5. Discussion and possible action on Hopland Rest Stop Project

Luisa Morris, Project Manager of the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA), (*Public Comment*): Luisa shared that the GRTA is working on twenty projects to include in the Great Redwood Trail Master Plan (Master Plan). Luisa believes that the Hopland Rest Stop Project could be a great project for the Master Plan, but would need more community input. Also, the GRTA is preparing for its next round of community workshops. A community workshop will be held in Hopland on July 27th.

Bernadette and Hannah will work on preparing materials to solicit community input on the Hopland Rest Stop Project during the Hopland Fire Annual Fundraising BBQ on May 6th.

6. Discussion and possible action on Downtown Hopland Pedestrian Lighting

No update/ discussion



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7. Discussion and possible action on Hopland Downtown Plan

Julie spoke with Cliff Paulin, the author of the Redwood Valley Community Action Plan, to discuss starting the Hopland Downtown Plan and Jesse Davis who will come to the May 21st meeting to hopefully provide guidance on starting the Downtown Plan process.

Bernadette asked what makes a Community Action Plan helpful for Mendocino County. Supervisor McGourty shared that design guidelines can be especially helpful for County planners and the BOS to understand a community's vision.

8. Council Members' and staff reports regarding assigned tasks, committee meetings, and other items of general interest

a. Water Committee Updates

No updates/discussion.

b. MCOG Mobility Solutions Study

No updates/discussion.

c. HMAC Officers

The HMAC will choose a new Treasurer at the May HMAC meeting.

9. Discussion on agenda items for May 17, 2023 HMAC meeting

No discussion.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.