



# HOPLAND

## MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

### Minutes

**Regular Meeting – Hybrid**

March 15, 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 Shawn.

**2. Public comment & announcements on non-agenda items**

No discussion/comment

**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 January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Re-authorizing Resolution for Continued Remote Meetings per AB 361 (Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3))

Bernadette moved 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*  
Sheriff Kendall shared the Sheriff's Office (Office) has noticed an increase of break-ins into vacation homes but believes the break-ins will decrease in the next few months. He also shared that the recent weather conditions have also kept the Office busy. Lastly, the Office is looking to expand its partnership with mental health workers to the coastal area of the County and is actively recruiting for corrections deputies, dispatchers, and deputies. For more information visit: <https://mendocinosherriff.org/careers/>
- b. Hopland Fire Protection District: *General updates from Chief Franklin*  
No update/discussion
- c. Hopland Cemetery District: *General updates from Katharine Cole*  
Katherine Cole provided the following updates from the Hopland Cemetery District (District) prior to the meeting and asked that they be shared. The Clean Up Day set for

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March 18<sup>th</sup> is postponed due to weather issues and will be rescheduled for April. Second, the District has submitted the application of Bill Jarusz to the County to replace Bob Kieffer on the Board of Trustees.

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

Amy shared that the Shanél Valley Academy (SVA) is currently trying to expand to provide grades 7 and 8 and is separately working to open a preschool for three- and four-year-olds. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade expansion requires approval by the Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD). A public hearing was held by the UUSD Board of Trustees (Board) on March 9<sup>th</sup> and the Board will take a vote on the proposal in April. Amy shared that the SVA would appreciate letters of support from the community from those interested in supporting their efforts. Additionally, in May, the SVA will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo Festival during which they will be inviting the public to visit the school. This Festival will be a fundraiser for the school.

e. *Hopland Public Utility District: General updates*

Julie shared that the Hopland Public Utility District (PUD) holds its monthly meeting on Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month, the week before the Hopland MAC meetings. She was unable to attend the March meeting and asked Supervisor McGourty if he has other ideas for engaging with the Hopland PUD.

f. *Board of Supervisors: General updates*

Supervisor McGourty shared that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) is trying to reorganize the Mendocino County Cannabis Department in the hopes that additional cultivators will be able to obtain permits. This includes putting applicants that have not kept-up on taxes but have continued through the application process on a time plan to keep them moving forward. The BOS is also continuing to work with local agencies on the water district consolidation process. This involves the City of Ukiah, Willow County Water District (WCWD), which services the Hopland PUD, and Millview County Water District (MCWD).

### 5. Discussion and possible action on Sonoma Clean Power Presentation on Climate Change Initiatives

*Presentation by Felicia Smith, Sonoma Clean Power Program Manager*

Felicia shared a presentation on the purpose, function, and current initiatives of Sonoma Clean Power (SCP). The SCP's primary focus is to help Mendocino and Sonoma County residents and businesses switch from fossil fuels to electric power. The SCP services all electric customers living in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, except people living in the cities of Ukiah and Healdsburg, which have their own municipal power programs. SCP buys clean energy that is delivered to users on PG&E's transmission system. Monthly bills are sent by PG&E and include a fee for SCP to pay for electric generation and PG&E for electric delivery. SCP is a default service provider, with users having the option to opt out (and instead receive electric generation sources from PG&E). When service is established through PG&E, service with SCP starts automatically. SCP is funded through revenue, not tax dollars and also provides offers and incentives. SCP is run by its Chief Executive Officer and a small staff and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority, a joint powers authority of the member counties and cities that have voted to join. The



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Board is advised by a public Community Advisory Committee. In response to a question, Felicia shared that for this year and next, the SCP rates are roughly 5% lower than PG&E's.

Felicia additionally shared information on current SCP incentives for heat pump heating and cooling systems and water heaters. Additionally, she shared information on the federally funded Local Income Home Energy Assistance Program that is locally managed by North Coast Energy Services in Ukiah. She can share additional information with anyone interested to learn more.

### **6. Discussion and possible action on Mendocino County Museum**

*Presentation by Karen Mattson, Mendocino County Museum Administrator*

Karen Mattson provided the following information prior to the meeting. The next Mendocino County Museum Community Forum will be held at the Ukiah Branch Library on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Museum greatly values feedback from the community and would like to connect to envision a bright future for the Museum. There will be additional meetings in Fort Bragg, Point Arena, and Round Valley throughout the month of April.

The community is also invited to participate in the Museum's survey, the QR code is available on a flyer that Karen shared and is accessible on-line (on the Museum webpage on the Mendocino County website) and in-person at the Museum. Data collected will help the Museum create a 5-year strategic plan.

Karen also shared that a new exhibit, Gadgets Galore, will open April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be filled with hands-on activities.

### **7. Discussion and possible action on Hopland Rest Stop**

No discussion/update

### **8. Discussion and possible action on Hopland Downtown Plan**

No discussion/update

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

#### **a. Water Committee Updates**

No discussion/update

#### **b. MCOG Mobility Solutions Study**

No discussion/update

#### **c. HMAc Positions**

The BOS approved Julie's reappointment and Shawn's appointment to the HMAc on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **10. Discussion on agenda items for April 19, 2023 HMAc meeting**

No discussion/update

### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.