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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes

Regular Meeting – Hybrid

May 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Hopland Fire Protection District Community Room

21 Feliz Creek Road, Hopland, California

The Hopland Municipal Advisory Council (HMAC) meetings are held in-person and virtually via Zoom Video Communications. Meeting access information is available on the Agenda for this meeting.

Members: Julie Golden, Amy Frost, Dale Andrew, Chelsea Arnold, Kip Folkerts

Alternate: *Vacant*

Administrative Support: Melissa Frausto - LACO Associates

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm. Julie Golden, Dale Andrew, and Kip Folkerts were present. No member attended virtually.

2. Public Comment & Announcements on Non-agenda Items

No comment/ discussion.

3. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Dale moved to approve the consent calendar with a second from Julie. All members 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 that calls for service have been low in southern Mendocino County and higher in the northern part of the county. Regarding the progress of the jail project, Sheriff Kendall noted that conduits are being installed in preparation for subcontractors to begin their work. Lastly, Sheriff Kendall shared that the Sheriff's Office has had several applicants, two individuals currently enrolled in the police academy, and others who have recently completed their training.

Dale asked about the Sheriff's Office response time for the area. Sheriff Kendall stated that the average response time is between 8 to 12 minutes in Hopland. Dale also asked if the California Highway Patrol (CHP) would respond to an active incident, such as a break-in. Sheriff Kendall stated that CHP officers might respond, as both agencies monitor each other's radio frequencies.

Julie asked how the community could support the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Kendall encouraged residents to advocate the Sheriff's Office to public officials regarding the Sheriff's Office need for support.

- b. Hopland Fire Protection District: *General updates from Chief Franklin*

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No update/ discussion.

- c. Board of Supervisors: *General updates from Supervisor Madeline Cline*

No update/ discussion.

- d. Mendocino College – *Measure A Bond from Jay Epstein*

Julie shared that Mendocino Community College District Trustee Jay Epstein is a proponent of the upcoming Measure A bond and was not able to attend the HMAAC to discuss the impacts. She explained that Measure A funds would go towards the construction of new educational facilities for the Mendocino Community College District in Willits, specifically for occupational training. The measure is on the June ballot.

- e. Shanél Valley Academy: *General updates from Amy Frost*

No update/ discussion.

- f. Caltrans – Highway 101 ADA Project: *General updates*

Matt Solano (*Caltrans, Senior Transportation Engineer*) shared a presentation and stated that construction is scheduled to begin after the July 4th holiday with a target completion date of November 2026. Work is planned to occur 24 hours a day on weekdays to accelerate the timeline, with no weekend work scheduled. Initial work (Phase 1) will focus on the middle of the roadway. During Phase 2, southbound traffic will be shifted into the parking lane because a single-lane closure cannot be maintained during the day, resulting in a temporary elimination of street parking. Construction will progress in stages lasting approximately two weeks each.

Julie asked where residents and visitors would park during Phase 2 when street parking is temporarily unavailable. Matt acknowledged the inconvenience and noted solutions are being evaluated with O.C. Jones, the Project Contractor, and will have more timelines next month. Julie suggested using the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) as the parking area and noted Supervisor Madeline Cline has been working on alternative parking options. Matt noted Caltrans can add lighting to alternative parking areas and confirmed pedestrian access will remain open.

Dale urged Caltrans to notify residents directly about disruptions and driveway closings. Julie recommended creating informational pamphlets to give community members, and noted that flagmen need to be better informed. Matt confirmed that an O.C. Jones field person will be available at the June HMAAC Meeting to handle community contact. Matt will provide more detailed project timelines next month.

Julie inquired how delivery trucks would access businesses during construction. Dan Kraft (*Caltrans, Resident Engineer*) explained that work will be completed in phases and in sections. Caltrans will use one-way traffic control on Highway 101 so workers can complete one side at a time allowing delivery traffic to pass. The final phase will include two months dedicated to sidewalks, driveways, and the final asphalt lift.



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Regarding equipment staging, Dale asked where construction equipment will be staged and requested that O.C. Jones avoid staging equipment in frequently used public parking areas. Dale also added that Brutocao Cellars is allowing public parking on an unused portion of their property. Matt confirmed Brutocao Cellars is allowing O.C. Jones to stage equipment there.

A written public comment was received from resident Shasheen Hoaglen regarding ongoing PG&E utility construction impacts near First Street, and Center Street. Shasheen Hoaglen reported that the construction has blocked access to parking along Highway 101, caused vehicle damage from metal plates and uneven pavement, and created traffic safety hazards, including two near-miss accidents. Additionally, they noted a lack of clear signage, cones, or late-night flaggers to guide residents safely.

Julie noted that she spoke with the resident the previous evening and shared that the landlord had not provided tenants with an advance warning regarding the construction. Brian Gerving (*PG&E, Humbolt Division Regional Senior Manager*) apologized for the disruption and requested that the resident be connected with Lydia and an on-site field representative to address the matter. Julie and Dale noted that there are no signs present to tell drivers to wait for traffic, leaving drivers dependent on flaggers. Julie warned that the intersection is unsafe for those turning north. Brian agreed to bring this to the team's attention.

Brian also shared an update of PG&E's work and stated that the distribution line tie-in to the new main is scheduled for tonight, with individual service connections to follow. The transmission line tie-in is slated for the end of the week and will be completed by mid-June.

Lastly, Julie commended and thanked the project team for working diligently with the community. Dale noted that while construction is always difficult for some, the coordination is highly appreciated.

- g. Hopland Public Utility District: *General updates*

No update/ discussion.

- h. Hopland Cemetery District: *General updates*

No update/ discussion.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Rehabilitation of the Highway 101 Northbound Hopland Sign

Dale stated that he will work on scheduling 'Concrete Pete' to complete the concrete work on the Hopland sign.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Downtown Hopland Pedestrian Lighting

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7. Council Members' and Staff Reports Regarding Assigned Tasks, Committee Meetings, and Other Items of General Interest

a. HMAC Vacancies

No update/ discussion.

b. Water Resources Update

Julie provided a water resources update regarding the Potter Valley Project. Julie reported that the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVWD), located in Southern California, is engaged in exploratory discussions with PG&E to prevent the decommissioning of Scott Dam and preserve Lake Pillsbury.

Dale asked if the EVWD would control the water rights. Julie confirmed it would, but clarified that its stated primary objective is energy generation and that the EVWD has indicated it would manage the infrastructure and sell the water back to the region.

c. County of Mendocino Housing Element Update Community Survey

Julie shared the information from a flyer regarding a community survey for the Mendocino County Housing Element update. The survey aims to gather community input to guide the Housing Element goals and policies. Julie encouraged community members to complete the survey and to reach out to Senior Planner Russell Ford at (707) 234-6650 or via email at fordr@mendocinocounty.gov with questions or for further information.

8. Discussion on Agenda Items for June 17, 2026 HMAC meeting

No update/ discussion.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.