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Hopland Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes

Regular Meeting – Hybrid

June 17, 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. All members were present except Amy Frost. No member attended virtually.

2. Public Comment & Announcements on Non-agenda Items

No comment/discussion.

3. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Dale moved to approve the consent calendar with a second from Chelsea. 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 provided the following updates:

- A rise in personnel injuries is limiting staff availability at the start of the Sheriff's Office's peak season.
- Crime and drug trends in the County are fluctuating. Recently, there was a three-week spike in overdoses. While Narcan is available and often utilized, it does not solve the underlying issue.
- Proposition 36 took into effect in December 2024. The proposition would set a new bail schedule modeled after Los Angeles County. The Sheriff's Office is collaborating with local judges to explore transitional support options for individuals upon jail release.
- Construction of the new jail is complete. The building is secure and built to modern building standards. Subcontractor walk-throughs are in process, which include finishing the technological systems. Following the completion of this work, the final inspection will occur and the County will receive the Certificate of Occupancy (COO). The Sheriff's Office recently secured funding to pay the cost of two additional personnel positions for the new jail.

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

Clayton Zimmerman [Hopland Fire Protection District (HFPD), Engineer] reported that fire season has begun, noting that seven vegetation fires have occurred in Hopland so far. He stated that a long and intense fire season is anticipated, but the HFPD is fully prepared.

Julie asked about the controlled burn along Highway 101 scheduled to begin Monday, June 22nd. Clayton clarified that CAL FIRE, in collaboration with Caltrans, will conduct the burn Monday through Thursday. This is the second consecutive year for the burn.

Kip inquired whether the HFPD conducts fire investigations. Clayton stated that the HFPD investigates fires within the Local Responsibility Area (LRA), while CAL FIRE handles investigations within the State Responsibility Area (SRA). He added that investigation findings are most likely available to the public via a Public Records Act request.

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

Supervisor Madeline Cline requested feedback on the proposed annexation by the City of Ukiah (City). Dale noted that while it does not directly affect him, he believes it is ill-advised. Madeline explained that the current situation stems from the Mendocino County Master Tax Sharing Agreement (Agreement No. 24-085) that was adopted on June 5, 2024, which outlines terms for annexations between the County and the four incorporated cities (Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg, and Point Arena). Madeline noted that this Agreement was intended for small-scale annexations; however, a year after its adoption, the City proposed a large annexation. Although the City's initial proposal was rejected to allow the County more time to conduct independent research, she reported that the City has since continued to pursue the annexation, though focused on a smaller area than the initial proposal. She noted concerns of a misrepresentation of County funds, stating that the City's research does not support claims of reduced County costs. Madeline concluded by urging everyone to stay informed, emphasizing that the decision will impact the entire community.

Julie reported that opponents of the annexation have been going door-to-door to property owners within the affected area and noted that a 51% opposition threshold is required to delay the process for one year. Madeline added that the current Agreement restricts the County and on June 23rd, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will consider terminating the Agreement due to fiscal risks to public protection services. The BOS will also review a progress report on the City's proposed annexation. Madeline encouraged the community to stay informed, attend the meeting, and review the updates she will be posting.

Lastly, Madeline reported that the initial round of candidates for the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position did not result in a hire. The application window has been reopened, and recruitment efforts are ongoing. Chelsea asked if candidates are local residents. Madeline noted that most candidates are from out of town, which is consistent with recruitment patterns in other counties.



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

Chelsea shared that summer school at the Shanél Valley Academy (SVA) starts the week of June 22nd for enrolled and non-enrolled SVA students.

e. *Caltrans – Highway 101 ADA Project: General updates*

Jen Buck (*Caltrans, Office Chief of Project Management*) introduced the Hopland Highway 101 ADA Project (ADA Project) representatives: Baruch, Engineer from Caltrans and Brennan, the Project Manager and Public Liaison for OC Jones (the Contractor). She noted that because the ADA Project is officially in the construction phase, the Caltrans and OC Jones team would be delivering the progress update for this meeting.

Baruch reported that work is scheduled to begin the week of July 6th on Monday night. Construction crews will operate 24 hours a day, 5 days a week. Operations will be split into roadway and sidewalk work, with roadway work planned to occur July to September and sidewalk work planned to occur October to November, followed by final capping and striping. Roadway work will be completed in three phases, divided between the northbound, center, and southbound lanes, with construction of each lane taking approximately one month. Following completion of the roadway work, traffic will shift to the middle lane to allow sidewalk work to begin. Sidewalk work will be completed in sections to minimize pedestrian disruption.

Baruch also outlined the three phases of traffic management, noting a reduction in the speed limit through the construction zone to 25 miles per hour (mph). The initial roadway paving will not impact private driveways, but subsequent phases will require temporary hot mix asphalt (HMA) transition tapers to keep driveway impacts as minimal as possible. Brennan noted that when sidewalk and driveway work begins, residents may lose access to a portion of their driveways for up to two days. Alternative parking on the shoulder will be maintained at all times. Dale asked for assurance that residents would be notified when their property would be affected by construction. Brennan confirmed that Caltrans is actively going door-to-door to distribute flyers and schedules directly to mailboxes. Additionally, Madeline reported that the County successfully coordinated a fee waiver with the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board in May for public parking. A contract is being finalized to provide alternative parking once construction begins.

Chelsea asked about safety barriers and traffic control, specifically if solid barriers will be used along Center Street. Brennan confirmed that barriers will be used at intersections and Baruch added that since certain areas will be entirely inaccessible from the opposite side of the road, clear traffic control and flaggers will be deployed at key intersections, such as Feliz Creek Road, during roadway work. Julie asked if; Brennan confirmed that the white fencing and K-rail barriers will be removed once sidewalk construction begins and Baruch added that signage will warn the public of any open trenches.

Julie mentioned that during Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) work, flaggers were positioned at Highway 175 and Center Street, but blind spots made exiting difficult. She also noted



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that PG&E's signage made the area look completely closed to traffic. Baruch noted that a dedicated project landline would be established for residents to report immediate traffic control issues. Brennan confirmed that "Business Open" signs and parking directional signage will be placed throughout the community. Jen noted that feedback regarding PG&E's work was highly valuable and that future outreach messaging would be coordinated through Julie.

Julie asked where OC Jones will store materials. Brennan stated that the excavated material will be trucked off-site, and heavy equipment will be staged at the staging area, Brutocao Cellars. Concrete and asphalt trucks will deliver materials straight to the site as needed.

Kip inquired about the utilities in conflict with the ADA Project and asked if future drainage work would damage the work being done now. Baruch noted that in 2023, PG&E removed project work that would have conflicted with utilities. Kip asked if Caltrans had studied the drainage impacts. Jen explained that the local drainage system remains in conflict with certain culverts in the Caltrans right-of-way. Due to State budget constraints, the broader drainage project has been pushed toward the end of a 10-year funding plan. She noted that this will give Caltrans time to pursue grants.

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

No update/ discussion.

- g. Hopland Cemetery District: *General updates*

No update/ discussion.

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

No update/ discussion.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Downtown Hopland Pedestrian Lighting

No update/ discussion.

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

- a. HMAc Alternate Vacancies

- b. Water Resources Update

No update/ discussion.

8. Discussion on Agenda Items for July 15, 2026 HMAc meeting

No update/ discussion.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.