



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

City Council Chambers - 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

E. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This time is for persons who wish to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Council has jurisdiction. As such, a dialogue with the Council or staff is not allowed under the Ralph M. Brown Act. Items requiring Council action not listed on this agenda may be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration if the Council directs, unless a finding is made by at least 2/3 of the Council that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgency nature requiring immediate action. Please limit comments to a maximum of 3 minutes.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar adopting the printed recommended Council action will be enacted with one vote. The Mayor will first ask the staff, the public, and the Councilmembers if there is anyone who wishes to address any matter on the Consent Calendar. The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually following action on the remaining consent calendar items.

1. 2026/0317.01 - Approve Minutes of the March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting **(ACTION)**
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2. 2026/0317.02 - Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to Execute Correspondence in Support of AB 1866 Related to the California Disaster Assistance Act. **(ACTION)** Pg.#13

3. 2026/0317.03 - Receive and File the Check Register for February 2026 **(RECEIVE & FILE)** Pg.#18

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

H. REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2026/0317.04 - City Manager/Staff Update **(RECEIVE & FILE)** Pg.#23

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/STUDY SESSIONS

J. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2026/0317.05 - Tax Defaulted Property at 175 Wildwood Avenue Identified as APN 053-141-025. **(DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)** - Pg.#27

K. ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

- [1.](#) 2026/0317.06 - Adoption of Resolution No. 1663-2026 Related to FY 2025-26 Capital Budget Amendments - Multiple Projects **(DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)** - Pg.#30
- [2.](#) 2026/0317.07 - Adoption of Resolution No. 1660-2026 Approving and Adopting the Humboldt County Regional Climate Action Plan and Making the Required CEQA Findings Identified in the Resolution as a Responsible Agency. **(DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)** - Pg.#35

L. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

M. ADJOURNMENT

*The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.*

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Tuesday, March 03, 2026**

Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: City Council Chambers, 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, CA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Garnes
Mayor Pro Tem Carter
Council Member Woodall
Council Member Orr

Excused Absence:

Council Member Wilson

Staff Present:

City Manager Knopp
Streets and Water Superintendent Jensen
Chief Phinney
Wastewater Superintendent Moore
Senior Fiscal Assistant Maciel

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Garnes.

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

E. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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Rick Pelren, 127 Metropolitan Heights Road, addressed the Council. He thanked the Council for their continued support of the community exercise group. He noted that the group has expanded beyond senior participants to include individuals recovering from injuries, and encouraged community members who have experienced injury to come and utilize the group to rebuild strength, mobility, and balance.

No other public presentations were made.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar by staff, the public, or Council members.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, seconded by Council Member Woodall, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 4-0.

Items Approved:

- Approve Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting (Item 2026/0303.01)
- Authorize the City Manager to Amend a Contract for Professional Services with CSG Consulting for SB 1383 Compliance and Franchise Agreement Development in the Amount of \$19,844 (Item 2026/0303.02)
- Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Master Services Agreement with Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL Companies) for Sales Tax Audit and Reporting Services Agreement (Item 2026/0303.03)

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

H. REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager/Staff Update (Item 2026/0303.04)

City Manager Knopp provided the Council with a brief staff report beginning on page 33 of the agenda packet. A separate handout from Police Chief Phinney was also made available at the meeting. Key updates included:

- An upcoming abatement at 185 Douglas Street. The Council and staff were thanked for their work on this effort.
- A notification to the community that a burn pile would be taking place the following day on the corner of Columbus and First Street, at the empty lot near

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the Community Resource Center, and would produce smoke visible in the center of the city.

- Emergency repairs had been completed in the Police Department for damaged flooring in a bathroom.
- Jessica Hill, the new City Clerk, was in attendance at the meeting and is expected to be onboarded on March 9, 2026.
- UC Davis researchers are scheduled to visit Rio Dell around March 23, 2026, to study North Coast and California wastewater facilities, including both treatment and collection systems. Staff expressed anticipation in hosting the researchers and discussing the challenges and opportunities associated with Rio Dell's wastewater infrastructure.

Council Comments on Staff Report:

Mayor Pro Tem Carter:

- Expressed interest in the UC Davis researcher visit and noted appreciation that the city would be able to showcase its wastewater infrastructure.
- Noted that no cats and only one dog had been transported to Miranda's Rescue, which she characterized as good news.
- Expressed appreciation for the upcoming abatement at 185 Douglas Street.
- Thanked all City staff for their ongoing efforts.

Council Member Woodall:

- Reported she had been out the prior day and observed that the city is looking well-maintained. She asked that thanks be extended to the two code enforcement officers for their work and the public works crew.

Mayor Garnes:

- Asked about the nature of a dog bite incident referenced in the Chief's report. Chief Phinney confirmed the incident was minor and involved a resident being bitten by their own dog.
- Welcomed incoming City Clerk Jessica Hill, who was present at the meeting, and expressed anticipation of her joining staff.
- Thanked City staff for their work.

No public comments were received.

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I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/STUDY SESSIONS

None.

J. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Distressed Trees at Memorial Park (Item 2026/0303.05)

City Manager Knopp introduced the item, noting that concerns exist regarding the condition of the trees located at Memorial Park. Staff reported the following:

- The trees are a species of poplar known for quick growth but a relatively short lifespan, typically 30 to 50 years, and susceptible to pest and disease at 25 years of age.
- Based on historical satellite imagery, the trees were likely planted during or shortly after 1983, placing their maximum age at approximately 43 years.
- In 2009, the trees experienced an unidentified pest infestation but recovered.
- In spring 2024, a new infestation was identified by the Humboldt County Agricultural Department as a satin moth, which defoliates or partially defoliates the trees. The trees did not appear to fully recover in 2025.
- In addition to the infestation, the trees are exhibiting visible cracking at the base trunks and significant lean—approximately 80 to 90% of the trees are leaning considerably. The tree services company retained by the City has recommended the trees most likely need to be removed.
- Streets and Water Superintendent Jensen reported that one tree is already leaning against a power pole, with PG&E expected to address it the following morning. He noted that the base trunks are beginning to separate, reflecting the combined effects of age and deterioration beyond the infestation alone.

Staff presented two options for Council consideration: (1) engage a professional arborist to evaluate the trees and provide an independent assessment, or (2) proceed with obtaining bids for tree removal and replacement with a more pest-resistant variety.

Council Comments:

Mayor Garnes:

- Acknowledged being a strong advocate for trees but recognized that the combination of age, cracking, and infestation presents a significant liability risk, particularly given public gatherings such as Wildwood Days held under and around the trees.

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- Initially raised the possibility of planting Acer trees as replacements given their relatively quick growth.
- Ultimately noted that given the trees' age relative to their lifespan, it appears their time has come and a plan should be made for new trees.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter:

- Stated she first heard concerns about the trees from Chamber members decorating for Christmas who noted the trees appeared worrisome.
- Asked whether staff could pursue both options simultaneously—hiring an arborist and collecting bids for removal—and was advised by City Manager Knopp that this is possible.
- Expressed concern about the timeline given wind conditions and the proximity to the next Council meeting.

Council Member Woodall:

- Acknowledged she almost did not attend the meeting because of this item but spoke with the City Manager beforehand and recognized the liability.
- Expressed a preference for obtaining an additional arborist opinion before proceeding with removal, but indicated she could accept removal if an arborist concurs.

Council Member Orr:

- Noted he does not see reason to spend further funds on an arborist given the professional assessment already provided and stated he believes it is time to proceed with replacement.

Public Comment:

- Jessica Hill, a Rio Dell resident, suggested that if the trees are removed, it could be made into a community event to involve residents in revitalizing the park and making it more inclusive for the whole city.
- Rick Pelren, 127 Metropolitan Heights Road, supported tree replacement and cautioned against planting pine trees, referencing prior widespread problems with pine trees planted across the country that ultimately failed within 30 years.

Following discussion, the Council directed staff to proceed with obtaining bids for tree removal and replacement.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Orr, seconded by Council Member Woodall, to authorize staff to acquire bids for tree removal and replacement at Memorial Park. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Authorize the City Manager to Acquire Bids for a Mobile Vehicle Barrier System (Item 2026/0303.06)

City Manager Knopp introduced the item, providing background on the Open Space Events Facility concept. The City currently holds approximately \$120,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) grant funds designated for the creation of an open space events facility. These funds must be expended by the end of 2026 or returned to the U.S. Treasury. Key points included:

- The open space events facility concept was developed during COVID-19 to provide a safe, open-air gathering space for community events such as Wildwood Days or a future farmers market.
- Sections of Wildwood Avenue, have historically been used for events. The facility concept would formalize the use between Davis and Side Streets as a method of minimally impacting north-south traffic, bus routes, and emergency services.
- Originally, the concept included the permanent installation of traffic bollards in the roadway. However, due to complexity, cost, and time constraints, staff is instead proposing the acquisition of a mobile vehicle barrier system.
- The proposed mobile barrier system can be set up by a single individual, can be configured for various uses, and can be stored in a trailer for use in public works, construction, or emergency situations.
- Staff noted the cost of the system is not yet known and will depend on bids received. Alternatives from the vendor will also be evaluated.

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Carter:

- Expressed strong enthusiasm for the concept and the schematic shared in the agenda packet, stating she would love to see an event of that nature come to fruition on Wildwood Avenue.

Council Member Orr:

- Stated support for the proposal, noting that standard road closure signs and tape are no longer sufficient to deter vehicles and that anything improving safety for outdoor events is worthwhile.

Council Member Woodall:

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- Expressed support for the proposal.

Mayor Garnes:

- Expressed strong support and noted the added value of having a system usable for multiple purposes including community events and emergency response.
- Noted the importance of creating more opportunities for community gatherings.

No public comments were received.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, seconded by Council Member Woodall, to authorize the City Manager to acquire bids for a mobile vehicle barrier system. Motion carried 4-0.

K. ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

L. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Carter:

- Reported attending part of the Chamber of Commerce meeting the prior evening. The Chamber announced a St. Patrick's Day event at the Scotia Lodge on Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event includes a catered dinner by CC Market. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and may be purchased at DJ's Burger Bar, Scotia Lodge, Emerald Z, or via QR code on posted flyers and the Chamber's website.
- Announced the Chamber's annual April Bingo Blast on April 24th at the River Lodge at 5:00 p.m.
- Noted she would be attending the School Board meeting the following evening, which is a non-regular meeting.
- Informed the Council that the Fire Commission has changed its regular meeting time to the third Wednesday of each month at the fire hall at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Woodall:

- Reported attending the Humboldt County Operational Area (OA) meeting, which she described as interesting and brief.
- Moved to reconsider the vote taken at the February 17, 2026 meeting regarding the adoption of the Regional Climate Action Plan. Council Member Woodall, who voted against adoption at the prior meeting, stated she wished to reconsider her

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vote and requested the item be placed on the agenda for the March 17, 2026 Council meeting.

Mayor Garnes opened a vote on whether to place the item on the next agenda for reconsideration. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Woodall, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, to place reconsideration of the Regional Climate Action Plan on the March 17, 2026 agenda. Motion carried 3-1, with Council Member Orr voting no.

City Manager Knopp clarified for the record that only those Council members who voted against the original motion—Council Member Woodall and Council Member Orr—are eligible to bring a motion for reconsideration. He noted that the reconsideration may result in approval, rejection, or a request for additional information or amendments at the next meeting.

Council Member Orr:

- No report.

Mayor Garnes:

- Reported an upcoming Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) meeting the following day.
- Noted upcoming meetings prior to the next Council meeting, including a Great Redwood Trail Agency meeting, the Seismic Safety Commission meeting (to which she was recently reappointed), and the Cal Cities meeting on March 13th.

M. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, seconded by Council Member Woodall. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:36pm. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Garnes

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk

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March 17, 2026

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor Execute Correspondence in Support of AB 1866 related to the California Disaster Assistance Act.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the Mayor to execute the attached correspondence; or,

Take no action.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

AB 1866, introduced by Assemblymember Chris Rogers (D-Santa Rosa) on February 17, 2026, would amend the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) to require the Director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to prioritize local agencies that are not eligible for federal disaster assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act when allocating state public assistance funds. The bill is sponsored by the League of California Cities.

This legislation directly addresses a gap in the disaster assistance framework that disadvantaged Rio Dell following the December 2022 Ferndale Earthquake. Staff recommends the City Council authorize a formal letter of support.

The CDAA (Government Code §§8680–8692) requires the CalOES Director to provide financial assistance to local agencies for personnel costs, equipment costs, and the cost of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities arising from a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency. The CDAA also provides funding for repair, restoration, or replacement of public facilities damaged by disaster.

Under existing law, the CalOES Director has broad discretion in allocating CDAA funds but is not currently required to give priority to agencies that are ineligible for federal assistance.

Federal public assistance under the Stafford Act becomes available to California only when statewide damages exceed a FEMA-established per-capita threshold. Because California is the most populous state in the nation, this threshold is exceptionally high — currently requiring more than \$72 million in statewide damages before federal aid can be unlocked.

This structure creates a significant inequity: a community can suffer catastrophic local damage, yet remain ineligible for federal assistance if the statewide total falls short of FEMA’s threshold. The threshold is calculated based on statewide aggregate damages, not local impact, meaning that rural and

low-income communities with lower property values are systematically disadvantaged compared to wealthier urban areas where a far smaller number of damaged properties can produce equivalent dollar figures.

On December 20, 2022, Rio Dell was struck by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake (the 2022 Ferndale Earthquake) and a series of significant aftershocks. Ground sensor data recorded peak ground acceleration of 1.4g in Rio Dell — the third highest level ever measured in a California earthquake.

The impacts to Rio Dell were severe:

Impact Category	Detail
Homes Damaged	Approximately 1 in 4 residential structures
Residents Displaced	Approximately 300
Water Service	Temporarily interrupted city-wide
Estimated Local Damages	~\$32 million
Peak Ground Acceleration	1.4g (3rd highest ever recorded in CA)
Federal Disaster Declaration	Not issued (statewide threshold not met)

Despite these impacts, the statewide damage total from the 2022 event did not reach the federal threshold, and no federal major disaster declaration was issued for public assistance purposes. The limited federal involvement was confined to SBA disaster loan programs and USDA assistance — programs that, while helpful to individual applicants, do not provide the comprehensive public infrastructure and facility recovery support that a federal disaster declaration would have unlocked for the City.

Rio Dell is a severely economically disadvantaged community. According to the 2021 American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau), median household income in Rio Dell is \$36,648, compared to \$54,752 for Humboldt County and \$84,907 for California statewide. The City has an extremely limited general fund and cannot absorb substantial uncompensated disaster recovery costs without corresponding impacts to essential municipal services.

Under the CDAA, Rio Dell qualifies for a 75% state cost share for eligible expenses, and potentially 100% coverage as an AB 2140-compliant jurisdiction (meaning the City has adopted a state-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of its General Plan Safety Element). However, full reimbursement is not guaranteed, creating significant budget uncertainty during multi-year recovery efforts.

AB 1866 would add Section 8685.1 to the Government Code to require that, when the CalOES Director determines the allocation of CDAA funds for a project, the Director shall prioritize local agencies that are not eligible for assistance under the federal Stafford Act due to their inability to meet FEMA’s minimum damage threshold.

The bill would also add a provision allowing volunteer hours to count toward matching requirements under the CDAA, reducing the financial burden on local jurisdictions during recovery.

The bill does not appropriate new funds. It directs how existing CDAA funds are to be prioritized, ensuring that communities that have no federal recourse are not disadvantaged relative to those that will receive federal assistance.

Staff finds that AB 1866 addresses a documented and material gap in California’s disaster assistance framework that directly impacted Rio Dell following the 2022 Ferndale Earthquake. The bill’s prioritization provision is a targeted, narrowly drawn clarification that would improve equity in the distribution of existing state resources without requiring additional appropriations.

The bill is consistent with the City’s ongoing recovery interests and with the policy positions of the League of California Cities, which has sponsored the legislation. Assemblymember Rogers’ district encompasses Rio Dell, and his office has engaged City leadership directly in the development of this bill.

Staff is not aware of any provisions of AB 1866 that would conflict with City interests or create additional fiscal impacts to the City. The bill's passage would benefit not only Rio Dell but any California community that experiences a significant local disaster that nonetheless falls short of FEMA's statewide threshold — a scenario that will recur as long as the current federal threshold structure remains in place.

Attachments:

Letter in support of AB 1866

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March 17, 2026

The Honorable Chris Rogers
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5130
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**RE: AB 1866 (Rogers) California Disaster Assistance Act.
Notice of SUPPORT (As Introduced on February 17, 2026)**

Dear Assemblymember Rogers,

The City of Rio Dell is pleased to support AB 1866 (Rogers), which would strengthen the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) by ensuring local agencies that do not qualify for federal disaster aid are prioritized when being considered for state disaster public assistance following a state-declared emergency.

Under current law, the CDAA requires the Director of California's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to provide financial assistance to local agencies for personnel costs, equipment costs, and the cost of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities, arising from a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor. While federal disaster assistance is also an important component of recovery, access to that funding is constrained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) minimum per-event damage threshold, which currently requires more than \$72 million in statewide damages for California disasters to qualify for federal aid.

Because this threshold is based on statewide damages, communities that experience significant local impacts may still be ineligible for federal assistance if the overall event does not meet the federal minimum. Smaller, rural, and economically disadvantaged communities are particularly vulnerable under this structure, as they often lack the fiscal capacity to absorb unexpected recovery costs for damaged public facilities and infrastructure.

AB 1866 would clarify that, when allocating state public assistance funding under the CDAA, the CalOES Director should prioritize local agencies that are not eligible for federal assistance due to their inability to meet FEMA's minimum damage threshold. This change would help ensure more equitable access to

state disaster funding and provide critical support to communities working to rebuild without federal assistance.

For cities like ours, this prioritization would help protect local budgets, preserve essential services, and support timely recovery following a disaster event that does not meet the federal minimum damage threshold.

On December 20, 2022, Rio Dell was struck by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake and a series of aftershocks known as the 2022 Ferndale Earthquake. Ground sensor data shows that the ground acceleration reached 1.4g in Rio Dell—the third highest level ever recorded during a California earthquake. The damage was severe, impacting one out of every four homes, temporarily interrupting water services, and displacing approximately 300 residents. Estimated damages to Rio Dell alone totaled approximately \$32 million, far short of the federal threshold, and the event was therefore not escalated to a federal disaster declaration despite its immense local impact. Federal involvement was limited to programs administered by the Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture—programs that, while helpful, are not substitutes for the comprehensive infrastructure and public facility recovery support that a federal disaster declaration would have unlocked. This gap in federal assistance is a significant and recurring problem for communities across California.

Rio Dell is a severely economically disadvantaged community. According to the 2021 American Community Survey, median household income in Rio Dell is \$36,648, compared to \$54,752 for Humboldt County and \$84,907 for California overall. Under the CDAA, Rio Dell is eligible for a 75 percent cost share with the state, and potentially 100 percent coverage as an AB 2140-compliant jurisdiction (meaning the City has adopted a state-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan)—though full reimbursement is not guaranteed. This uncertainty creates significant difficulty in planning and executing recovery projects, particularly for a community with such limited fiscal capacity.

Rio Dell's experience illustrates precisely why AB 1866 is needed. By directing state assistance to communities that fall through the cracks of the federal threshold, the bill strengthens the equity and resilience of California's disaster response system. For these reasons, the City of Rio Dell is pleased to support AB 1866 (Rogers).

Sincerely,

Debra Garnes
Mayor
City of Rio Dell

CC:
Governor Gavin Newsom
Senator Mike McGuire
Assembly Member Jessica Caloza
Humboldt Cty. Board of Supervisors
Humboldt County Mayors
Director Nancy Ward, CalOES
Sara Sanders, CalCities

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Ref#	Date	Vendors	Descriptions	Amount
14959	2/05/2026	[3975] AT&T - 5709	FAX LINE EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2026 - PD, FAX LINE EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2026 - City Hall	72.55
14960	2/05/2026	[4938] BANDERA USA	Couplers	128.35
14961	2/05/2026	[5781] CALIFORNIA BUILDING OFFICIALS	26/27 Membership Renewal	275.00
14962	2/05/2026	[4063] CITY OF FERNDALE	Police Services	592.60
14963	2/05/2026	[2293] CITY OF FORTUNA	Police Dispatch for February 2026	8,483.33
14964	2/05/2026	[2283] COASTAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	Contract Base Rate Charge for 1/25/26 to 1/24/27 Billing Period	2,238.00
14965	2/05/2026	[5052] GHD, INC	Professional Services Rendered Through 1/22/2026: Rio Dell Eel River Trail Accessible Ramp Project, Professional Services Rendered Through 1/31/2026: PW Rio Dell Water Distribution System Improvement Project, Professional Services Rendered Through 1/31/2026: Painter Street Tank Damage Repair Project, Professional Services Rendered Through 1/31/2026: Fern Street Lift Station Damage Repair Project	73,346.04
14966	2/05/2026	[6486] GREEN TO GOLD ENTERPRISES LLC	Hardware	59.96
14967	2/05/2026	[7888] HUMBOLDT HUMAN dba: CRITTERS WITHOUT LITTERS	Beans (Dog-F)	150.00
14968	2/05/2026	[7702] INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	Active Dues from 1/1-12/31/2026	220.00
14969	2/05/2026	[2521] LEAGUE OF CALIF. CITIES	Membership Dues for Redwood Empire Division (2026)	85.00
14970	2/05/2026	[7195] METER, VALVE & CONTROL, Inc	Meter Body	1,107.57
14971	2/05/2026	[2569] MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC.	Aqueous Sample Digestion, ELAP Certification Fee, ICP-OES Metals, Coliform Quanti-tray, ELAP Certification Fee, Total Coliform Bacteria 3x5, BOD & NFR, ELAP Certification Fee, Ammonia Nitrogen - Un-ionized (calculation), Ammonia Nitrogen w/o Distillation, BOD & NFR, Conductivity @ 25C, ELAP Certification Fee, Hardness, Nitrate and/or Nitrite, Organic Nitrogen - Water, pH, Salinity, THM by EPA 624, Total Dissolved Solids, BOD & NFR, ELAP Certification Fee	2,360.50
14972	2/05/2026	[2551] MIRANDA'S ANIMAL RESCUE	Animal Control for January 2026	1,900.00
14973	2/05/2026	[3006] MISSION LINEN SUPPLY, INC	Maintenance & Cleaning of PW Shirts, Clean Mop Head, Clean Mop Head, Towels, Maintenance & Cleaning of PW Shirts, Clean Mop Head, Maintenance & Cleaning of PW Shirts, Clean Mop Head, Clean Mop Head, Towels, Maintenance & Cleaning of PW Shirts, Clean Mop Head	152.16

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14974	2/05/2026	[6100] NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GLOVE	Goggles, Face Respirator and Filters, Gloves, Head Gear, High Visi Hoodie & Vest	582.92
14975	2/05/2026	[6943] PACE SUPPLY CORP	Gaskets	95.70
14976	2/05/2026	[7316] SILKE COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS, INC	Repair Spotlight Changed Handle	180.55
14977	2/05/2026	[6373] THATCHER COMPANY, INC.	Aqua Ammonia, 25% Tech - 375 # Drum	2,031.05
14978	2/05/2026	[3917] VERIZON WIRELESS	Safety Phones PD & PW (& Mayor): Dec 17- Jan 16	662.13
14979	2/05/2026	[5547] WAHLUND CONSTRUCTION, INC./SEQUOIA CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES	Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Project - Payment #9	620,207.33
14980	2/05/2026	[2772] WENDT CONSTRUCTION, INC	Site Maintenance	1,205.48
14981	2/05/2026	[2787] WYCKOFF'S	Elbow, Pipe Nipples, Brass Tee, Brass Nipple	363.81
14982	2/12/2026	[5381] ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS CONCEPTS	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE & COPIER CHARGES FOR JANUARY 2026 - City Hall & COPIER CHARGES FOR JANUARY 2026 - PD	784.17
14983	2/12/2026	[2224] AQUA BEN CORPORATION	Hydrofloc	2,414.48
14984	2/12/2026	[8107] BELL & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SB-1383 Project	4,438.50
14985	2/12/2026	[6969] LIAM J BURNS	Travel (25%) Taser Instructor Training (Rocklin, CA)	56.63
14986	2/12/2026	[2303] COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION	POA Dues for PPE 2/6/2026	120.00
14987	2/12/2026	[5052] GHD, INC	Professional Services Rendered Through 1/31/2026: Rio Dell Painter Line Sewer Upsizing	10,279.35
14988	2/12/2026	[2457] HUM COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER	Copies	3.00
14989	2/12/2026	[2484] INDEPENDENT BUSINESS FORMS	Laser 24hr Shutoff Notices	605.45
14990	2/12/2026	[7475] LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC	Lease of Kyocera TA 308ci Copier System	218.35
14991	2/12/2026	[8027] METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS, INC	Growth Retardent	846.69
14992	2/12/2026	[2569] MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC.	Coliform Quanti-Tray, ELAP Certification Fee, Total Coliform Bacteria 3x5, Coliform Presence/Absence. Coliform Quanti-Tray, ELAP Certification Fee, Total Coliform Bacteria 3x5	394.00
14993	2/12/2026	[6100] NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GLOVE	Goggles	29.13
14994	2/12/2026	[2619] PITNEY BOWES, INC.	QUARTERLY LEASING PAYMENT 12/30/2025-3/29/2026	181.61
14995	2/12/2026	[6349] RECOLOGY EEL RIVER	30 YD DEBRIS BOX, FREON, APPLIANCE, EWASTE @ 337 2ND AVE, 30 YD DEBRIS BOX @ 337 2ND AVE, 40 YD DEBRIS BOX, EWASTE, TIRES @ 520 1ST AVE, 40 YD DEBRIS BOX, APPLIANCES, FREON, EWASTE @ 520 1ST AVE, 40 YD DEBRIS BOX, EWASTE @ 520 1ST AVE	7,044.95
14996	2/12/2026	[2693] SHELTON'S AUTO LUBE	Oil Change '21 Ford F-150	110.50

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14997	2/12/2026	[4525] SHERLOCK RECORDS MGMT	STORAGE SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 2026	163.20
14998	2/12/2026	[2715] STEWART TELECOMMUNICATION	Phone Lines PD - March 2026, Phone Lines City Hall - March 2026	566.63
14999	2/12/2026	[4908] THE MITCHELL LAW FIRM, LLP	LEGAL SERVICES FOR JAN 2026, LEGAL SERVICES FOR JAN 2026	2,708.95
15000	2/12/2026	[3373] VALLEY LUMBER & MILLWORK	Master Locks & Pad Locks	636.11
15001	2/12/2026	[8024] WATT'S CLEANING SERVICES	Weekly Cleaning Jan. '26	570.00
15002	2/12/2026	[2772] WENDT CONSTRUCTION, INC	341 Pacific Ave Sewer Lateral Repair/Replacement	5,249.71
15003	2/12/2026	[2787] WYCKOFF'S	Connectors and Sealant	141.76
15004	2/19/2026	[7852] CSG CONSULTANTS	Rio Dell Franchise Agreement Negotiation	3,300.00
15005	2/19/2026	[2340] DEPT OF JUSTICE ACCOUNTING	Fingerprint Apps, Child Abuse Index, Peace Officer-Billed	66.00
15006	2/19/2026	[5765] GARNES, DEBRA	Travel Reimbursement: CalCities Environmental Quality Policy Committee	620.70
15007	2/19/2026	[5052] GHD, INC	Professional Services Rendered Through 1/31/2026: Chlorine Contact Tank Damage Repair Project	6,555.15
15008	2/19/2026	[2569] MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC.	Coliform Presence/Absence, Coliform Quanti-tray, ELAP Certification Fee, Total Coliform Bacteria 3X5, Coliform Quanti-tray, ELAP Certification Fee, Total Coliform Bacteria 3X5, Coliform Presence/Absence, ELAP Certification Fee	482.00
15009	2/19/2026	[4393] NYLEX.net. Inc.	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FOR MARCH 2026	3,240.00
15010	2/19/2026	[6621] PAPE MACHINERY	Batteries	213.42
15011	2/19/2026	[8110] THE WATER WELL STORE INC	Drop Pipe/Valve Replacement & Labor - On Contract	5,522.42
15012	2/19/2026	[5547] WAHLUND CONSTRUCTION, INC.,/SEQUOIA CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES	Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Project - Payment #10	748,561.01
15013	2/19/2026	[6037] WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	KYOCERA & KATUN COPIERS PAYMENT FOR FEBRUARY 2026	638.59
15014	2/19/2026	[2779] WILDWOOD SAW	Attachment	120.44
15015	2/19/2026	[8025] WOODS PEST CONTROL, INC.	General Pest Cycle @ 675 Wildwood Ave	135.00
15016	2/19/2026	[2792] ZUMAR INDUSTRIES, INC.	2hr Parking Signs	341.90
15017	2/24/2026	[6969] LIAM J BURNS	2nd Part-Travel Reimbursement. Taser Instructor Training (Rocklin, CA)	169.88
15018	2/24/2026	[2303] COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION	POA Dues for PPE 2/20/2026	120.00
15019	2/24/2026	[3461] CRIMESTAR USA, LLC	RMS Annual Product Support	400.00
15020	2/24/2026	[2405] FORTUNA ACE HARDWARE	Bar-Chain Oil and Push Brooms	191.57

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15021	2/24/2026	[2569] MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC.	BOD & NFR, ELAP Certification Fee ,Ammonia Nitrogen - Un-ionized (calculation), Ammonia Nitrogen w/o distillation, BOD & NFR, Conductivity at 25C, ELAP Certification Fee, Hardness, Nitrate and/or Nitrite, Organic Nitrogen - Water, Salinity, THM by EPA 624, Total Dissolved Solids, Tubidity	1,659.50
15022	2/24/2026	[3006] MISSION LINEN SUPPLY, INC	Maintenance & Cleaning of PW Shirts, Clean Mop Head	33.36
15023	2/24/2026	[7307] REDWOOD TEEN CHALLENGE	Cleaning @ 483 4th Ave	385.00
15024	2/24/2026	[7316] SILKE COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS, INC	Radios and Parts	1,218.95
15025	2/24/2026	[3917] VERIZON WIRELESS	Safety Phones PD & PW (& Mayor): Jan 17- Feb 16	662.13
15026	2/24/2026	[6037] WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	KYOCERA & KATUN COPIERS PAYMENT FOR MARCH 2026	563.59
15027	2/24/2026	[2772] WENDT CONSTRUCTION, INC	Rock Delivery, Repairs to Sewer Main on Monument Rd, Roadside Mower @ Northwestern Ave, Bathroom Remodel PD, Board Up Windows & Doors @ 520 1st Ave	16,019.00
15028	2/24/2026	[2779] WILDWOOD SAW	Stihl HP Mix	50.36
15029	2/24/2026	[8025] WOODS PEST CONTROL, INC.	General Pest Cycle - 475 Hilltop Dr	220.00
Total Checks/Deposits				<u>1,545,559.17</u>

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340-176	2/02/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR EDD PAYROLL TAXES FOR PPE 01/23/2026	-4,900.73
203601	2/02/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES FOR PPE 01/23/2026	-21,891.76
6308582	2/02/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT PAYMENT FOR PPE 01/23/2026	-18,895.21
910156948	2/05/2026	WITHDRAWAL	DEPOSITED ITEM RETURNED	-152.83
E-CHECK	2/06/2026	WITHDRAWAL	DEPOSITED ITEM RETURNED	-132.29
6656774	2/10/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT PAYMENT FOR PPE 02/06/2026	-18,995.21
5007191	2/12/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR AFLAC DENTAL INSURANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2026.	-116.22
9837552	2/12/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR PG&E ONLINE PAYMENT FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026.	-32,997.94
9837551	2/12/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: FIBER OPTIMUM BILL FOR FEB 2026. SPLIT W/P.D & ADMIN.	-689.95
9837550	2/12/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT ONLINE OPTIMUM PUBLIC WORKS PAYMENT FOR FEB 2026	-274.34
Bank Adjustment	2/13/2026	US BANK ERROR	US BANK ADJUSTMENT ERROR. THE ERROR WILL BE CORRECTED NEXT MONTH.	-233.33
9837557	2/17/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: BANK OF AMERICA CREDIT CARD PAYMENT- JAN/FEB 2026.	-621.47
922-128	2/17/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR EDD PAYROLL TAXES FOR PPE 02/06/2026	-4,123.69

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3421219	2/17/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES FOR PPE 02/06/2026	-22,157.68
9837556	2/19/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE PAYMENT FOR MARCH- 2026	-413.00
9837555	2/19/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR METLIFE ONLINE PAYMENT FOR MARCH 2026	-2,063.53
9837553	2/20/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: BENEFIT BRIDGE/PUBLIC AGENCY PAYMENT FOR MARCH 2026.	-40,224.85
9837554	2/20/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR VSP INSURANCE ONLINE PAYMENT FOR MARCH 2026	-442.26
E-CHECK	2/20/2026	WITHDRAWAL	DEPOSITED ITEM RETURNED	-80.00
142306	2/23/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT FOR AFLAC INSURANCE ONLINE PAYMENT FOR FEBRUARY 2026.	-1,241.52
9961827	2/26/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	EFT: PG&E PAYMENT FOR FEB 2026/STREET LIGHTS @Northwestern	-51.85
Draw #7	2/27/2026	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	To Repay Rural Community Assistance Corporation bridge loan line of credit for Loan#1144-CRD-05. Draw# 7 for Water CIP Project.	-191,475.53
1000101246	2/27/2026	WITHDRAWAL	DEPOSITED ITEM RETURNED	-179.07
9837559	2/28/2026	WITHDRAWAL	ANALYSIS SERVICE CHARGE FOR FEBRUARY 2026	-259.11
Total EFT's/Bank Withdrawals				-368,601.37

Ref#	Date	Vendors	Descriptions	Amount
TRX TO PR	2/11/2026	TRANSFER FROM CHECK TO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	TRANSFER TO PAYROLL ACCT FOR PPE 02/12/2026	-53,796.33
TRX TO PR	2/26/2026	TRANSFER FROM CHECK TO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	TRANSFER TO PAYROLL ACCT FOR PPE 02/26/2026	-50,894.16
Total Transfer Between Accounts				-104,690.49

Ref#	Date	Vendors	Descriptions	Amount
12430	2/27/2026	WITHDRAWAL	US Bank Debit Card for Postage for February's Utility Bills.	-601.44
Total Debit Card Withdrawals				-601.44



Staff Highlights – 2026-03-17

City Council

City Manager

City Clerk

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

-Submitted the March 2026 Current Employment Statistics survey to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

-Submitted the City of Rio Dell 2025 Government Compensation in California report to the State Controller's Office.

-Coordinated with County of Humboldt and HCD representatives in support of active CDBG projects, responding to inquiries and providing financial documentation. Uploaded required financial reports to the HCD online portal and worked with the City Building Inspector to verify satisfactory completion of CDBG-funded project work.

-Received reimbursement for Invoice #1 on the Eel River Trail Accessible Ramp Project, funded through the Wildlife Conservation Board.

-Worked with contract engineers GHD to complete fund allocation for the STIP-funded Rio Dell Neighborhood Connectivity Project.

-Coordinated with the City's water infrastructure contractor regarding insurance certificate requirements for the ongoing Water Distribution System Improvement Project.

-Continued coordinating with finance staff to compile and submit documentation requested by the City's auditor as part of the ongoing FY 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit.

-Collaborated with the City Manager to develop a staff report and agreement for sales tax audit and reporting services with HdL Companies, supporting the City's efforts to ensure accurate sales tax allocation from the State.



-Engaged cannabis cultivation operators on the Dinsmore Plateau regarding outstanding tax obligations.

-Actively exploring financing strategies for large-scale infrastructure projects stemming from the December 2022 Ferndale Earthquake.

-Finalized pickup and closeout of remaining items sold through the GovDeals platform.

-Provided the Police Department with updated burden rate information for cost allocation purposes.

-Continued discussions with US Bank regarding credit card processing options and merchant services rates for the City.

Public Works Water

Public Works Wastewater

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

Patrol Statistics:

During Mar. 3rd – Mar. 12th 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 150 incidents. This includes 81 calls for service, and 69 Officer Initiated Contacts. 5 arrests were made. A total of 3 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 10 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

Staffing:

The Police Department is Fully Staffed!

- Officer Alexander Lewallen starts on March 23rd.

Community Events / Notable Cases:

- Abatement for 185 Douglas resulted in two 30 yard dumpsters of trash being removed from the property.
- The PD remodel council approved has finally begun and is making good progress.
- Ofc. Burns has completed Field Training Officer School and will take part in the training of our new officer.

Abatement Projects:

Residential Abatement:

- Total Active Cases 20



- Abatement completed at 185 Douglas Street
- Progressing towards abatements at 530 3rd Avenue and 1580 Eeloa Avenue

Vehicular Abatement:

- 5 Total Active Cases
- 3 vehicles towed

Animal Control:

- 7 Calls for animal related issues
- No animals transported to Miranda's Rescue

Community Development Department

Final roof inspection 223 Belleview Ave

Process Building Permits for sewer lateral improvements 550 Gunnerson Lane

Process Building Permits for sewer lateral improvements 106 Ogle Ave

Solar and Battery inspection 240 Belleview Ave – Corrections required

Complete and submit US Census survey regarding housing/development in the City.

Roof inspections 137 Meadowbridge

Roof inspections 285 Monument Road

Review Olea Certificate of Compliance application for 157 Monument Road, prepare staff report, resolution and Certificate of Compliance document. Send to applicant and agent.

Process Building Permits for hot water heaters at 101 and 111 Dixie Street.

Attend Energy Code Webinar for Building Departments

Process Roof Building Permit for 194 Birch Street

Research and reach out to FEMA/DWR on question regarding electrical panels in flood zone

Research battery vehicle protection requirements, reach out to the Fire Marshall and the Energy Commission.

Process electrical permit for 1125 Northwestern Ave

Update CAP staff report and resolution

Reach out to Dinsmore Plateau cannabis farmers re: taxes



Review Tax Collector's list of defaulted tax properties, prepare staff report

Follow up on permits for 288 Dixie and 198 Fern Street

Reach out to property owners re: RHIP inspections

Respond to inquiry from Tidwell and Associates re: 1572 Eeloa Ave

Meeting w/Paul Hoffman re: electrical code requirements

Respond to inquiries re: possible subdivision of 219 Ogle and 510 Belleview Ave

Complete and submit HCD LEAP reimbursement application

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park



675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562
(707) 764-3532

For Meeting of March 17, 2026
 Consent Item; Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager 
Date: March 11, 2026
Subject: Tax Defaulted property at 175 Wildwood Avenue identified as APN 053-141-025.

Recommendation:

That the City Council:

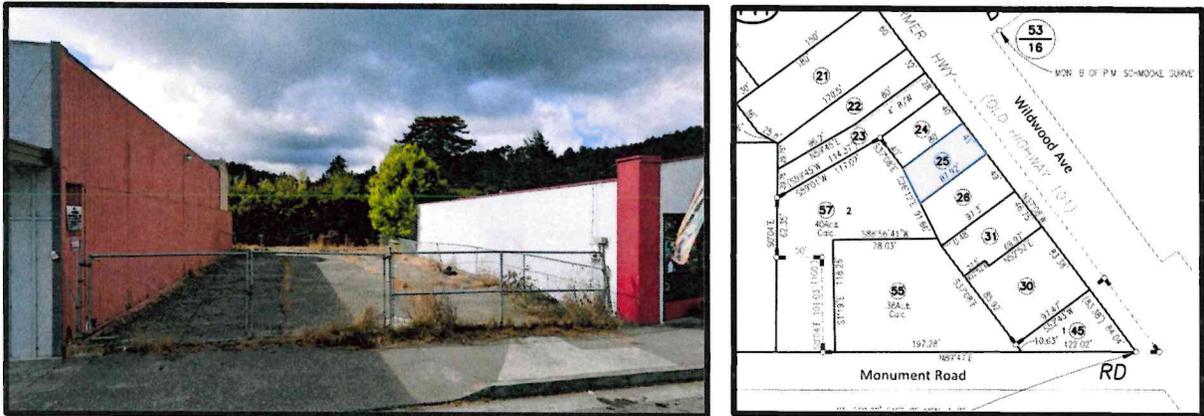
1. Provide direction on the possible acquisition of 175 Wildwood Avenue.

Discussion:

Pursuant to State Revenue and Taxation Code, properties that are determined to be in default for unpaid property taxes for five years or more are periodically put up for public auction by the County for a minimum bid amount equivalent to the delinquent taxes, plus application fees incurred by the County. The City recently received the "Notice to Taxing Agencies & Revenue Districts Public Auction of Tax Defaulted Properties", from

the County Tax Collector. The properties are scheduled for sale on May 29, 2026. There are five (5) properties listed that are within the City. One of the properties, 175 Wildwood Avenue has actually been identified as potential site for a Pocket Park. Below is excerpt from the Parks Master Plan Staff Report that was presented to the Council in April of 2024.

A possible Pocket Park is the vacant parcel between the former Pizza Factory parcel and E&J Liquors. This parcel is owned by the estate of Mona Konicke. The parcel is currently considered in tax default and if the back taxes are not paid by July 1, 2025, a lien for the past due taxes will be placed on the parcel and the potential tax sale will take place after that.



Konicke Parcel – Wildwood Avenue

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3695.4, and in connection with the application, the City may object to the sale of a tax-defaulted parcel **that may be needed for public use**. Pursuant to Sections 3702 and 3703, an objection letter, application, and copy of resolution establishing authority to purchase property must be filed with the Tax Collector before the date of the first publication of the notice of intent to sale. If the City files an objection and application in compliance with these sections, the Tax Collector may not proceed with the sale of the subject property.

Submitting an Application to Purchase Tax-Defaulted Property from the County does not commit the City to purchase the property, nor does it guarantee purchase approval. By objecting to the sale, the property is withheld from the public auction while a purchase price is determined and allows for further property investigation. The current past dues taxes are about \$7,500. The City would also be required to pay the cost of the public notice publication in the North Coast Journal. The City may submit a letter to the Tax Collector requesting to withdraw their Application to Purchase at any time during the process. The City would be required to reimburse the Tax Collector for the costs incurred for preparing the sale to the City.

Tax Details

To pay an item, add it to the cart. Multiple cart items can be paid at once to avoid multiple debit card fees during checkout.

TAXES ASSESSMENT INFO TAX CODE INFO **PAY DEFAULTED TAXES**

ASMT 053-141-025-000	PARCEL 053-141-025-000	YEAR 2025	VIEW CURRENT TAX BILL
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Defaulted Tax Balance Through End of Month

Default Number DEF200000313	Pay Plan in Effect NO	Annual Payment N/A	Balance \$7,180.33
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**Deeded. Can't open pay plan.
PAYMENT HOLD**

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053-141-025-000
175 WILDWOOD AVE

Service Fees

All payments processed on-line will be assessed a service fee. The Treasurer-Tax Collector's office does not charge a fee to process payments on-line, however, the vendor processing your payments assesses the service fees. All service fees are assessed by our credit card vendor, not the County.

Rio Dell City Hall
675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562
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DATE: March 17, 2026
TO: Rio Dell City Council
FROM: Travis Sanborn, Finance Director
THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
SUBJECT: FY 2025-26 Capital Budget Amendments - Multiple Projects

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 1663-2026 approving budget amendments approving amendments to the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program budget for ten capital projects across multiple funds..

BACKGROUND

The City adopts an annual capital budget as part of the overall budget process. Throughout the fiscal year, circumstances arise that require adjustments to existing appropriations or the establishment of new appropriations to reflect current project activity. These circumstances include project cost overages, grant awards where appropriations were not previously established, contracts executed after budget adoption, and expenditures in the current fiscal year related to purchase orders from prior years whose appropriations lapsed on June 30, 2025.

All ten projects included in this amendment have received prior City Council authorization through project approval, grant acceptance, or contract award. This action establishes the budget authority necessary to align the capital budget with authorized project activity and ensure the City is in compliance with appropriation requirements prior to the close of the fiscal year audit.

DISCUSSION

The following ten projects require budget amendments for the reasons described below.

1. Project 9013 - Police Department Vehicle Replacement (Fund 005 - Motorpool)

Total project costs of \$83,355.07 exceeded the budgeted appropriation of \$68,200 by \$15,155.07, reflecting final vendor pricing for the vehicle, emergency equipment installation, vehicle wrap, and bed liner installation. The amended appropriation covers all project costs, funded from Fund 005 Motorpool fund balance.

2. Project 9029 - Public Works Truck Replacement (Funds 000 / 020 / 052 / 062)

The replacement Public Works truck was purchased at a final cost of \$35,452, exceeding the original appropriation of \$35,000 by \$452. The \$452 overage is split equally between Fund 052 (Sewer, \$226) and Fund 062 (Water, \$226), funded from each fund's respective fund balance.

3. Project 9106 - Police Department Ballistic Helmets and Gas Masks (Fund 000 - General Fund)

A purchase order was issued in FY 2024-25 and the vendor invoiced in FY 2025-26 at a final cost of \$7,040.38. The prior year appropriation lapsed on June 30, 2025. A new appropriation of \$7,290 is required in the current fiscal year, funded from General Fund fund balance.

4. Project 9073 - Eel River Trail Project - Clean California Grant (Fund 018)

The current year appropriation is increased from \$100,000 to \$240,000 to reflect actual expenditures of \$194,000 to date, caused by prior year invoices received in FY 2025-26. The project is 100% grant funded. Net fiscal impact to Fund 018 is zero.

5. Project 9123 - Eel River Trail Accessible Ramp - Wildlife Conservation Board Grant (Fund 018)

The City was awarded WCB Grant Agreement No. WC-2558AB in the amount of \$1,200,000, 100% funded through Proposition 68 with no city match. Board approval was August 28, 2025, with a completion deadline of January 31, 2027. Appropriations are established for both expenditure and grant revenue. Net fiscal impact to Fund 018 is zero.

6. Project 0139 - Rio Dell Neighborhood Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement Project (Fund 047 - STIP)

Construction allocation of \$766,000 is scheduled for CTC approval on May 15, 2026, with construction expected in FY 2026-27. A \$15,000 appropriation is established for current year bid packaging and pre-construction engineering costs, fully offset by STIP reimbursement revenue. Net fiscal impact to Fund 047 is zero.

7. Project 9010 - Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (Fund 055 - SWRCB Grant)

This multi-year capital study is 100% funded by the State Water Resources Control Board. Current year expenditures total \$769,614.04. An appropriation of \$800,000 is established to cover remaining costs through June 30, 2026, fully offset by SWRCB grant revenue. Net fiscal impact to Fund 055 is zero.

8. Project 9107 - Painter Street Sewer Line Replacement (Fund 052 - Sewer Capital)

A construction contract with Mercer Fraser Co., Inc. was executed on February 17, 2026 for \$1,570,263.50. The project is 100% grant funded. Notice to Proceed is pending City final approval. The full contract amount is appropriated to provide budget authority upon clearance, fully offset by grant revenue. Net fiscal impact to Fund 052 is zero.

9. Project 9111 - Sewer Lateral Replacement (Fund 052 - Sewer Capital)

Sewer lateral installation at 170 2nd Avenue was performed by Wendt Construction Co., Inc. and invoiced in July 2025. An appropriation of \$7,540 is established, funded from Fund 052 fund balance.

10. Project 9075 - Eel River Crossing Pipeline Seismic Retrofit (Fund 062 - Water Capital)

This CalOES/FEMA HMGP funded project is currently in design. Current year costs include State Lands Commission lease fees and GHD engineering services totaling \$15,563.87 to date. An appropriation of \$18,000 is established through June 30, 2026, anticipated to be fully offset by CalOES/FEMA grant revenue. Net fiscal impact to Fund 062 is zero.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total net draw on City fund balances is \$30,211.07, distributed as follows: Fund 000 General Fund (\$7,290.00), Fund 005 Motorpool (\$15,155.07), Fund 052 Sewer Capital (\$7,540.00), and Fund 062 Water Capital (\$226.00). All grant-funded projects carry zero net fund balance impact, with expenditure and revenue appropriations offsetting each other in full.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 1663-2026 Approving FY 2025-26 Capital Budget Amendments



RESOLUTION NO. 1663-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS ACROSS MULTIPLE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell adopted a Capital Improvement Program budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, throughout the fiscal year circumstances have arisen requiring adjustments to existing appropriations and establishment of new appropriations to reflect authorized project activity; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in this resolution have received prior City Council authorization through project approval, grant acceptance, or contract award; and

WHEREAS, certain appropriations from prior fiscal years lapsed on June 30, 2025, requiring new appropriations in the current fiscal year for expenditures legitimately incurred in FY 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, grant-funded projects require both expenditure and revenue appropriations to properly reflect the full scope of grant activity in the City's budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed amendments and finds them necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell as follows:

SECTION 1. Budget Amendments Approved.

The City Council hereby approves the following amendments to the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program budget:

Project 9013 - Police Department Vehicle Replacement (Fund 005 - Motorpool) Account: 6500-14-005-0000-9013 Expenditure Appropriation: \$83,355.07 (increase from \$68,200.00) Revenue Appropriation: N/A Funding Source: Fund 005 Motorpool fund balance Net Fund Balance Impact: (\$15,155.07)

Project 9029 - Public Works Truck Replacement (Funds 000 / 020 / 052 / 062) Account: Multiple fund accounts Expenditure Appropriation: \$35,452.00 total (increase of \$452 from \$35,000) Revenue Appropriation: N/A Funding Source: \$226 Fund 052 fund balance; \$226 Fund 062 fund balance Net Fund Balance Impact: (\$226.00) Fund 052; (\$226.00) Fund 062

Project 9106 - Police Department Ballistic Helmets and Gas Masks (Fund 000 - General Fund) Account: 6500-14-000-0000-9106 Expenditure Appropriation: \$7,290.00 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: N/A Funding Source: General Fund fund balance Net Fund Balance Impact: (\$7,290.00)

Project 9073 - Eel River Trail Project - Clean California Grant (Fund 018) Account: 6500-14-018-XXXX-9073 Expenditure Appropriation: \$240,000.00 (increase of \$140,000 from \$100,000) Revenue Appropriation: \$240,000.00 (increase of \$140,000) Funding Source: Clean California Grant reimbursement Net Fund Balance Impact: Zero

Project 9123 - Eel River Trail Accessible Ramp - Wildlife Conservation Board Grant (Fund 018) Account: 6500-14-018-XXXX-9123 Expenditure Appropriation: \$1,200,000.00 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: \$1,200,000.00 (new appropriation) Funding Source: WCB Grant Agreement No. WC-2558AB - Proposition 68 Net Fund Balance Impact: Zero

Project 0139 - Rio Dell Neighborhood Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement Project (Fund 047 - STIP) Account: 6500-14-047-1033-0139 Expenditure Appropriation: \$15,000.00 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: \$15,000.00 (new appropriation) Funding Source: STIP Grant reimbursement (PPNO 2576) Net Fund Balance Impact: Zero

Project 9010 - Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (Fund 055 - SWRCB Grant) Account: 5115-14-055-1042-9010 Expenditure Appropriation: \$800,000.00 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: \$800,000.00 (new appropriation) Funding Source: State Water Resources Control Board grant reimbursement Net Fund Balance Impact: Zero

Project 9107 - Painter Street Sewer Line Replacement (Fund 052 - Sewer Capital) Account: 6500-14-052-0000-9107 Expenditure Appropriation: \$1,570,263.50 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: \$1,570,263.50 (new appropriation) Funding Source: Grant reimbursement (agreement finalization pending) Net Fund Balance Impact: Zero

Project 9111 - Sewer Lateral Replacement (Fund 052 - Sewer Capital) Account: 6500-14-052-0000-9111 Expenditure Appropriation: \$7,540.00 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: N/A Funding Source: Fund 052 Sewer Capital fund balance Net Fund Balance Impact: (\$7,540.00)

Project 9075 - Eel River Crossing Pipeline Seismic Retrofit (Fund 062 - Water Capital) Account: 6500-14-062-1044-9075 Expenditure Appropriation: \$18,000.00 (new appropriation) Revenue Appropriation: \$18,000.00 (new appropriation) Funding Source: CalOES/FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Net Fund Balance Impact: Zero

SECTION 2. Direction to Staff.

The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to post all budget amendments approved by this resolution and to make such accounting entries as are necessary to reflect the amended appropriations in the City's financial system.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Rio Dell on this 17th day of March 2026 by the following roll call vote:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Abstain:
- Absent:

Debra Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk



Community Development Department
675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562
(707) 764-3532

For Meeting of: March 17, 2026

Consent Item; Public Hearing Item

To: City Council

From: Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director 

Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

Date: March 9, 2026

Subject: Adoption of Resolution No. 1660-2026 approving and adopting the Humboldt County Regional Climate Action Plan and making the required CEQA findings identified in the Resolution as a Responsible Agency.

Recommendation:

That the City Council:

1. Receive a brief presentation from staff; and
2. Open the Public Hearing and receive comments and deliberate; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 1660-2026 approving and adopting the Humboldt County Regional Climate Action Plan and make CEQA findings identified in the Resolution as a Responsible Agency.

Background:

At the City Council meeting of February 17, 2026, staff recommended that the Council adopt the Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP). A copy of the Staff Report is included as **Attachment 1**. At the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Carter moved to adopt Resolution

No. 1660-2026 approving the Regional Climate Action Plan and Mayor Garnes seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 2-2 tied vote with Council Members Orr and Woodall voting No. At the Council meeting on March 3, Council Member Woodall requested the Council reconsider approving the Regional Climate Action Plan. The Council voted 3-1 to schedule reconsideration at the meeting of March 17, 2026.

Summary:

The RCAP is a collaborative effort with the other incorporated cities and the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA), and Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA).

The Climate Action Plan establishes a **shared framework to reduce emissions** and prepare communities for climate change. It focuses on major sources of local emissions such as:

- Transportation and vehicle travel
- Electricity use
- Natural gas consumption
- Waste and materials management
- Water and wastewater systems
- Refrigerants and carbon sequestration

The overall targets align with California's statewide goals:

- **40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 2030**
- **85% reduction by 2045**
- Achieving **carbon neutrality by 2045**.

The plan outlines a range of **possible local and regional actions**, such as:

- Expanding renewable and carbon-free energy
- Increasing building energy efficiency
- Electrifying vehicles and municipal fleets
- Improving transit, walking, and biking options
- Reducing waste and landfill emissions

- Enhancing natural carbon sequestration (e.g., forests and soils)

Cities would **choose which measures to implement locally** based on their capacity and priorities.

There are several benefits to adopting the Climate Action Plan, including:

Regional Coordination

- By participating and adopting the RCAP, the City does not have to prepare its own separate climate action plan.

CEQA Streamlining

- Streamlining the CEQA process for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis.

Consistency with State climate policy

- Adoption helps ensure the city's policies and planning align with California climate mandates and emissions targets.

Legal Risk

- Development consistent with the Climate Action Plan reduces legal risk for the City and applicants.

Funding Opportunities

- Agencies with State approved Climate Action Plans are more competitive and for state and federal grants for, climate, energy and infrastructure projects.

CEQA

The Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan was analyzed under CEQA through a **program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** prepared and certified by Humboldt County.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15096 and 15168, the City of Rio Dell may rely on the County-certified Final EIR for adoption of the RCAP. No additional environmental review is required for this action.

Attachments

Attachment 1: February 17, 2026 Staff Report

Attachment 2: Resolution No. 1660-2026



Community Development Department
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For Meeting of: February 17, 2026
 Consent Item; Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
Date: February 11, 2026
Subject: Adoption of the Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP)

Recommendation:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the Humboldt County RCAP as the City of Rio Dell’s Climate Action Plan and make CEQA findings as a Responsible Agency.

Background:

In 2019, Rio Dell joined the County and the other incorporated cities in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing to develop a shared RCAP to reduce GHG emissions on a coordinated, countywide basis. The group worked in coordination with regional agencies such as the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), Humboldt Transit Authority, and Humboldt Waste Management Authority. The RCAP establishes a framework to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and align with California’s statewide climate goals.

Early work on the RCAP produced a public review draft released in 2022; however, that version was not advanced because it required substantial revisions to function as an

effective, realistic countywide implementation plan. The group subsequently revised the approach and hired Rincon Consultants, Inc. to substantially rewrite the RCAP and to prepare the environmental review required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Public outreach and regional participation occurred over several years and included both early public input and formal CEQA review.

In May 2024, the County asked residents and stakeholders to share priorities through a countywide survey. The County then released the 2024 Draft RCAP on August 14, 2024 and initiated CEQA scoping through a Notice of Preparation, including public notices and opportunities for written and oral input. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review in early 2025, and the document set was finalized later that year.

The Final RCAP was adopted by the County in December 2025 largely carried forward the August 2024 Draft RCAP, with refinements made in response to public and agency comments, including clarification of certain definitions such as the distinction between urban and rural areas. At the same meeting, the Board also certified the Final EIR and adopted CEQA GHG thresholds of significance.

Discussion:

The RCAP is designed to reduce countywide GHG emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, consistent with Senate Bill (SB) 32, and to make substantial progress toward carbon neutrality by 2045, consistent with Assembly Bill (AB) 1279. The RCAP is meant to function as a “playbook” that local agencies can use to prioritize actions, coordinate projects, and track progress over time, recognizing that implementation will be phased and dependent on available capacity and funding.

The RCAP is grounded in a 2022 countywide GHG emissions inventory that covers both incorporated and unincorporated Humboldt County. **Total 2022 emissions are estimated at approximately 1.53 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MT CO_{2e})**, with the inventory focused on the sectors where local government has the largest influence, including building energy, transportation, solid waste, and water/wastewater. As shown in Figure 1, transportation and natural gas usage in buildings are the largest contributors of GHG emissions.

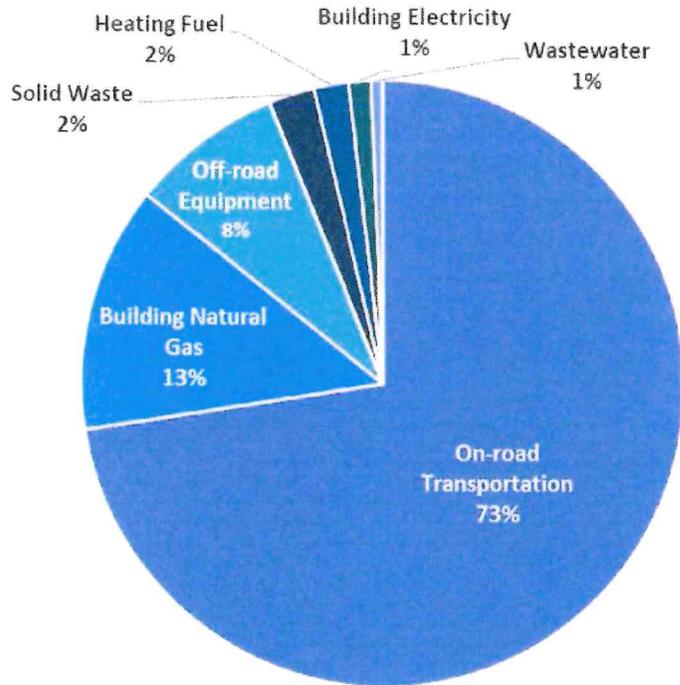


Figure 1: Humboldt GHG Emissions for 2022

Strategies, Measures, and Quantification

The RCAP organizes its emissions-reduction approach under eleven overarching strategies, including a “cornerstone” strategy focused on regional coordination. Table 1 summarizes the suite of general strategies by sector.

Sector	Strategy
Cornerstone (C)	1. Develop a regional climate coalition
Building Energy (BE)	2. Increase carbon-free electricity
	3. Decarbonize existing construction
	4. Decarbonize new construction
Transportation (T)	5. Shift driving to walking and biking
	6. Shift driving to public transit or car-share
	7. Shift land use to reduce vehicle miles traveled
Solid Waste (SW)	9. Reduce organic waste
Water & Wastewater (WW)	10. Conserve water and reduce wastewater emissions
Carbon Sequestration (CS)	11. Increase carbon sequestration

Table 1: Sector Based Strategies to Reduce GHGs

Measures are also tailored by geography, recognizing varied approaches for urban vs. rural areas, and highlighting the differences in development patterns, infrastructure access, and implementation feasibility. Urban areas, including Rio Dell, generally focus on infill development, walkable neighborhood design, better bike and transit access, and building energy upgrades, while rural measures place more emphasis on resource protection, land management, and strategies that fit dispersed development patterns.

Finally, the RCAP includes “lead by example” measures that local governments can implement through their own operations, such as improving City-owned buildings and other facilities and transitioning vehicle fleets over time. These actions do not directly result in large quantified emissions reductions, but they demonstrate best practices and help align City operations with the broader countywide strategy.

The current suite of RCAP implementation measures is provided in Table 2.

Measure ID	Measure/Strategy	Key Actions
C-1	Regional Climate Committee	Establish a Regional Climate Committee with representatives from cities, county, transit, waste, and energy authorities. Develop funding and coordination structure; hire Climate Program Manager; annual progress reporting.
Building Energy		
BE-1	Renewable & Carbon-Free Electricity	Source 90% of grid electricity from renewable and carbon-free sources by 2030; support RCEA’s RePower Humboldt goals.
BE-2	Microgrids and Energy Storage	Increase deployment of microgrids and battery storage to support grid capacity and electrification of buildings and transportation.
BE-4	Reduce Residential Gas Consumption	Retrofit existing homes to reduce natural gas use (urban areas) by 4% by 2030 and by 74% by 2045.
BE-5	Renewable & Carbon-Free Electricity	Decarbonize 95% of new residential building construction by 2027.

BE--6	Renewable & Carbon-Free Electricity	Decarbonize 95% of new nonresidential building construction by 2027.
BE-7	Renewable & Carbon-Free Electricity	Decarbonize 30% municipal buildings and facilities by 2030.
BE-8	Renewable & Carbon-Free Electricity	Advocate for Offshore Wind developers to fund transmission infrastructure and work with PG&E, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and other related agencies to build electrical transmission infrastructure to supply Humboldt with energy produced by the future offshore wind projects which will increase regional supply and resilience.
Transportation		
T-1	Transportation System Efficiency	Expand public transit, incentivize ride-sharing and vanpools, and reduce VMT (vehicle miles traveled).
T-2	Active Transportation & Land Use	Increase walking and bicycling infrastructure; support infill and mixed-use development near transit, reducing automobile dependence.
T-3	EV Infrastructure Expansion	Install electric vehicle charging stations regionwide; support EV adoption among residents and fleets.
T-4	EV Infrastructure Expansion	Electrify or decarbonize municipal and regional transit fleets.
T-5	Transportation Efficiency	Require commercial and industrial employers with 25 employees or more to develop a Supportive Transportation Demand Management plan.
T-6	Transportation Efficiency	Decarbonize 15% of passenger vehicle miles traveled by 2030 and 100% by 2045 through increased adoption of low and zero-emission vehicles and development of a regional electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fueling network.

T-7	Transportation Efficiency	Increase commercial zero-emission vehicle use and adoption to 10% by 2030 and 100% by 2045 through a regional charging network and development of hydrogen hubs.
T-8	Transportation Efficiency	Electrify or otherwise decarbonize 12% of applicable small off-road engines (SORE) off-road equipment by 2030 and 100% by 2045 and replace fossil diesel consumption with renewable diesel in 55% of applicable large diesel in alignment with EO N-79-20 by 2030.
T-9	Transportation Efficiency	Establish Humboldt as a pilot program for the decarbonization of the transportation sector to help drive state and philanthropic investment throughout Humboldt.
T-10	Transportation Efficiency - Jobs	Work with the state and biofuel industry to establish a biofuel network within Humboldt thereby funding new green industry and job growth to support the decarbonization of the transportation sector.
T-11	Transportation Efficiency - Jobs	Work with the state and biofuel industry to establish a biofuel network within Humboldt thereby funding new green industry and job growth to support the decarbonization of the transportation sector.
Solid Waste		
SW-1	Organic Waste Reduction	Establish a local waste separation facility and organics management (SB 1383 Compliance) to be able to reduce waste sent to landfills by 75% by 2030. Reduce GHG emissions by limiting truck trips required to ship waste out of the county and import compost from out of the county.
SW-2	Solid Waste Diversion & Recycling	Expand recycling programs and reduce solid waste generation.
Wastewater & Water		
WW-1	Wastewater Efficiency	Expand regional opportunities for implementation of wastewater decarbonization technologies such as anaerobic digesters to reduce GHG and produce renewable fuel sources.

WW-2	Water Conservation	Reduce per capita potable water consumption by 15% by 2030.
Carbon Sequestration		
CS-1	Carbon Sequestration & Green Infrastructure	Research and implement feasible carbon sequestration technology opportunities to support growth and expansion of green jobs industry within the region.
CS-2	Carbon Sequestration	Offset fossil-based emissions and increase carbon sequestration in the community by achieving SB 1383 procurement requirements (0.08 tons recovered organic waste per person) by 2030.
CS-3	Carbon Sequestration	Develop a County-wide Natural and Working Lands Inventory baseline by 2027 and increase urban tree canopy, preserve natural lands, and support soil carbon storage projects.

Table 2: RCAP Implementation Measures

Implementation of the RCAP’s full suite of measures is estimated to reduce emissions by approximately **219,446 MT CO_{2e}** by 2030 and **1,228,128 MT CO_{2e}** by 2045. The biggest reductions are expected to come from the same sectors that are currently the largest emitters, primarily transportation, followed by key actions in energy and waste. The RCAP’s central takeaway suggests that the largest reductions will depend on cleaner vehicles and fuels, better transit options, and major improvements to waste handling and organics management, with support from policies and partnerships to realize those outcomes.

The RCAP is intended to function as a long-term, programmatic plan that will be implemented through ongoing monitoring and periodic updates to support California’s SB 32 GHG reduction goals and demonstrate substantial progress toward the State’s AB 1279 carbon-neutrality goal. Just as important, it provides a shared countywide framework that helps the County and cities work from the same playbook to align priorities, coordinate implementation, and create a practical structure for follow-through over time.

Regional Climate Committee and Program Manager

Regional partners are currently developing a shared Climate Program Manager position and a Regional Climate Committee to support RCAP implementation. The Manager and Committee are expected to be housed at either HCAOG or RCEA, with the incorporated cities and Humboldt County contributing a proportional share of the Manager's salary through a regional MOU. Other regional partners (such as tribes and regional government agencies) would voluntarily participate through the Committee or other formal consultation process rather than as signatories to the MOU.

The RCAP identifies the Regional Climate Committee as a core implementation measure, and specifies that the Committee should include representatives from each local jurisdiction and key regional agencies, including HTA, HCAOG, HWMA, and RCEA. The Committee would be comprised of staff members from the participating organizations who have relevant technical expertise and would participate as part of their existing job responsibilities. Committee members would be expected to meet regularly to develop shared tools, coordinate implementation across jurisdictions, and support progress tracking and reporting.

In support of the Committee's work, the RCAP envisions a Climate Program Manager as a senior professional dedicated staff position at HCAOG or RCEA. The Manager would convene and support the Committee, coordinate assigned work items, and prepare annual progress reports. Oversight and decision-making authority for the Manager and Committee would reside with the governing board of the host agency (RCEA or HCAOG), or a subcommittee thereof, consistent with the host agency's governance structure.

This structure is intended to build on existing regional coordination to avoid redundancy and make the best use of limited capacity. For example, the RCAP's transportation strategies align with HCAOG's adopted VROOM (2022–2042) RTP, and the RCAP's electrification strategies align with RCEA's RePower Humboldt energy action plan, both of which the City already participates in through existing regional boards and coordination bodies.

Both HCAOG and RCEA discussed the concept with their boards in January and are working through remaining details related to hosting, governance, and funding. Similarly, staff will continue participating in the ongoing regional discussions and will

return to City Council with a specific recommendation once the HCAOG or RCEA Board has decided to serve as the host agency and established the associated program framework, including the proposed cost share, scope of work, and oversight structure.

CEQA

The Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan was analyzed under CEQA through a **program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** prepared and certified by Humboldt County.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15096 and 15168, the City of Rio Dell may rely on the County-certified Final EIR for adoption of the RCAP. No additional environmental review is required for this action.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 1660-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 1660-2026



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL
ADOPTING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN (RCAP)**

WHEREAS, the **Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP)** effort formally began several years ago, with early climate planning discussions and workshops involving local governments as far back as **2019**; and

WHEREAS, the **Humboldt County Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP)** is a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional framework adopted by **Humboldt County and its seven incorporated cities** to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and support California's long-term climate goals. Developed in collaboration with regional agencies and community partners, the RCAP establishes a coordinated strategy to address climate change across land use, transportation, energy, waste, natural systems, and public services; and

WHEREAS, The RCAP is intended to:

- Reduce **community-wide GHG emissions** in alignment with **state mandates**;
- Serve as a **qualified GHG reduction strategy under CEQA**;
- Provide **clear implementation actions** for local jurisdictions; and
- Support long-term **climate mitigation and regional coordination**; and

WHEREAS, the plan aligns with **SB 32**, which requires a **40 percent reduction below 1990 GHG levels by 2030**, and **AB 1279**, which establishes a goal of **carbon neutrality by 2045**; and

WHEREAS, the RCAP identifies **30 coordinated measures** across key sectors:

- **Energy and Buildings:** Increase renewable energy use, improve energy efficiency, and support building electrification.
- **Transportation:** Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), expand transit, active transportation, and accelerate adoption of zero-emission vehicles.
- **Waste and Materials:** Reduce landfill methane through organic waste diversion, recycling, and waste reduction.
- **Water and Wastewater:** Improve energy efficiency and conservation in water systems.
- **Carbon Sequestration and Natural Lands:** Enhance forest management, protect wetlands, and increase carbon storage in soils.
- **Refrigerants and Fugitive Emissions:** Reduce emissions from high-global-warming-potential refrigerants and equipment; and

WHEREAS, together, these measures are designed to achieve the region’s 2030 and 2045 climate targets while reflecting Humboldt County’s rural context and natural resource base; and

WHEREAS the draft RCAP was published for public review in **August 2024**, and preparations such as the environmental review process started with a **Notice of Preparation in late August 2024**; and

WHEREAS the collaboration among the **County of Humboldt and its seven incorporated cities** has continued through the draft and environmental review phases and led to the Board of Supervisors’ approval of the final plan in **December 2025**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Rio Dell finds:

- 1. The proposed adoption of the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) is deemed to be in the public interest.**

2. The proposed adoption of the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) is consistent and compatible with the General Plan and any implementation programs that may be affected.

3. The proposed adoption of the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) has been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on March 17, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Garnes

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
City of Rio Dell

ATTEST:

I, Karen Dunham, City Clerk for the City of Rio Dell, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1660-2026 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on March 17, 2026.

Kyle Knopp, Acting City Clerk, City of Rio Dell