



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM TUESDAY, JULY 07, 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. 2026/0707.01 - Approve Minutes of the June 16th, 2026, Regular Meeting (**ACTION**) Pg.#4

2. 2026/0707.02 - Regional Surface Transportation Program Claim for Fiscal Year 2025-26 - (**ACTION**) - Pg.#8

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

H. REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2026/0707.03 - City Manager/Staff Update (**RECEIVE & FILE**) - Pg.#15

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/STUDY SESSIONS

1. 2026/0707.04 - Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River - (**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**) - Pg.#22

2. 2026/0707.05 - Replacement of Belt Filter Press Cake Conveyance Components and Associated Budget Amendment - (**ACTION**) - Pg.#30

J. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

K. ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2026/0707.65 - Public Hearing to Confirm Delinquent Sewer Charges for Placement on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Property Tax Roll - (**ACTION**) - Pg.#35

- [2.](#) 2026/0707.07 - Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 185 Douglas St. - **(ACTION)** - Pg.#46
- [3.](#) 2026/0707.87 - Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 483 Fourth Ave. - **(ACTION)** - Pg.#53
- [4.](#) 2026/0707.09 - Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 520 First Ave. - **(ACTION)** - Pg.#60
- [5.](#) 2026/0707.10 - Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 337 Second Ave. - **(ACTION)** - Pg.#67

L. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

M. ADJOURNMENT

*The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.*



RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
City Council Chambers
675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Garnes
- Mayor Pro Tem Carter
- Council Member Orr
- Council Member Wilson

Excused:

- Council Member Woodall

Staff Present:

- City Manager Kyle Knopp
- Finance Director Travis Sanborn
- Wastewater Superintendent Moore
- Water Superintendent Jensen
- RDPD Corporal Crystal Landry
- City Clerk Jessica Hill
- Sr. Fiscal Assistant Rosa Maciel

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council.

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. 2026/0616.01 – Proclamations in Honor of Retiring Community Members

Mayor Garnes presented proclamations honoring the retirement of Shane Wilson and Lisa Wilson from the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department.

Shane Wilson was recognized for 30 years of service to the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department, having enlisted on June 6, 1996 – his 24th birthday. He was recognized as Firefighter of the Year in 2000, elected Fire Chief in April 2005, and served in that capacity for over two decades. The proclamation acknowledged his extraordinary acts of bravery, including the rescue of a trapped resident from a burning home during Wildwood Days, and his role alongside his wife Lisa in building Wildwood Day into a cherished annual community fundraiser.

Lisa Wilson was recognized for her parallel service through the Fire Auxiliary, which she joined in 1998 and led as President. The proclamation acknowledged her role as lead coordinator of Wildwood Days beginning in 2017 and her consistent support for families

affected by fires, including helping secure housing, food, water, and mental health services during emergency events.

Shane Wilson addressed the Council, expressing gratitude on behalf of himself and his family. He reflected on the privilege of serving the community, noted the importance of passing on institutional knowledge, and stated that the family intends to remain in Rio Dell.

E. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Garnes opened the public presentations portion of the meeting. No public comments were received.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Garnes announced that Item H2 – Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River – was being pulled from the agenda and would be returned at the July meeting.

The following items were on the Consent Calendar:

- 2026/0616.02 – Approve Minutes of the June 2nd, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 2026/0616.03 – Receive and File Check Register for May 2026
- 2026/0616.04 – Discussion of Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 530 Third Avenue
- 2026/0616.05 – Adopt Resolution No. 1669-2026 Approving Revised Billable Rates for Staff Time for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and Amending the Master Fee Schedule to Reflect the New Fees
- 2026/0616.06 – Adopt Resolution No. 1672-2026 Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records (CDTFA) and Designating HdL as Authorized Representative
- 2026/0616.07 – Adopt Resolution No. 1673-2026 Requesting that the Governor of the State of California and GO-Biz Nominate Census Tract 06023011100 for Designation as a Qualified Opportunity Zone Under the Opportunity Zones 2.0 Program
- 2026/0616.08 – Discussion and Possible Action to Award the Construction Contract for the Chlorine Contact Basin Earthquake Damage Repair Project to Wahlund Construction in the Amount of \$690,335.00 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Documents
- 2026/0616.09 – Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the GHD Inc. Professional Services Agreement for the Painter Street Sewer Line Replacement Project, Increasing the Contract by \$229,951 for a Revised Total of \$442,087, and Extending the Completion Date to July 30, 2027

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

H. REPORTS / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2026/0616.10 – City Manager/Staff Update (RECEIVE & FILE)

City Manager Knopp: Highlighted recent improvements prompted by the Façade Improvement Program along the downtown corridor on Wildwood Avenue. E&J Liquors has completed significant facade improvements, and 371 Wildwood Avenue is also progressing with facade updates. Mayor Pro Tem Carter and the Finance Director were commended for their door-to-door outreach to businesses along the corridor to promote the program. City Manager Knopp also noted that 371 Wildwood Avenue is prospectively the future home of the Humboldt Seed Company, which would be the third and final cannabis dispensary permitted in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter: expressed appreciation for the work of the Police Department and Community Service Officers in managing animal-related matters since the cessation of the Miranda's Rescue partnership, noting that no animals required transport during the reporting period. She thanked staff for finding foster situations and facilitating adoptions.

Council Member Orr and Council Member Wilson: had no questions.

Mayor Garnes: recognized Mayor Pro Tem Carter and Financial Director Sanborn for going door-to-door and noted that we can see the results from that effort.

No public questions for staff were received.

2. 2026/0616.11 – Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

This item was pulled from the agenda by the City Manager and will be placed on the July 2026 agenda.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / STUDY SESSIONS

No special presentations or study sessions were presented.

J. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS / COMMUNITY AFFAIRS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

No special call items, community affairs, or public hearings were presented.

K. ORDINANCES / SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

No ordinances, resolutions, or public hearings were presented.

L. COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Carter:

- Upcoming meetings: Nuisance Advisory Committee meeting on June 17th at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall; Fire District meeting also on June 17th at 5:30 p.m.
- Fiesta Del Rio over the prior weekend was well-attended, also this weekend was a bike rodeo, disc dogs, a yard sale, and river activities. Mayor Pro Tem Carter thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Wally Copinni, and local restaurants and volunteers.
- Redwood Regional Economic Development Committee/Commission meeting on Monday, June 22nd.
- Rio Dell Resource Center update: Commodity distribution served 406 people; 111 students were provided with weekend lunch bags; emergency food was provided to 194 people. Beginning June 22nd, bagged breakfast and lunch will be provided for children under 18 at Rio Dell Fireman’s Park, Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., in collaboration with Eureka City Schools.
- Spay/Neuter Reminder: Mayor Pro Tem Carter noted that kitten season is underway and reminded the public that spay/neuter vouchers are available through the Resource Center, including for feral and stray cats.

Council Member Orr:

- HCOAG Meeting Thursday
- Thank you to RDPD and to Shane Wilson.

Council Member Wilson:

- Wilson noted an upcoming RCEA meeting the following week and reiterated the importance of monitoring RCEA’s financial trajectory, referencing the agency’s recent purchase of the GHD office building and the potential long-term implications for ratepayers’ energy bills.

Mayor Garnes:

- Thanked Supervisor Bushnell for attending the meeting to honor Shane and Lisa Wilson.

M. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, seconded by Mayor Garnes. Motion carried 4–0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

APPROVED:

Debra L. Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk

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DATE: July 7, 2026
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Travis Sanborn, Finance Director
THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
SUBJECT: Regional Surface Transportation Program claim for Fiscal Year 2025-26

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the Finance Director to sign and submit the City’s annual Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) claim to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

RSTP funds come from the federal excise tax on gasoline and are distributed each year to the County, cities, and tribes by HCAOG. The City of Rio Dell will receive \$35,621.31 in RSTP funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. The funds can be used to support various eligible transportation projects and the City is required to provide a list with the names of all streets with potential projects and the type of project. Rio Dell primarily uses RSTP funds for street maintenance projects. The attached RSTP Policy and Allocations guide prepared by HCAOG describes the eligible projects and distribution formula used to allocate RSTP revenues to local agencies.

The RSTP claim will be submitted to HCAOG based on the actual final expenditures for FY 2024-25 and estimated expenditures for FY 2025-26.

ATTACHMENTS

FY 2025-26 HCAOG RSTP Policy and Allocations

Fiscal Year 2025-26

Regional Surface Transportation Program

Policy and Allocations

June 2026



Humboldt County Association of Governments

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Background

The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) was established by California State Statute utilizing Surface Transportation Program Funds that are identified in Section 133 of Title 23 of the United States Code. California Streets and Highways Code Section 182.6(d) was enacted under federal transportation bills, beginning in 1991 with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) legislation, subsequently under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The Federal Aid Urban (FAU) and Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) regulations implemented through Section 182.6(d) were repealed by the federal government through the passage of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). However, the FAU/FAS regulations currently remain in State law.

RSTP funds originate from the federal excise tax on gasoline. The State of California distributes the funds to regional agencies and counties based on population. HCAOG is allowed to participate in an exchange of these federal funds to nonfederal State Highway Account funds. Prior to an annual distribution of funds, an Exchange Agreement is executed between HCAOG and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans). This exchange allows for greater flexibility with fewer administrative burdens. The County of Humboldt receives RSTP funds through a separate Exchange Agreement. Exchange funds are subject to financial and compliance audits by State of California auditors.

RSTP funds support a broad range of transportation projects. In the Humboldt region, most are used to augment city and county road budgets. Beginning with the 2007-08 RSTP cycle, HCAOG began setting aside funds for tribal governments. The County of Humboldt has agreed to administer the funds for a single project.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects are subject to Title 23-Section 133 of the Federal Aid for Highway regulations, in accordance with the State of California Constitution. Section 133(b) provides for the following eligible projects:

(1) Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements for highways (including Interstate highways) and bridges (including bridges on public roads of all functional classifications), including any such construction or reconstruction necessary to accommodate other transportation modes, and including the seismic retrofit and painting of and application of calcium magnesium acetate, sodium acetate/formate, or other environmentally acceptable, minimally corrosive anti-icing and de-icing compositions on bridges and approaches thereto and other elevated structures, mitigation of damage to wildlife, habitat, and ecosystems caused by a transportation project funded under this title.

(2) Capital costs for transit projects eligible for assistance under chapter 53 of title 49, including vehicles and facilities, whether publicly or privately owned, that are used to provide intercity passenger service by bus.

(3) Carpool projects, fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs, bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways in accordance with section 217, and the

modification of public sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

(4) Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, hazard eliminations, projects to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife and railway-highway grade crossings.

(5) Highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs.

(6) Capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs, including advanced truck stop electrification systems.

(7) Surface transportation planning programs.

(8) Transportation enhancement activities.

(9) Transportation control measures listed in section 108 (f)(1)(A) (other than clause (xvi)) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7408 (f)(1)(A)).

(10) Development and establishment of management systems under Section 303.

(11) In accordance with all applicable Federal law and regulations, participation in natural habitat and wetlands mitigation efforts related to projects funded under this title, which may include participation in natural habitat and wetlands mitigation banks; contributions to statewide and regional efforts to conserve, restore, enhance, and create natural habitats and wetlands; and development of statewide and regional natural habitat and wetlands conservation and mitigation plans, including any such banks, efforts, and plans authorized pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act of 1990 (including crediting provisions). Contributions to such mitigation efforts may take place concurrent with or in advance of project construction. Contributions toward these efforts may occur in advance of project construction only if such efforts are consistent with all applicable requirements of Federal law and regulations and State transportation planning processes. With respect to participation in a natural habitat or wetland mitigation effort related to a project funded under this title that has an impact that occurs within the service area of a mitigation bank, preference shall be given, to the maximum extent practicable, to the use of the mitigation bank if the bank contains sufficient available credits to offset the impact and the bank is approved in accordance with the Federal Guidance for the Establishment, Use and Operation of Mitigation Banks (60 Fed. Reg. 58605 (November 28, 1995)) or other applicable Federal law (including regulations).

(12) Projects relating to intersections that—

(A) have disproportionately high accident rates;

(B) have high levels of congestion, as evidenced by—

(i) interrupted traffic flow at the intersection; and

(ii) a level of service rating that is not better than “F” during peak travel hours, calculated in accordance with the Highway Capacity Manual issued by the Transportation Research Board; and

(C) are located on a Federal-aid highway.

(13) Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements.

(14) Environmental restoration and pollution abatement in accordance with Section 328.

(15) Control of noxious weeds and aquatic noxious weeds and establishment of native species in accordance with section 329.

Agreement with Jurisdictions

The following administrative requirements are hereby implemented to assure that the agencies receiving the RSTP funds are using the funds properly, and to assure that HCAOG is properly tracking the funds.

1. Project Lists. Prior to funds being distributed by HCAOG, each entity shall be required to submit to HCAOG a list of eligible projects on which they expect to expend the funds. The list shall include the name of all streets and roads with potential projects, the type of project (rehabilitation, maintenance, etc.) and the functional classification based on the “annual maintained mileage report” prepared by each agency. (Form is attached)
2. Exchange Agreement Compliance. HCAOG is required to sign an annual Exchange Agreement with the State which states that HCAOG (and project sponsors) agree to comply with required conditions. Therefore, each entity shall receive a copy of the agreement and be required to sign a statement of compliance in order to receive funds. Compliance includes a requirement that a special fund for the purpose of depositing exchange funds has been established within a jurisdiction’s special gas tax street improvement funds or county road fund. (Form is attached)
3. Annual Report. Each entity shall be required to submit an annual report before receiving new RSTP funds each annual cycle. The report shall indicate how funds were expended or explain if funds are being carried over for a larger project. (Note: The annual report should agree with the project list submitted, otherwise a written explanation will be required).

RSTP Formula Distribution

During a normal funding cycle, HCAOG receives instructions from the State to begin the process to exchange the RSTP funds sometime during the calendar year, resulting in an executed Exchange Agreement and receipt of funds by or near June 30 of each fiscal year. HCAOG staff then prepares a draft RSTP Program for stakeholder and public review and discussion at HCAOG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Board meetings. Upon HCAOG Board approval, HCAOG notifies eligible claimants of the approved amount of available funding per the formula distribution. Funds are then distributed to the County, Cities, and tribes upon compliance with the Agreement with Jurisdictions, as explained above.

**Humboldt County Association of Governments
Regional Surface Transportation Program FY 2025-26**

FY 2025-26 RSTP Allocation	1,674,331.00
Accrued Interest	23,135.28
Regional Apportionment	(262,188.00)
Excess Fund Apportionment	\$ 1,435,278.28

The **Regional Apportionment** is apportioned first, in the amount of \$262,188. This amount has remained constant in this formula of distribution. Of this amount, \$100,000 is taken off the top and allocated to Humboldt County in exchange for an annual dedication of \$200,000 of County Local Transportation Funds to transit agencies supporting capital improvements.

Regional Apportionment	262,188.00
Transit Set-Aside (County of Humboldt)	(100,000.00)
Remaining Regional Apportionment	\$ 162,188.00

The remaining amount (\$162,188) is then apportioned to the four FAU areas based on the following percentages set in the 1990s:

Funding for FAU Jurisdictions		
FAU Jurisdiction	FAU %	Allocation
McKinleyville	15.0%	24,328.20
City of Arcata	23.8%	38,600.74
City of Eureka	46.6%	75,579.61
City of Fortuna	14.6%	23,679.45
Total	100.0%	\$ 162,188.00

The **Excess Fund Apportionment** (\$1,435,278) is then apportioned to the County, the seven cities and TAC tribal members. The first amount apportioned goes to the **Small Agency Program**. This is based on the population percentages of the four small cities (Blue Lake, Ferndale, Rio Dell and Trinidad) and tribal land populations for tribes that are members of the TAC (Blue Lake Rancheria, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria and the Yurok Tribe). Population data for the small cities is taken from the California Department of Finance Estimate Table E-1. The North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission (NCTTC) provides tribal population estimates. For FY 2025-26, the Small Agency Program population is 9.26% of the total population in Humboldt County. The Small Agency Program for FY 2025-26 amounts to \$132,915.

Small Agency Program				
Jurisdiction	Population Estimates	% of Small Agency Program	% of Total Population	Allocation
Blue Lake	1,149	9.33%	0.86%	12,494.04
Ferndale	1,365	11.08%	1.03%	14,886.52
Rio Dell	3,224	26.17%	2.42%	35,621.31
Trinidad	291	2.36%	0.22%	3,189.97
Tribal Areas*	6,290	51.06%	4.73%	66,723.49
Total	12,319	100.00%	9.26%	\$ 132,915.32

*Tribal populations provided by North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission

The remaining Excess Fund Apportionment (\$1,302,363) is available to the FAU and Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) agencies. Humboldt County is the only FAS recipient and therefore receives 67.2% of the remaining Excess Fund Apportionment. The FAU recipients receive the remaining 32.8% of the Excess Fund Apportionment. The 32.8% allocation is apportioned according to the 1990 percentages for each FAU recipient. The FAU/FAS funds for FY 2025-26 are equal to \$1,302,363.

FAU/FAS Program			
	FAS: 67.2% % of FAU/FAS Program	FAU: 32.8% of FAU/FAS Program	Allocation
	875,187.91	427,175.05	
County	100%	N/A	875,187.91
Arcata	N/A	23.8%	101,667.66
Eureka	N/A	46.6%	199,063.57
Fortuna	N/A	14.6%	62,367.56
McKinleyville	N/A	15.0%	64,076.26
Total	100%	100%	\$ 1,302,362.96

The final allocation for FY 2025-26 is as follows:

RSTP 2025-26 Allocations	
County	\$ 1,063,592
Arcata	\$ 140,268
Blue Lake	\$ 12,494
Eureka	\$ 274,643
Ferndale	\$ 14,887
Fortuna	\$ 86,047
Rio Dell	\$ 35,621
Trinidad	\$ 3,190
Tribal Governments	\$ 66,723
Total	\$1,697,466



Staff Highlights – 2026-07-07

City Council

City Manager

The City Manager will be attending a meeting (currently not scheduled) involving reps from the Scotia CSD and our respective Engineer's to discuss moving forward with a state required feasibility analysis on consolidation.

Discussions with Animal Care and Control Ad Hoc Committee to discuss kenneling options. The Council is currently scheduled to receive an agenda item on this issue for your July 21st meeting.

Staff has received the executed final FBA for the Painter Street Project. The City appreciates the State's expedition of this important documentation. Construction has begun on the Painter Street Line to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Multiple meetings and letter requests related to Opportunity Zone 2.0 request.

Street Sweeping scheduled for July 4th.

Working on a response to a Grand Jury report related to emergency response.

City Clerk

Encroachment Permits:

- 2; Wildwood Ave (Wildwood Days), 1147 Eeloa Ave.

Business Licenses:

- 1; Ann Selby Bookkeeping,

Special Event Permits:

- 1; Wildwood Days – July 30th – August 2nd

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department



Capital Infrastructure Project Leadership

Processed Drinking Water Project Progress Payment No. 14: Reviewed and processed Pay Application No. 14 from Wahlund Construction for the Rio Dell Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Project (SWRCB D2202019), totaling \$440,290.00 in contract work with a net amount due of \$418,275.50 after 5% retention, advancing the project to 74.3% of contract completion.

Updated State Water Board Disbursement Request No. 20: Completed Construction Claim Form 259 for the State Water Board, rolling the form forward from Disbursement Request No. 19 to No. 20 across twelve active line items, with the net disbursement tying exactly to \$418,275.50 and zero formula errors after reconciliation.

Resolved Conditional Waiver Discrepancy: Coordinated with GHD Project Manager Michelle Davidson to correct a documentation inconsistency on the Pay Application No. 14 conditional waiver and filed the Pay Application No. 13 unconditional waiver, maintaining a clean lien-release record for RCAC draw compliance.

Submitted RCAC Draw Request No. 14: Assembled and submitted the complete documentation package for Draw Request No. 14 to the RCAC loan fund team for review and processing, and responded to RCAC's signature follow-up to keep the draw moving toward disbursement.

Closed Out State Water Board Claim No. 19: Confirmed with State Water Board disbursement reviewer Angelina McGann that the change-order treatment carried in Claim No. 19 was accepted and documented, establishing that the same structure carrying into Claim No. 20 is not a new reconciliation issue.

Sewer Capital and Equipment Procurement

Prepared Belt Filter Press Replacement Item for Council: Rebuilt the cake pump procurement staff report and drafted Resolution No. 1674-2026 to appropriate \$54,035 from the Sewer Capital Fund (052) for purchase of the AeroMod cake pump system, correctly classifying the purchase as a capital expenditure under GASB 34 given Rio Dell's \$5,000 capitalization threshold.

Identified Use Tax Obligation on Out-of-State Equipment: Determined that the AeroMod purchase from a Kansas-based vendor collecting zero California sales tax triggers a City self-assessed use tax obligation of approximately \$4,227 owed to CDTFA, and confirmed the budget amendment is required under RDMC 3.30 and Resolution 1671-2026.

Grant Administration and Compliance



Reconciled SB 1383 Grant Expenditures for CalRecycle: Completed a full reconciliation of the commingled OWR3 and OWR4 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant ledger activity in fund account 074-1049, isolating \$13,310.52 in OWR3 expenditures from \$33,261.00 in active OWR4 expenditures to prepare the unreported expenditure table requested by CalRecycle.

Resolved RSTP Allocation Discrepancy with HCAOG: Independently identified a discrepancy between HCAOG's transmittal letter and the board-approved RSTP Policy and Allocation document, confirming Rio Dell's correct FY 2025-26 Small Agency Program allocation at \$35,621 and creating a clean audit trail before submitting the claim form.

Revenue Collection and Property Tax Roll

Prepared Delinquent Sewer Charges for County Tax Roll: Developed the public hearing staff report and supporting documents to place delinquent sewer accounts on the Humboldt County FY 2026-27 secured property tax roll for the July 7 City Council meeting, under RDMC 13.10.242–13.10.246 and Ordinance 399-2023, and verified the County submittal package requirements with the Auditor-Controller's office.

Advanced Cannabis Business Tax Collections: Progressed the delinquent cannabis cultivation tax matter for Dinsmore Plateau Farms, confirming the staff authority to refer the account to Pacific Credit Services under the existing collections contract and documenting the full balance calculation for staff to execute the referral.

Initiated Unclaimed Property Recovery: Launched the City's claim process with the California State Controller's Office for four unclaimed properties totaling \$8,488.57, establishing the documentation workflow and authorized-agent structure for staff to complete the claims

Sales Tax and Financial Operations

Led HdL Sales Tax Consulting Onboarding: Completed the onboarding response to HdL Companies covering all required items, confirmed the City's Bradley-Burns figures from the General Fund, and scheduled the kickoff meeting for July 21.

Audited Commercial Water and Wastewater Rate Worksheet: Conducted a comprehensive row-by-row audit of the FY 2026-27 commercial EDU rate worksheet against the underlying rate study, identifying and correcting a subtotal formula error that had understated the commercial total by \$84.66.

Confirmed FY 2026-27 Cannabis License Fee Billing: Processed and confirmed receipt of completed annual cannabis license fee forms and payment arrangements for the FY 2026-27 cycle ahead of the July 1 due date.



Public Works Water

Performed Chlorine Residual Tests Weekly (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) at City Hall and Douglas Street (Entered Data into Excel Spreadsheet)

Obtained Grab Samples for Bacteriological Testing performed by Micro Labs in Arcata [Performed Every Tuesday at various locations and three (including Monument residence and Eel River source water) on every third Tuesday of the month]

Traced and marked exposed water line on Orchard st. with Vivax Metrotech Tracer equipment

Leak tested chlorine tank in treatment plant, refilled chlorine tank, and emptied temporary chlorine barrels (labeled them empty)

Replaced air circulation fan with mounted oscillating fan inside water treatment plant

Maintenance and inspect Water Treatment plant booster pumps

Attended hazardous chemical safety training with Orin from Freshwater Environmental Services and assigned authority/responsibility over specific work areas

Reviewed and organized old staff photos to help locate utilities for Mercer Fraiser project

Reviewed Painter Street Tank proposal

Reinforced backwash basins with safety netting to protect wildlife from entering

Marked USA's for Eel Point Rd., various locations around town for PGE power pole replacements, and Painter st.

Public Works Wastewater

Repaired Belt Filter Press with original Ribbon screw to maintain wasting operations while in the process of council approval for long term repairs.

Assisting Mercer-Frasier with the Painter Street Upsizing project

Continuing work with North Coast Section Wastewater board with CWEA

Continuing grease trap inspection to reduce FOG in collection system



Offering tours of waste plant to any interested party

Working on quarterly reports to the state and any other reports the state may need

Furthering water education to obtain water distribution certification

Identifying infiltration and intrusion throughout collection system

Maintenance and repairs on Wastewater treatment plant analyzers and equipment

Weekly and monthly sampling and monitoring.

Weekly and monthly treatment plant washdowns and cleaning inside tent

Maintenance on Belt Press and Biosolids Dryer

Cleaning and maintenance on Headworks equipment

Working with GHD on multiple projects

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Took all scrap metal from public works corporation yard to Eel River Transportation and Salvage in Fortuna

Took 9 used tires to Eel River Transportation and Salvage

Attended safety meeting on "Bloodborne Pathogens" with John Ballestrini from DKF solutions

Traced electrical lines at public works yard with Vivax Metrotech Tracer equipment

Limbed trees on Grayland Heights Rd. and South Sequoia Ave., also cleaned up gutter pan, and drainage inlets.

Cut tree limbs and brush on Edwards dr.

Maintenance on Irrigation equipment at Blue Star Park

Cut trees and hedged fence line at public works yard

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects



Police Department

Community Development Department

Roof inspections 91 Ogle Ave

Roof inspections 259 Cherry Lane

Receive, Review and Process Building Permit Applications for

- Roof Permit – 1065 Riverside Drive
- Roof & Plumbing Permit – 276 Tolman Place
- Water Heater – 560 Wildwood Ave
- Roof Permit – 259 Cherry Lane
- Roof Permit – 406 Wildwood Ave
- Roof Permit – 1155 Eeloa Ave
- Sewer Lateral – 96 Painter Street
- Grading Cut & Fill – 1275/1325 Northwestern Ave

Rental Housing Inspections 1051 and 1071 Pacific Ave

Prepare Draft MOU and Easement deed for waterline project for 519 Rigby Ave, Dennis and Lisa Dismore.

Roof inspections 1155 Eeloa Ave

Pull and review Pauline Evans CDBG file regarding loan amount and payoff at the request of Altan Tranham

New 200 amp Electrical Panel inspections 1199 Riverside Drive

Rental Housing Inspections 1041 Pacific Ave

Energy Code Webinar for Plans Examiners

Review Plan of Operations, SWPPP and Site Plan for drill slurry temporary remediation site at 350 Northwestern Ave.

Communications with applicant, Environmental Health, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and John Ford at County Planning.

Create Building Permit Fee Fact Sheet.

Reach out to the following organizations requesting Letters of Support regarding GoBiz 2.0 Federal tax incentive designation for the Rio Dell Area. Follow-up with all that have not submitted their Letters of Support.



Buckeye Conservancy	Caltrans þ
Cattleman's Association	EPIC
Friends of the Eel River	Southern Humboldt Chamber
Humboldt Redwood Company þ	Humboldt Builder's Exchange
Farm Bureau	McClellan Foundation
NorthCoast Environmental Center	NorthCoast Regional Land Trust
Humboldt Association of Realtors	DANCO Construction
Hooven & Company	MCI Construction
DCI Construction þ	Wiyot Tribe
Wahlund Construction	RDFPD þ

Façade Improvement Inspections 371 and 375 Wildwood Ave. Review submittal of receipts, verifying eligible purchases.

Alicia Thompson, 1175 Eeloa Ave CDBG – Building Permit inspections for earthquake related repairs and Owner Occupied Rehabilitation improvements.

Finish Hot Water Heater Certificate and Affidavit of Installation

Prepare Draft Comments on the FERC Potter Valley Dam project for CM

Rough electrical and plumbing inspections 441 Dixie Street

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park



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July 7, 2026

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the proposed rate adjustment with Recology Eel River and accept it as an amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Franchise Agreement, effective July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Solid Waste Franchise Agreement for the City of Rio Dell is with Recology Eel River (RER).

As documented in the packet and submitted by Recology, the new overall disposal (tipping) rate per ton is \$174.96 compared to \$176.73 and \$162.66 during the prior two years. This equates to a 1.00 percent decrease from the prior year. The CPI-based adjustment for the year is an increase of 2.39 percent. The CPI adjustment only impacts the portion of the rates associated with Recology's collection component, and is applied separately from the per-ton disposal rate.

The recycling (RCY) processing component has also increased significantly for the 2026 rate year. The RCY processing percentage of revenues rises to 8.31%, up from 4.40% in 2025.

The current franchise agreement with Recology Eel River expires on December 31, 2026. Staff will be returning to the City Council later this year with options and recommendations. Collective Franchise negotiations with Recology (undertaken in coordination with the cities of Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and the County) are now projected to have an implementation date of January 1, 2027.

Key Rate Changes Effective July 1, 2026:

- Total disposal rate per ton decreases from \$176.73 to \$174.96 (1.00% decrease).
- Residential 32-gallon cart (1x weekly) rate increases from \$38.26 to \$40.17 per month.
- Commercial 1 cubic yard bin (1x weekly) rate increases from \$131.31 to \$136.32 per month.

- Curbside recycling rate increases from \$8.72 to \$9.25 per month.
- Green waste rate increases from \$4.03 to \$4.28 per month.
- Debris box rental/haul rental period updated from 7 days to 3 days for all sizes.

A representative from Recology will be available to present and answer questions.

Attachments:

Recology Eel River Rate Calculation — Effective July 1, 2026.

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Recology - City of Rio Dell
Rate Table
 Rates Effective 7/1/2026

Tipping Fee 2025	\$176.73	% Change in Disposal
Tipping Fee 2026	\$174.96	-1.00%

City of Rio Dell	Rate Effective 7/1/2025	A - Collection Component							B - Adjusted Disposal Component			Franchise Fee	Total Rate Effective 7/1/2026	New Rate Effective 7/1/2026			Total Rate Effective 7/1/2026
		2025 Collection Component w/o Franchise Fee	RRI Adjustment	2026 Collection Component w/o Franchise Fee	Tipping Fee	Fee Generation Factor	Disposal Component w/o Franchise Fee	Recycling Component	By Component w FF								
									Collection Component	Disposal Component	RCY Component						
<i>Rates added in 2025 based on customer requests</i>																	
Residential Service			2.39%							8.31%	5%						
Regular Bag	\$9.48	\$5.79	\$0.14	\$5.93	\$174.96	0.0160	\$2.80	\$0.73	\$0.50	\$9.96	\$6.24	\$2.95	\$0.77	\$9.96			
Extra Can Pickup (per Collection)	\$10.45	\$9.51	\$0.23	\$9.74	\$174.96	0.0000	\$0.00	\$0.81	\$0.56	\$11.11	\$10.26	\$0.00	\$0.85	\$11.11			
Using Can Size Not Signed Up For	\$12.39	\$11.27	\$0.27	\$11.54	\$174.96	0.0000	\$0.00	\$0.96	\$0.66	\$13.16	\$12.15	\$0.00	\$1.01	\$13.16			
Residential Cart Collection																	
20-Gallon Cart	\$30.08	\$19.71	\$0.47	\$20.19	\$174.96	0.0433	\$7.58	\$2.31	\$1.58	\$31.66	\$21.25	\$7.98	\$2.43	\$31.66			
32-Gallon Cart																	
1 Can (1x Weekly)	\$38.26	\$22.57	\$0.54	\$23.10	\$174.96	0.0693	\$12.13	\$2.93	\$2.01	\$40.17	\$24.32	\$12.77	\$3.08	\$40.17			
2 Cans (1x Weekly)	\$61.68	\$31.62	\$0.75	\$32.38	\$174.96	0.1387	\$24.26	\$4.71	\$3.23	\$64.58	\$34.08	\$25.54	\$4.96	\$64.58			
3 Cans (1x Weekly)	\$88.52	\$43.80	\$1.05	\$44.84	\$174.96	0.2080	\$36.39	\$6.75	\$4.63	\$92.61	\$47.20	\$38.31	\$7.11	\$92.61			
4 Cans (1x Weekly)	\$110.55	\$51.59	\$1.23	\$52.82	\$174.96	0.2773	\$48.52	\$8.42	\$5.78	\$115.54	\$55.60	\$51.08	\$8.86	\$115.54			
1 Can (2x Weekly)	\$70.21	\$39.38	\$0.94	\$40.32	\$174.96	0.1387	\$24.26	\$5.36	\$3.68	\$73.62	\$42.44	\$25.54	\$5.64	\$73.62			
2 Cans (2x Weekly)	\$119.57	\$59.79	\$1.43	\$61.21	\$174.96	0.2773	\$48.52	\$9.12	\$6.26	\$125.11	\$64.43	\$51.08	\$9.60	\$125.11			
3 Cans (2x Weekly)	\$173.31	\$84.18	\$2.01	\$86.19	\$174.96	0.4160	\$72.78	\$13.21	\$9.06	\$181.24	\$90.73	\$76.61	\$13.91	\$181.24			
4 Cans (2x Weekly)	\$217.36	\$99.76	\$2.38	\$102.14	\$174.96	0.5547	\$97.04	\$16.55	\$11.35	\$227.08	\$107.51	\$102.15	\$17.42	\$227.08			
45-Gallon Cart																	
1 Can (1x Weekly)	\$47.28	\$25.80	\$0.62	\$26.41	\$174.96	0.0975	\$17.06	\$3.61	\$2.48	\$49.56	\$27.80	\$17.96	\$3.80	\$49.56			
2 Cans (1x Weekly)	\$77.61	\$36.16	\$0.86	\$37.03	\$174.96	0.1950	\$34.12	\$5.91	\$4.06	\$81.12	\$38.98	\$35.92	\$6.22	\$81.12			
3 Cans (1x Weekly)	\$111.86	\$50.10	\$1.20	\$51.29	\$174.96	0.2925	\$51.17	\$8.51	\$5.84	\$116.81	\$55.99	\$53.86	\$8.96	\$116.81			
4 Cans (1x Weekly)	\$140.58	\$59.00	\$1.41	\$60.40	\$174.96	0.3900	\$68.23	\$10.69	\$7.33	\$146.65	\$63.58	\$71.82	\$11.25	\$146.65			
1 Can (2x Weekly)	\$87.37	\$45.04	\$1.07	\$46.12	\$174.96	0.1950	\$34.12	\$6.67	\$4.57	\$91.48	\$48.55	\$35.91	\$7.02	\$91.48			
2 Cans (2x Weekly)	\$150.86	\$68.36	\$1.63	\$69.99	\$174.96	0.3900	\$68.23	\$11.48	\$7.88	\$157.58	\$73.67	\$71.82	\$12.08	\$157.58			
3 Cans (2x Weekly)	\$219.41	\$96.26	\$2.30	\$98.55	\$174.96	0.5850	\$102.35	\$16.69	\$11.45	\$229.04	\$103.74	\$107.74	\$17.57	\$229.04			
4 Cans (2x Weekly)	\$276.93	\$114.14	\$2.72	\$116.86	\$174.96	0.7800	\$136.47	\$21.04	\$14.44	\$288.81	\$123.01	\$143.65	\$22.15	\$288.81			
Overweight Cart Per Collection	\$3.11				\$174.96	0.0160	\$2.80	\$0.23	\$0.16	\$3.19		\$2.95	\$0.24	\$3.19			
Curbside Recycle	\$8.72	\$7.93	\$0.19	\$8.12				\$0.67	\$0.46	\$9.25	\$8.54		\$0.71	\$9.25			
Green Waste	\$4.03	\$3.67	\$0.09	\$3.76				\$0.31	\$0.21	\$4.28	\$3.95		\$0.33	\$4.28			
Commercial Service																	
Bins No Rental																	
1 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$131.31	\$38.06	\$0.91	\$38.97	\$174.96	0.4607	\$80.60	\$9.93	\$6.82	\$136.32	\$41.02	\$84.84	\$10.45	\$136.32			
1.5 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$196.95	\$57.09	\$1.36	\$58.45	\$174.96	0.6911	\$120.90	\$14.90	\$10.22	\$204.47	\$61.53	\$127.26	\$15.68	\$204.47			
2 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$262.69	\$76.20	\$1.82	\$78.02	\$174.96	0.9214	\$161.21	\$19.87	\$13.64	\$272.74	\$82.13	\$169.70	\$20.92	\$272.74			
3 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$394.05	\$114.31	\$2.73	\$117.03	\$174.96	1.3821	\$241.81	\$29.81	\$20.46	\$409.11	\$123.19	\$254.54	\$31.38	\$409.11			
4 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$525.32	\$152.33	\$3.64	\$155.96	\$174.96	1.8428	\$322.41	\$39.74	\$27.27	\$545.38	\$164.17	\$339.38	\$41.83	\$545.38			
6 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$788.08	\$228.60	\$5.46	\$234.06	\$174.96	2.7642	\$483.62	\$59.62	\$40.91	\$818.21	\$246.38	\$509.07	\$62.76	\$818.21			
8 Cubic Yd Bin (1x Weekly)	\$1,051.57	\$305.53	\$7.29	\$312.82	\$174.96	3.6856	\$644.82	\$79.55	\$54.59	\$1,091.78	\$329.28	\$678.76	\$83.74	\$1,091.78			
1 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$253.62	\$67.94	\$1.62	\$69.56	\$174.96	0.9214	\$161.21	\$19.17	\$13.15	\$263.09	\$73.22	\$169.69	\$20.18	\$263.09			
1.5 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$393.08	\$113.43	\$2.71	\$116.14	\$174.96	1.3821	\$241.81	\$29.73	\$20.40	\$408.08	\$122.25	\$254.53	\$31.29	\$408.08			
2 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$524.31	\$151.41	\$3.61	\$155.02	\$174.96	1.8428	\$322.41	\$39.66	\$27.22	\$544.31	\$163.18	\$339.38	\$41.75	\$544.31			
3 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$786.35	\$227.02	\$5.42	\$232.44	\$174.96	2.7642	\$483.62	\$59.48	\$40.82	\$816.36	\$244.67	\$509.07	\$62.61	\$816.36			
4 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$1,048.92	\$303.12	\$7.23	\$310.36	\$174.96	3.6856	\$644.82	\$79.35	\$54.45	\$1,088.98	\$326.70	\$678.76	\$83.53	\$1,088.98			
6 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$1,572.79	\$454.14	\$10.84	\$464.98	\$174.96	5.5284	\$967.23	\$118.97	\$81.64	\$1,632.82	\$489.45	\$1,018.14	\$125.23	\$1,632.82			
8 Cubic Yd Bin (2x Weekly)	\$2,097.11	\$605.56	\$14.45	\$620.01	\$174.96	7.3712	\$1,289.64	\$158.63	\$108.86	\$2,177.14	\$652.64	\$1,357.52	\$166.98	\$2,177.14			
1 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$394.05	\$114.31	\$2.73	\$117.03	\$174.96	1.3821	\$241.81	\$29.81	\$20.46	\$409.11	\$123.19	\$254.54	\$31.38	\$409.11			
1.5 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$589.78	\$170.28	\$4.06	\$174.35	\$174.96	2.0732	\$362.71	\$44.61	\$30.61	\$612.28	\$183.53	\$381.80	\$46.96	\$612.28			
2 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$786.35	\$227.02	\$5.42	\$232.44	\$174.96	2.7642	\$483.62	\$59.48	\$40.82	\$816.36	\$244.67	\$509.07	\$62.61	\$816.36			
3 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$1,179.71	\$340.71	\$8.13	\$348.84	\$174.96	4.1463	\$725.42	\$89.24	\$61.24	\$1,224.74	\$367.20	\$763.60	\$93.94	\$1,224.74			
4 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$1,572.79	\$454.14	\$10.84	\$464.98	\$174.96	5.5284	\$967.23	\$118.97	\$81.64	\$1,632.82	\$489.45	\$1,018.14	\$125.23	\$1,632.82			
6 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$2,359.14	\$681.16	\$16.26	\$697.42	\$174.96	8.2926	\$1,450.85	\$178.46	\$122.46	\$2,449.19	\$734.13	\$1,527.21	\$187.85	\$2,449.19			
8 Cubic Yd Bin (3x Weekly)	\$3,146.13	\$908.77	\$21.69	\$930.46	\$174.96	11.0568	\$1,934.47	\$237.99	\$163.31	\$3,266.23	\$979.43	\$2,036.28	\$250.52	\$3,266.23			

**Recology - City of Rio Dell
Rate Table
Rates Effective 7/1/2026**

Tipping Fee 2025	\$176.73	% Change in Disposal
Tipping Fee 2026	\$174.96	-1.00%

City of Rio Dell Attachment B- Customer Rates	Rate Effective 7/1/2025	A - Collection Component		B - Adjusted Disposal Component				Franchise Fee	Total Rate Effective 7/1/2026	New Rate Effective 7/1/2026			Total Rate Effective 7/1/2026	
		2025 Collection Component w/o Franchise Fee	RRI Adjustment	2026 Collection Component w/o Franchise Fee	Tipping Fee	Fee Generation Factor	Disposal Component w/o Franchise Fee			Recycling Component	By Component w FF			
			2.39%								Collection Component	Disposal Component		RCY Component
<i>Rates added in 2025 based on customer requests</i>														
Bins Rental								5%						
1 Cubic Yd Bin	\$27.89	\$25.37	\$0.61	\$25.98			\$2.16	\$1.48	\$29.62	\$27.35		\$2.27	\$29.62	
1.5 Cubic Yd Bin	\$31.76	\$28.90	\$0.69	\$29.59			\$2.46	\$1.69	\$33.74	\$31.15		\$2.59	\$33.74	
2 Cubic Yd Bin	\$35.66	\$32.44	\$0.77	\$33.22			\$2.76	\$1.89	\$37.87	\$34.97		\$2.90	\$37.87	
3 Cubic Yd Bin	\$43.54	\$39.62	\$0.95	\$40.56			\$3.37	\$2.31	\$46.24	\$42.69		\$3.55	\$46.24	
4 Cubic Yd Bin	\$51.20	\$46.59	\$1.11	\$47.70			\$3.96	\$2.72	\$54.38	\$50.21		\$4.17	\$54.38	
6 Cubic Yd Bin	\$67.33	\$61.27	\$1.46	\$62.73			\$5.21	\$3.58	\$71.52	\$66.04		\$5.48	\$71.52	
8 Cubic Yd Bin	\$78.47	\$71.40	\$1.70	\$73.11			\$6.07	\$4.17	\$83.35	\$76.96		\$6.39	\$83.35	
Commercial Recycle	\$37.35	\$33.98	\$0.81	\$34.79			\$2.89	\$1.98	\$39.66	\$36.62		\$3.04	\$39.66	
Per Yard Overloaded Charges (Minimum Cost per Bin)														
1 Cubic Yd Bin	\$53.92						\$57.53	\$4.78	\$3.28	\$65.59	\$60.55	\$5.03	\$65.59	
1.5 Cubic Yd Bin	\$80.87						\$86.28	\$7.17	\$4.92	\$98.37	\$90.83	\$7.55	\$98.37	
2 Cubic Yd Bin	\$107.82						\$115.04	\$9.56	\$6.56	\$131.16	\$121.10	\$10.06	\$131.16	
3 Cubic Yd Bin	\$161.74						\$172.57	\$14.33	\$9.84	\$196.74	\$181.65	\$15.08	\$196.74	
4 Cubic Yd Bin	\$215.64						\$230.08	\$19.11	\$13.12	\$262.31	\$242.19	\$20.12	\$262.31	
6 Cubic Yd Bin	\$323.44						\$345.10	\$28.67	\$19.67	\$393.44	\$363.26	\$30.18	\$393.44	
8 Cubic Yd Bin	\$431.26						\$460.14	\$38.22	\$26.23	\$524.59	\$484.36	\$40.23	\$524.59	
Debris Box Service (Rental/Haul Rate - Disposal will be charged separately based on actual weight)														
4 Yard (3 Days)	\$200.27	\$182.24	\$4.35	\$186.59			\$15.50	\$10.64	\$212.73	\$196.41		\$16.32	\$212.73	
15 Yard (3 Days)	\$703.59	\$640.23	\$15.28	\$655.51			\$54.45	\$37.37	\$747.33	\$690.01		\$57.32	\$747.33	
20 Yard (3 Days)	\$913.08	\$830.87	\$19.83	\$850.69			\$70.67	\$48.49	\$969.85	\$895.46		\$74.39	\$969.85	
30 Yard (3 Days)	\$1,180.56	\$1,074.25	\$25.64	\$1,099.89			\$91.37	\$62.70	\$1,253.96	\$1,157.78		\$96.18	\$1,253.96	
40 Yard (3 Days)	\$1,490.19	\$1,356.01	\$32.36	\$1,388.37			\$115.33	\$79.14	\$1,582.84	\$1,461.44		\$121.40	\$1,582.84	
Other Charges														
Special Pick Up - Large Items & Appliances	\$109.89	\$100.00	\$2.39	\$102.39			\$8.51	\$5.84	\$116.74	\$107.78		\$8.96	\$116.74	
Appliance	\$13.19	\$12.00	\$0.29	\$12.29			\$1.02	\$0.70	\$14.01	\$12.94		\$1.07	\$14.01	
Freon Charge	\$38.46	\$35.00	\$0.84	\$35.84			\$2.98	\$2.04	\$40.86	\$37.72		\$3.14	\$40.86	
Electronic Waste	\$2.20	\$2.00	\$0.05	\$2.05			\$0.17	\$0.12	\$2.34	\$2.16		\$0.18	\$2.34	
Car Tire Collection	\$6.59	\$6.00	\$0.14	\$6.14			\$0.51	\$0.35	\$7.00	\$6.46		\$0.54	\$7.00	
Truck Tire Collection	\$8.79	\$8.00	\$0.19	\$8.19			\$0.68	\$0.47	\$9.34	\$8.62		\$0.72	\$9.34	
Per Ton Disposal														
Municipal Solid Waste	\$186.03						\$174.96		\$9.21	\$184.17	\$184.17		\$184.17	
Recycling	\$161.88						\$177.14		\$9.32	\$186.46	\$186.46		\$186.46	
Organics	\$166.64						\$124.75		\$6.57	\$131.32	\$131.32		\$131.32	
Additional Pickup Fees														
Small bin truck or shop truck with one person	\$63.16	\$60.00	\$1.43	\$61.43				\$3.23	\$64.66	\$64.66			\$64.66	
Each additional person - All appliances and large items need 2 people to pick up	\$21.05	\$20.00	\$0.48	\$20.48				\$1.08	\$21.56	\$21.56			\$21.56	
Garbage trucks if on the street on that day	\$5.26	\$5.00	\$0.12	\$5.12				\$0.27	\$5.39	\$5.39			\$5.39	
If it across town	\$15.79	\$15.00	\$0.36	\$15.36				\$0.81	\$16.17	\$16.17			\$16.17	
If out of town	\$63.16	\$60.00	\$1.43	\$61.43				\$3.23	\$64.66	\$64.66			\$64.66	
Rolloff or large bin truck trip charge*	\$105.26	\$100.00	\$2.39	\$102.39				\$5.39	\$107.78	\$107.78			\$107.78	
<i>* Does Not include anything South of Stafford</i>														

**City of Rio Dell
Disposal Rates per Ton
Exhibit A-1**

		2024		2025		2026	
		CPI	\$	CPI	\$	CPI	\$
ERD FEES		3.1%		3.0%		2.4%	
ERD Labor Cost	75% of CPI	\$ 0.17	\$ 8.78	\$ 0.18	\$ 8.95	\$ 0.18	\$ 9.13
ERD Operation	75% of CPI	0.11	5.44	0.11	5.55	0.11	5.66
ERD Scale Maintenance	75% of CPI	0.02	0.96	0.02	0.98	0.02	1.00
ERD Haul Cost Avoidance	75% of CPI	(0.26)	(13.30)	(0.27)	(13.56)	(0.27)	(13.83)
ERD Capital Cost	Pass-Through		5.88		5.88		5.88
ERD Return on Investment	75% of CPI	0.16	8.30	0.17	8.47	0.17	8.64
Total ERD Fees		\$ 0.20	\$ 16.07	\$ 0.20	\$ 16.27	\$ 0.21	\$ 16.48
HWMA FEES ⁽¹⁾							
Operations	Pass-Through		\$ 92.29		\$ 94.33		\$ 99.19
Payroll	Pass-Through		30.02		39.35		33.94
HHW Program	Pass-Through		10.02		11.05		10.25
County/City Recycling Programs	Pass-Through		1.87		2.06		1.86
Table Bluff Maintenance	Pass-Through		0.74		0.85		0.84
County LEA	Pass-Through		3.13		3.35		3.35
Cleanup Fees	Pass-Through		0.66		0.67		0.61
Cummings Landfill Maintenance Monitoring	Pass-Through		0.93		1.03		0.92
Edible Food Recovery	Pass-Through		0.36		0.40		0.36
County Rural Container Subsidy	Pass-Through		4.84		5.59		5.56
Administration	Pass-Through		0.58		0.63		0.46
Fortuna Host fee	Pass-Through		1.15		1.15		1.15
Total HWMA Fees			\$ 146.60		\$ 160.46		\$ 158.48
Total Disposal Rate per Ton			\$ 162.66		\$ 176.73		\$ 174.96
			6.70%		8.65%		-1.00%

City of Rio Dell CPI Table

**CPI-All Urban Consumers (Current Series)
Original Data Value**

Series Id: CUUR0000SA0
Not Seasonally Adjusted
Series Title: All items in U.S. city average, all urban
Area: U.S. city average
Item: All items
Base Period: 1982-84=100
Years: 2009-2025

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	HALF1	HALF2	Jan to Jan Change
2009	211.143	212.193	212.709	213.240	213.856	215.693	215.351	215.834	215.969	216.177	216.330	215.949	213.139	215.935	
2010	216.687	216.741	217.631	218.009	218.178	217.965	218.011	218.312	218.439	218.711	218.803	219.179	217.535	218.576	2.6%
2011	220.223	221.309	223.467	224.906	225.964	225.722	225.922	226.545	226.889	226.421	226.230	225.672	223.598	226.280	1.6%
2012	226.665	227.663	229.392	230.085	229.815	229.478	229.104	230.379	231.407	231.317	230.221	229.601	228.850	230.338	2.9%
2013	230.280	232.166	232.773	232.531	232.945	233.504	233.596	233.877	234.149	233.546	233.069	233.049	232.366	233.548	1.6%
2014	233.916	234.781	236.293	237.072	237.900	238.343	238.250	237.852	238.031	237.433	236.151	234.812	236.384	237.088	1.6%
2015	233.707	234.722	236.119	236.599	237.805	238.638	238.654	238.316	237.945	237.838	237.336	236.525	236.265	237.769	-0.1%
2016	236.916	237.111	238.132	239.261	240.229	241.018	240.628	240.849	241.428	241.729	241.353	241.432	238.778	241.237	1.4%
2017	242.839	243.603	243.801	244.524	244.733	244.955	244.786	245.519	246.819	246.663	246.669	246.524	244.076	246.163	2.5%
2018	247.867	248.991	249.554	250.546	251.588	251.989	252.006	252.146	252.439	252.885	252.038	251.233	250.089	252.1245	2.1%
2019	251.712	252.776	254.202	255.548	256.092	256.143	256.571	256.558	256.759	257.346	257.208	256.974	254.412	256.903	1.6%
2020	257.971	258.678	258.115	56.389	256.394	257.797	259.101	259.918	260.28	260.388	260.229	260.474	257.557	260.065	2.5%
2021	261.582	263.014	264.877	267.054	269.195	271.696	273.003	273.567	274.31	276.589	277.948	278.802	266.236	275.703	1.4%
2022	281.148	283.716	287.504	289.109	292.296	296.311	296.276	296.171	296.808	298.012	297.711	296.797	288.347	296.963	7.5%
2023	299.17	300.84	301.836	303.363	304.127	305.109	305.691	307.026	307.789	307.671	307.051	306.746	302.408	306.996	6.4%
2024	308.417	310.326	312.332	313.548	314.069	314.175	314.54	314.796	315.301	315.664	315.493	315.605	312.145	315.233	3.1%
2025	317.671	319.082	319.799	320.795	321.465	322.561	323.048	323.976	324.8		324.122	324.054	320.229	324	3.0%

**City of Rio Dell
RCY Processing Costs Rate Year 2025-2026
Exhibit C-1**

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Projected</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Projected</u>
RCY Processing Fee	\$ 125.28	\$ 153.79	\$ 159.31	\$ 177.14
Rio Dell Annual RCY Tons	191.10	191.10	247.44	247.44
RCY Charges for Rate Year	\$ 23,941	\$ 29,389	\$ 39,420	\$ 43,832
Franchise Fee	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,547</u>	<u>2,075</u>	<u>2,307</u>
Total RCY Charges for Rate Year	\$ 25,201	\$ 30,936	\$ 41,494	\$ 46,138
Less: Collected	(32,614)	NA	(29,244)	NA
Plus: Carry Over	<u>5,264</u>	<u>(2,149)</u>	<u>(2,149)</u>	<u>10,102</u>
Total Owed for Rate Year	\$ (2,149)	\$ 28,787	\$ 10,102	\$ 56,240
Rio Dell Annual Revenues (before RCY Processing)	\$ 602,926	\$ 654,131	\$ 635,266	\$ 677,023
Recycling Processing % Revenues		4.40%		8.31%

<u>Size</u>	<u>Ton</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate/</u> <u>container</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate with</u> <u>Franchise</u> <u>Fee</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate with</u> <u>Franchise</u> <u>Fee</u> ⁽²⁾
20 Gallon	0.0100	\$ 174.96	\$ 1.75	\$ 7.58	\$ 1.84	\$ 7.98
32 Gallon	0.0160	174.96	2.80	12.13	2.95	12.77
40 Gallon	0.0200	174.96	3.50	15.16	3.68	15.96
64 Gallon	0.0320	174.96	5.60	24.26	5.89	25.54
1 Cu. Yd.	0.1010	174.96	17.67	76.57	18.60	80.60
1.5 Cu. Yd.	0.1515	174.96	26.51	114.85	27.91	120.90
2 Cu. Yd.	0.2020	174.96	35.34	153.13	37.20	161.20
3 Cu. Yd.	0.3030	174.96	53.01	229.70	55.80	241.81
4 Cu. Yd.	0.4040	174.96	70.68	306.27	74.40	322.41
6 Cu. Yd.	0.6060	174.96	106.02	459.40	111.60	483.61
8 Cu. Yd.	0.8080	174.96	141.36	612.53	148.80	644.82

(1) 1 lb. per Gallon ;202 lbs. per Cu. Yd.

(2) Franchise fee 5% of gross revenues.

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DATE: July 7, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Marshall Moore, Wastewater Superintendent
THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
SUBJECT: Replacement of Belt Filter Press Cake Conveyance Components and Associated Budget Amendment

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Approve the purchase of the AeroMod cake pump system, per AeroMod Quotation SO50551, in the amount of \$49,808 (equipment and freight), plus estimated California use tax of \$4,227, for a total estimated cost of \$54,035;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 1674-2026 amending the FY 2026-27 budget to appropriate \$54,035 from available Sewer Capital Fund (052) fund balance to capital outlay account 6200 08 052; and
3. Find AeroMod to be a sole source vendor under RDMC 3.30.070 as the original equipment manufacturer of the City's 1000 Series belt filter press, and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase.

Alternatively, the City Council may:

Alternative A. Approve the replacement ribbon screw, per AeroMod Quotation SO50541, in the amount of \$28,020 (equipment and freight), plus estimated California use tax of \$2,321, for a total estimated cost of \$30,341, with a corresponding budget amendment appropriating that amount to the Sewer Capital Fund; or

Alternative B. Take no action and direct staff to reinstall the existing ribbon screw upon its return from JB Fabrication, recognizing that the recurring liner damage and periodic replacement labor will continue.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The City's wastewater treatment plant uses a belt filter press to dewater biosolids. The press has been in continuous operation since 2014. Due to constant use, the ribbon screw that conveys dewatered solids has developed a bend and has begun digging into the press liner and hopper trough. This causes accelerated

wear of the liner, which the wastewater crew must replace periodically. Each liner replacement requires roughly one half day to a full day of work for the entire crew. The existing ribbon screw is currently out for evaluation at JB Fabrication.

Staff requested recommendations from AeroMod, the original manufacturer of the press. AeroMod presented two purchase options, plus the option of taking no action.

Option 1, Cake Pump System (recommended). Per Quotation SO50551, dated June 4, 2026: \$48,308 for the cake pump unit plus \$1,500 freight. This option replaces the existing screw conveyance, including the motor, drive shaft, and auger, with a cake pump that moves dewatered solids without a ribbon screw. Removing the ribbon screw eliminates the failure mode that is currently damaging the liner and hopper trough, and it eliminates the recurring liner replacement labor. The Wastewater Superintendent has confirmed that this system is the configuration that replaces the screw conveyance described above.

Option 2, Replacement Ribbon Screw. Per Quotation SO50541, dated June 2, 2026: \$26,520 for a new-design ribbon screw plus \$1,500 freight. This option restores function at a lower cost but does not eliminate the periodic liner replacement, because the screw conveyance configuration remains in place.

Option 3, Take No Action. Reinstall the existing ribbon screw after it returns from JB Fabrication. This avoids capital cost but continues the current liner damage and recurring replacement labor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated cost by option:

	Equipment	Freight	Est. Use Tax	Total Est. Cost
Option 1, Cake Pump System	\$48,308	\$1,500	\$4,227	\$54,035
Option 2, Ribbon Screw	\$26,520	\$1,500	\$2,321	\$30,341
Option 3, No Action	none	none	none	Continued staff labor

Sales and use tax. AeroMod is located in Kansas, and the quotations show \$0 California sales tax, which indicates the vendor is not collecting California tax. The City is responsible for self-assessing and remitting use tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration on equipment purchased from an out-of-state vendor for use in California. The totals above include estimated use tax on the equipment so that the appropriation reflects the full cost of the purchase. Freight is separately stated and is generally not included in the taxable base.

Capital classification. Both Option 1 and Option 2 exceed the City's \$5,000 capitalization threshold and are capital expenditures under GASB Statement No. 34. The expenditure belongs in the Sewer Capital Fund (052). The Sewer Fund is an enterprise fund reported on the full accrual basis, so the purchased equipment will be recorded as a capital asset and depreciated over its estimated useful life per the City's capitalization policy, rather than charged to an operating maintenance or repair account.

Budget authority. The FY 2026-27 budget was adopted by the City Council on June 2, 2026, by Resolution No. 1671-2026. This equipment need was identified after budget adoption and is not included in the adopted FY 2026-27 Capital Projects Summary. Section 3 of Resolution 1671-2026 provides that

budget adoption does not approve expenditures beyond existing purchasing authority, and RDMC 3.30 prohibits a purchase unless an unencumbered appropriation exists in the account against which it is charged. Council approval of either Option 1 or Option 2 therefore requires a budget amendment appropriating the total estimated cost to the Sewer Capital Fund. The accompanying resolution provides that appropriation.

Funding source. The appropriation would be funded from available Sewer Capital Fund (052) fund balance. The adopted FY 2026-27 budget projects an ending Sewer Capital Fund balance of \$806,963 and authorizes a \$490,000 use of fund balance in that fund. Appropriating an additional \$54,035 increases the authorized fund balance use to \$544,035 and leaves the Sewer Capital Fund with a positive projected ending balance. This is a local Sewer Fund expenditure and is not supported by the City's state-funded water infrastructure or disaster recovery programs.

Procurement. AeroMod is the original equipment manufacturer of the City's 1000 Series belt filter press, and the quoted components are proprietary to that equipment. Staff recommends the Council find AeroMod to be a sole source vendor under RDMC 3.30.070, which permits departure from competitive bidding when the equipment is available through only one vendor as determined by the City Manager. A copy of this finding will be placed in the procurement file.



RESOLUTION NO. 1674-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF BELT FILTER PRESS CAKE CONVEYANCE COMPONENTS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating and Capital Budget on June 2, 2026, by Resolution No. 1671-2026; and

WHEREAS, the belt filter press at the City's wastewater treatment plant has been in continuous operation since 2014, and the ribbon screw that conveys dewatered solids has developed a bend that is damaging the press liner and hopper trough and requiring recurring liner replacement labor; and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Superintendent recommends purchase of the AeroMod cake pump system, per AeroMod Quotation SO50551, which replaces the existing screw conveyance and eliminates the failure mode and the recurring liner replacement; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the purchase is \$54,035, consisting of \$48,308 for equipment, \$1,500 for freight, and \$4,227 in estimated California use tax; and

WHEREAS, the purchase exceeds the City's \$5,000 capitalization threshold and is a capital expenditure properly accounted for in the Sewer Capital Fund (052); and

WHEREAS, this equipment need was identified after adoption of the FY 2026-27 budget and is not included in the adopted Capital Projects Summary, and Section 3 of Resolution No. 1671-2026 provides that budget adoption does not approve expenditures beyond existing purchasing authority; and

WHEREAS, RDMC 3.30 prohibits a purchase unless an unencumbered appropriation exists in the account against which it is charged; and

WHEREAS, AeroMod is the original equipment manufacturer of the City's 1000 Series belt filter press and the quoted components are proprietary to that equipment, qualifying as a sole source under RDMC 3.30.070; and

WHEREAS, sufficient fund balance is available in the Sewer Capital Fund (052) to fund this appropriation.

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

Section 1. The FY 2026-27 budget is hereby amended to appropriate \$54,035 from available Sewer Capital Fund (052) fund balance to capital outlay account 6200 08 052 for purchase of the AeroMod cake pump system per Quotation SO50551. The authorized use of Sewer Capital Fund (052) fund balance is increased from \$490,000 to \$544,035.

Section 2. The City Council finds AeroMod to be a sole source vendor under RDMC 3.30.070 as the original equipment manufacturer of the City's 1000 Series belt filter press.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute the purchase of the AeroMod cake pump system consistent with this appropriation, and the Finance Director is authorized to record the equipment as a capital asset and to self-assess and remit applicable use tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on this 7th day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

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

Debra L. Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk

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DATE: July 7, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Travis Sanborn, Finance Director

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Confirm Delinquent Sewer Charges for Placement on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Property Tax Roll

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- Conduct the public hearing and hear and consider all protests and objections to the report of delinquent sewer charges (Attachment A).
- At the conclusion of the hearing, adopt Resolution No. 1675-2026 (Attachment E), confirming the report of delinquent sewer charges as presented, or as modified by the City Council, as the Council's final determination under Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244, and directing the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to place the charges on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll.
- Direct the City Clerk to file the confirmed report, together with the direct charge documentation required by the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller, on or before August 10, 2026, for collection on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll, excluding any account paid in full on or before August 6, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.241-246 will allow for the collection of delinquent utility charges by placing a lien or special assessment against the respective parcel(s) of land for which the service was provided. Liens and special assessments can only be placed on active utility accounts that are in the property owner's name.

In conformance with Section 13.10.243(A), a written report describing each affected parcel and the amount of the delinquent sewer charge for each parcel (Attachment A) has been prepared and filed with the City Clerk. Each affected property owner was mailed written notice (Attachment B) describing the delinquency, the special assessment process, the July 7, 2026 public hearing, and the August 6, 2026 final payment deadline. Any account paid in full on or before August 6,

2026 will be removed from the report and will not have charges placed on the fiscal year 2026-27 property tax bill.

Public Notice and Hearing:

Annually, the City Council must conduct a public hearing to consider placing delinquent sewer charges on the County tax roll. In conformance with Section 13.10.243(B), notice of the filing of the report and of the time and place of this hearing was given by posting in three public places within the City of Rio Dell and on the City website, and written notice was mailed to each affected property owner. At this hearing the City Council will hear and consider all protests and objections to the report and may continue the hearing from time to time. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Council may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any charge, or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge, which determination is final. The Council's final determination will be memorialized by adoption of Resolution No. 1675-2026 (Attachment E), which confirms the report and directs the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to place the charges on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll. Following the Council's final determination, and on or before August 10, 2026, the City Clerk will file the confirmed report, together with the direct charge documentation required by the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller, for collection on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll, as provided in Section 13.10.245.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - List of Delinquent Sewer Accounts
- Attachment B - Sample Letter
- Attachment C - Ordinance No. 399-2023
- Attachment D - Notice of Public Hearing
- Attachment E - Resolution No. 1675-2026

Parcel #	Amount
052-053-011-000	595.61
052-291-002-000	333.41
053-161-009-000	909.32
053-152-006-000	993.44
053-115-001-000	680.65
053-133-003-000	229.13
052-072-026-000	296.52
053-141-051-000	74.13
053-141-020-000	897.34
052-072-019-000	909.32
052-122-021-000	1,187.21
053-011-027-000	909.31
052-071-003-000	909.32
053-041-002-000	909.31
052-301-012-000	909.32
053-095-015-000	580.73
052-061-050-000	74.03
053-172-015-000	969.04

Total: 12,367.14

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June X, 2026

Customer Name

Customer Address

City, State, Zip

RE: ACTION REQUIRED - NOTICE OF FINAL DUE DATE FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY CHARGES / PENDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST PROPERTY

Dear Property Owner,

Our records indicate that the sewer account balance for your property has remained unpaid for more than ninety days (90) past the billing date. Pursuant to the Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.241-246, the City is instituting special assessment procedures to collect said delinquencies through the annual county property tax assessment process. Accordingly, the City Council has set July 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm, as the public hearing date for authorization to add to the property tax roll the amount of delinquent charges associated with the above-stated sewer account.

This is to notify you that your utility account was placed on a list of delinquent accounts to be presented to the City Council at the July 7, 2026, City Council meeting. Billing history indicates that this account has a past-due balance in the amount of \$XXX. The last day that payment may be made to avoid the placement of a lien against the property is Thursday, August 6, 2026. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card. After that date, the charges will appear on the property tax bill and payment will not be accepted by the City. Additionally, these charges will accrue penalties and interest if they remain unpaid.

If you believe this information is incorrect, please contact the City of Rio Dell Utility Billing office at (707) 764-3532 or by visiting City Hall. Customer service is available to assist you Monday through Friday between 8:00 am- 5:00 pm.

Utility Billing

City of Rio Dell



ORDINANCE NO. 399-2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL
AMENDING ORDINANCE 335-2015, CHAPTER 13.10, SECTION 241
AND ADDING CHAPTER 13.10, SECTIONS 242-246
PROPERTY TAX LIENS FOR NONPAYMENT OF DELINQUENT
SEWER BILLS FOR CUSTOMERS THAT DO NOT SUBSCRIBE
TO WATER SERVICE AND A MEANS OF COLLECTING
THE DELINQUENT CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX BILL**

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.240 provides that the Department of Public Works has the right to discontinue water service to any customer that is delinquent in the payment of their sewer bill, and

WHEREAS, there is no provision in the City of Rio Dell Municipal Code to discontinue sewer service to a customer that is delinquent in the payment of their bill, but does not subscribe to City water service, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell needs an incentive and procedure to enforce the collection of delinquent sewer bills from customers that use sewer services without water service, but are frequently delinquent in paying for the service, and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54348 provides for the maximum penalty for delinquent utility services, and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 54354 through 54357 gives local agencies the authority to place a lien on a property for delinquent utility charges and penalties, and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Sections 5473 through 5473.7 authorizes the City of Rio Dell to submit overdue sewer charges to the auditor-controller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 399-2023 amends Ordinance 335-2015, Title 13, Chapter 13.10, Section 241 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code regarding the establishment of property tax liens for nonpayment of delinquent sewer bills by customers that do not subscribe to water service, and provides a means of collecting delinquent charges on the property tax and assessment rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain as follows:

The following provisions shall be added to the City of Rio Dell Municipal Code Title 13, Chapter 13.10, as Sections 13.10.242, 13.10.243, 13.10.244, 13.10.245, 13.10.246:

13.10.242 Tax roll collection – Authority – Alternative method.

- A. When the City elects to use the tax roll on which general City taxes are collected for the collection of current or delinquent sewer service charges, proceedings therefor shall be had as now or hereafter provided therefor in Article 4, Chapter 6, Part 3, Division 5 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- B. The powers authorized by this section shall be alternative to all other powers of the City and alternative to procedures adopted by the City Council thereof for the collection of such charges.

13.10.243 Tax roll collection – Report and notice.

- A. A written report shall be prepared and filed with the City Clerk which shall contain a description of each parcel of real property receiving such services and facilities and the amount of the charge for each parcel for the forthcoming year computed in conformity with the charges prescribed by this Chapter.
- B. The City Clerk shall cause notice of the filing of the report and of the time and place of hearing thereon to be published once a week for two successive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published within Humboldt County. Prior to such hearing for the first time, the City Clerk shall mail a notice in writing of the filing of the first report proposing to have such charges for the forthcoming fiscal year collected on the tax roll and of the time and place of hearing thereon, to be mailed to each person to whom any part or parcel of real property described in the report is assessed in the last equalized assessment roll on which general City taxes are collected, at the address shown on the roll or as known to the City Clerk.

13.10.244 Tax roll collection – Hearing and determination.

- A. At the time of the hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the report referred to in the notice and may continue the hearing from time to time.
- B. Upon the conclusion of the hearing on the report, the council will adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any charge or overrule any or all objections and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the report, which determination shall be final.

13.10.245 Tax roll collection – Filing of report with county auditor.

On or before the tenth day of August in each year following the final determination of the council, the City Clerk shall file with the auditor a copy of the report with a statement endorsed thereon over his signature that it has been finally adopted by the council of the City, and the auditor shall enter the amounts of the charges against the respective lots or parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

13.10.246 Tax roll collection – Parcels not in City or not on roll.

- A. Where any such parcels are outside the boundaries of the City, they shall be added to the assessment roll of the entity for the purpose of collecting such charges.
- B. If the property is not described on the roll, the auditor shall enter the description thereon together with the amounts of the charges, as shown on the report.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Amendments were duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on June 20, 2023, and furthermore were passed, approved, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on the 6th day of July 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes: Garnes, Carter, Orr, Wilson and Woodall
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None



 Debra Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

I, Karen Dunham, City Clerk of the City of Rio Dell, State of California, hereby certify the above and forgoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of Ordinance No. 399-2023 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on July 6, 2023.



 Karen Dunham, City Clerk, City of Rio Dell



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPERTY TAX LIENS FOR NONPAYMENT OF DELINQUENT SEWER BILLS FOR CUSTOMERS THAT DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO WATER SERVICE AND A MEANS OF COLLECTING THE DELINQUENT CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX BILL

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
675 WILDWOOD AVENUE

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rio Dell City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council Chamber at City Hall for property tax liens for nonpayment of delinquent sewer bills for customers that do not subscribe to water service and a means of collecting the delinquent charges on the property tax bill.

The City of Rio Dell has reopened in-person City Council and Planning Commission meetings held in City Hall Council Chambers. The public may also attend these meetings virtually through Zoom. To participate through **Zoom**, call the toll-free number at **1-888-475-4499**, enter meeting **ID 987 154-0944**.

Public Comment by Email: In balancing the health risks associated with COVID-19 and the need to conduct government in an open and transparent manner, public comment on agenda items can be submitted via email at publiccomment@cityofriodell.ca.gov. Please note the agenda item the comment is directed to (example: Public Comments for items not on the agenda) and email no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Your comments will be read out loud, for up to three minutes.

Zoom Public Comment: When the Chair announces the agenda item that you wish to comment on, call the toll-free number **1-888-475-4499**, enter meeting **ID 987 154 0944** and press star (*) 9 on your phone – this will raise your hand. You will continue to hear the meeting on the call. When it is time for public comment on the item you wish to speak on, the Clerk will unmute your phone. You will hear a prompt that will indicate your phone is unmuted. Please state your name and begin your comment. You will have 3 minutes to comment.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the **City at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, CA. 95562, or you may contact the Rio Dell Utility Billing Department at (707) 764-3532.** In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday.



In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (707) 764-3532. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1675-2026
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL CONFIRMING THE
REPORT OF DELINQUENT SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND DIRECTING THE
HUMBOLDT COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PLACE THE CHARGES ON THE
FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL**

WHEREAS, Rio Dell Municipal Code Sections 13.10.242 through 13.10.246 and California Health and Safety Code Sections 5473 through 5473.7 authorize the City of Rio Dell to collect delinquent sewer service charges on the Humboldt County secured property tax roll; and

WHEREAS, a written report describing each parcel of real property with a delinquent sewer service charge, and the amount of the charge for each parcel, was prepared and filed with the City Clerk in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.243(A); and

WHEREAS, notice of the filing of the report and of the time and place of the public hearing was given in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.243(B), and written notice was mailed to each affected property owner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on July 7, 2026, at which it heard and considered all protests and objections, if any, to the report; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the delinquent sewer service charges are authorized to be placed on the tax roll and meet the legal requirements established by the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller for direct charges.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City Council confirms and adopts the report of delinquent sewer service charges, as presented or as modified by the City Council at the public hearing, as its final determination pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.244. The confirmed report, reflecting accounts that remain unpaid as of August 6, 2026, is incorporated herein as Attachment A.
3. The City Council declares its intent to levy and collect the delinquent sewer service charges set forth in the confirmed report through the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll.
4. The City Council directs the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to place the delinquent sewer service charges set forth in the confirmed report on the fiscal year 2026-27 secured property tax roll against the respective parcels described therein.
5. Any account paid in full on or before August 6, 2026 shall be removed from the report before it is submitted to the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller.

6. The City Clerk is directed to file the confirmed report with the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller on or before August 10, 2026, with a statement endorsed thereon over the City Clerk's signature that the report has been finally adopted by the City Council, together with the Direct Charge Information Sheet and the electronic direct charge file required by the Auditor-Controller, in conformance with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 13.10.245.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on this 7th day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Debra L. Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Hill, City Clerk

Attachment A – List of Delinquent Sewer Accounts 7/7/2026

Parcel #	Amount
052-053-011-000	595.61
052-291-002-000	333.41
053-161-009-000	909.32
053-152-006-000	993.44
053-115-001-000	680.65
053-133-003-000	229.13
052-072-026-000	296.52
053-141-051-000	74.13
053-141-020-000	897.34
052-072-019-000	909.32
052-122-021-000	1,187.21
053-011-027-000	909.31
052-071-003-000	909.32
053-041-002-000	909.31
052-301-012-000	909.32
053-095-015-000	580.73
052-061-050-000	74.03
053-172-015-000	969.04
Total:	12,367.14



675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562-1597
(707) 764-5642 Hall

For Meeting of: July 7, 2026
□ Consent Item; ■ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
Date: July 7, 2026
Subject: Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 185 Douglas Street

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing
2. Receive any testimony/evidence concerning the cost recovery for the abatement conducted at 185 Douglas Street
3. Close the Public Meeting
4. Discuss the matter
5. Approve the Findings and Order Confirming Accounts and Assessment for the abatement of 185 Douglas Street

Background and Discussion

On July 1, 2022, a Notice of Violation was served to the property owner of 185 Douglas Street. There was some initial progress in removing the trash and garbage stored in the front yard of that property. However, the situation soon reverted and a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate was served to the Property Owner on September 6, 2022. During the time period of February 2023 through February 2026, the Property Owner passed away and I attempted to work with the occupants and property investors to get the property cleared of the violations. When there was no permanent solution in clearing the violations and different avenues failing, a warrant was sought from the court. On March 4, 2026, 4 workers from Redwood Teen Challenge, Chief Phinney, CSO Wolfe, and I completed the abatement. During the abatement, two 40-yard dumpsters of solid waste was removed from the property along with multiple junk vehicles. The City’s costs for the abatements were determined to be \$3,391.06. This cost assessment was sent via certified

mail to the estate of the property owner on April 10, 2026. There has been no attempt made to pay or make a plan with the City for this debt.

Section K, Item 2.

Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Sections 8.10.310 through 8.10.330 cover the cost recovery process. RDMC Section 8.10.330 references the California Government Code Section 38773.5 which spells out the process for establishing taxes and assessments. This process requires two meetings, a public meeting followed by a public hearing.

Attachment(s): Findings and Order Confirming Account and Assessment
Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost
Recovery



**FINDINGS AND ORDER
CONFIRMING ACCOUNT AND ASSESSMENT**

In Re: Cost Recovery Hearing
City of Rio Dell vs The Estate of Helen Elliott
185 Douglas Street, Rio Dell, California
AP# 053-115-001

July 7, 2026

On July 7, 2026, the Rio Dell City Council convened a hearing under Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320 for the assessment of costs related to nuisance abatement activities at the subject premises recited above.

At said hearing the Council considered the evidence presented to it concerning the subject premises, including relevant documents, writings, codes, ordinances, as well as oral testimony at the hearing, and now, therefore, it makes the following:

FINDINGS:

1. The property located at 185 Douglas Street, Rio Dell, California is located in an Urban Residential zone within the City of Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California and is referred to as Assessor's Parcel Number 053-115-001; and
2. The Rio Dell Police Department received complaints concerning the existence of violations on the property, to wit: Property use in violation of Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.020(a)(1), improper disposal of solid waste; and Section 8.10.020(c), junk vehicles; and
3. The property owner, Helen Elliott, was served with a Notice of Violation dated July 1, 2022, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.230, describing the violations and ordering abatement of those conditions; and
4. The property owner had significant and reasonable time to correct all violations and refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines prescribed by the Notice of Violation; and
5. The estate of the property owner was served with a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate dated September 6, 2022 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.260, giving the estate of the property owner additional, significant, and reasonable amount of time to correct the violations; and

6. The estate of the property owner did not contest the imposition of the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
7. The estate of the property owner refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines imposed by the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
8. On March 4, 2026, the City of Rio Dell did, in fact, abated said nuisances; and
9. The City of Rio Dell maintained an accurate and itemized account of the cost of the abatement, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.310; and
10. The estate of the property owner was served with a Cost Recovery Assessment outlining the costs incurred by the City and requesting that payment be made within thirty days; and
11. The estate of the property owner has refused and/or failed to make payment to the City for the cost of the abatement within the time allotted; and
12. On May 12, 2026, The estate of the property owner was served with a Notice of Assessment, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, specifying the work done; an itemized account of the cost and receipts of performing the abatement; the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied against the property, the time and place where the Rio Dell Police Department would submit the account to the Rio Dell City Council for confirmation; and a statement that the City Council would hear and consider objections and protests to said account and proposed assessment; and
13. The costs of the abatement as set forth in the Notice of Assessment were necessarily incurred and are reasonable.

Following the said meeting and hearing, the City Council for the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain and declare as follows:

ORDER:

1. That the account and proposed assessment of \$3,391.06 be, and is hereby, confirmed in full; and
2. That the Rio Dell Police Department shall cause to be prepared and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, a Notice of Lien, which shall contain the identity of the property, a description of the proceedings under which the assessment was made (including this Order Confirming Assessment), the amount of the assessment, and a claim of lien on the described premises.

The City Council votes are tabulated as follows:

Mayor Debra Garnes:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Carter:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Frank Wilson:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Robert Orr:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Julie Woodall:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>

DATED: _____

Mayor of the City of Rio Dell

DATED: _____

Clerk of the City of Rio Dell

Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment

May 12, 2026

Via Certified Mail

To: The Estate of Helen Elliott
185 Douglas Street
Rio Dell, California 95562

Location: AP# 053-115-001
185 Douglas Street
Rio Dell, California

This Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment follows the Notice of Violation, served on July 1, 2022; the Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate, served on September 6, 2022; and the Notice of Abatement Cost issued on April 10, 2026. Notice is hereby given that the City of Rio Dell has completed the abatement of the nuisance conditions on the property located at 185 Douglas Street, Rio Dell, California, known as Assessor's Parcel Number 053-115-001, under the authority of the Section 8.10.290 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code. Attached is a cost recovery assessment, which specifies the work done, including an itemized account of the costs and receipts for the performing the abatement, and the total amount of the assessment to be levied against the property, to wit, \$3,391.06. Pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, you have already been provided over thirty (30) days to pay this sum to the City.

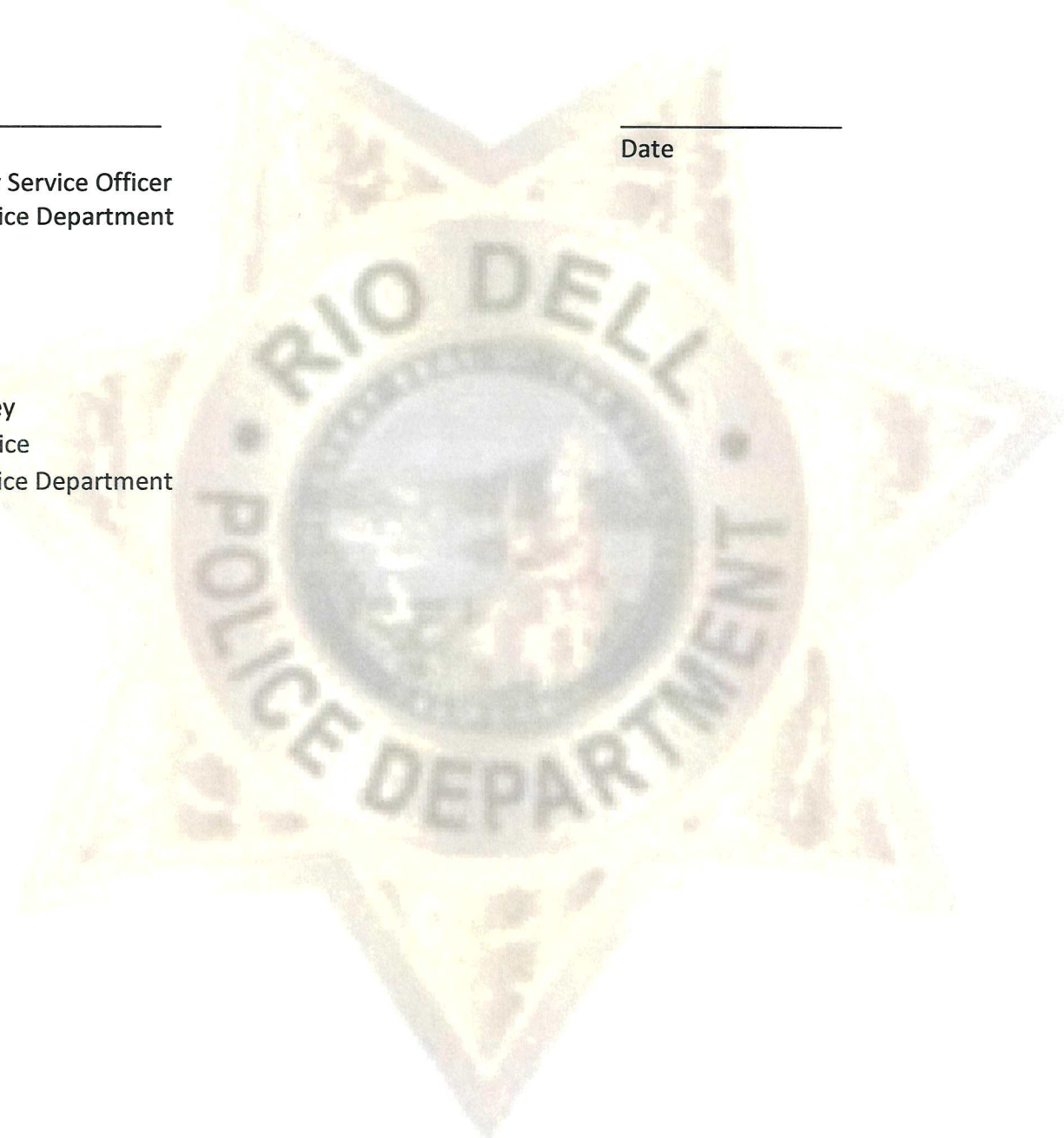
Notice is further given that, on May 19, 2026 at its regular public meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Rio Dell City Council, located at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California, will schedule a public hearing on whether to impose a lien on your property in an amount equal to the City's nuisance abatement costs. The public hearing will be scheduled for July 7, 2026. If the costs of abatement are imposed by the City Council following the July 7, 2026, public hearing, the City will impose the costs of abatement as a special assessment against your real property; and the special assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the collection of ordinary County taxes; and shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, under the same procedure for foreclosure and the sale in the case of delinquency as is provided for in ordinary County taxes.

Notice is further given that at public hearing on July 7, 2026, the City Council will hear and consider any objections and protests to the assessment. You may appear with an attorney or other representative, call and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence on your behalf. Should the assessment be levied, the property may be sold after three years by the tax collector for unpaid delinquent assessments in accord with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.330 and California Government Code Section [38773.5](#).

Mary Clark
Community Service Officer
Rio Dell Police Department

Date

Josh Phinney
Chief of Police
Rio Dell Police Department





*675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562-1597
(707) 764-5642 Hall*

For Meeting of: July 7, 2026
□ Consent Item; ■ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
Date: July 7, 2026
Subject: Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 483 Fourth Avenue

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing
2. Receive any testimony/evidence concerning the cost recovery for the abatement conducted at 483 Fourth Avenue
3. Close the Public Meeting
4. Discuss the matter
5. Approve the Findings and Order Confirming Accounts and Assessment for the abatement of 483 Fourth Avenue

Background and Discussion

On February 16, 2019, a Notice of Violation was served on Jeanie Spier, the owner of 483 4th Avenue. There was some initial progress in removing the trash and garbage stored in the front yard of that property. However, the situation soon reverted and Administrative Citations were issued to the property owner on November 24, 2019 and on June 1, 2020. There was minimal response to these citations and they have not been paid. On July 6, 2020, Jeanie Spier was served with a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate. When there was no action in response to this document, an abatement warrant was sought from the court. On September 2, 2020, December 28, 2021, September 22, 2023, and February 10, 2026 abatements were completed at the property, removing the solid waste, trash and junk vehicles from the front yard. The City’s costs for the abatement on February 10, 2026 were determined to be \$2,810.84. This cost assessment was sent via certified mail to the property owner on March 9, 2026. She has not made any attempt to pay or make a plan with the City for this debt.

Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Sections 8.10.310 through 8.10.330 cover the cost recovery process. RDMC Section 8.10.330 references the California Government Code Section 38773.5 which spells out the process for establishing taxes and assessments. This process requires two meetings, a public meeting followed by a public hearing.

Attachment(s): Findings and Order Confirming Account and Assessment
Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost
Recovery



**FINDINGS AND ORDER
CONFIRMING ACCOUNT AND ASSESSMENT**

In Re: Cost Recovery Hearing
City of Rio Dell v, Jeanie Spier
483 Fourth Avenue, Rio Dell, California
AP# 053-075-007

July 7, 2026

On July 7, 2026, the Rio Dell City Council convened a hearing under Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320 for the assessment of costs related to nuisance abatement activities at the subject premises recited above.

At said hearing the Council considered the evidence presented to it concerning the subject premises, including relevant documents, writings, codes, ordinances, as well as oral testimony at the hearing, and now, therefore, it makes the following:

FINDINGS:

1. The property located at 483 Fourth Avenue, Rio Dell, California is located in an Urban Residential zone within the City of Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California and is referred to as Assessor’s Parcel Number 053-075-007; and
2. The Rio Dell Police Department received complaints concerning the existence of violations on the property, to wit: Property use in violation of Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.020(a)(1), improper disposal of solid waste; and Section 8.10.020(c), junk vehicles; and
3. The property owner, Jeanie Spier, was served with a Notice of Violation dated February 16, 2019, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.230, describing the violations and ordering abatement of those conditions; and
4. The property owner had significant and reasonable time to correct all violations and refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines prescribed by the Notice of Violation; and
5. The property owner was served with a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate dated July 6, 2020 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.260, giving the property owner additional, significant, and reasonable amount of time to correct the violations; and

- 6. The property owner did not contest the imposition of the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
- 7. The property owner refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines imposed by the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
- 8. On February 10, 2026, the City of Rio Dell did, in fact, abate said nuisances; and
- 9. The City of Rio Dell maintained an accurate and itemized account of the cost of the abatement, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.310; and
- 10. The property owner was served with a Cost Recovery Assessment outlining the costs incurred by the City and requesting that payment be made within thirty days; and
- 11. The property owner has refused and/or failed to make payment to the City for the cost of the abatement within the time allotted; and
- 12. The property owner was served with a Notice of Assessment, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, specifying the work done; an itemized account of the cost and receipts of performing the abatement; the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied against the property, the time and place where the Rio Dell Police Department would submit the account to the Rio Dell City Council for confirmation; and a statement that the City Council would hear and consider objections and protests to said account and proposed assessment; and
- 13. The costs of the abatement as set forth in the Notice of Assessment were necessarily incurred and are reasonable.

Following the said meeting and hearing, the City Council for the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain and declare as follows:

ORDER:

- 1. That the account and proposed assessment of \$2,810.84 be, and is hereby, confirmed in full; and
- 2. That the Rio Dell Police Department shall cause to be prepared and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, a Notice of Lien, which shall contain the identity of the property, a description of the proceedings under which the assessment was made (including this Order Confirming Assessment), the amount of the assessment, and a claim of lien on the described premises.

The City Council votes are tabulated as follows:

Mayor Debra Garnes: Yes ; No

Councilmember Amanda Carter: Yes ; No

Councilmember Frank Wilson: Yes ; No

Councilmember Gordon Johnson: Yes ; No

Councilmember Julie Woodall: Yes ; No

DATED: _____

Mayor of the City of Rio Dell

DATED: _____

Clerk of the City of Rio Dell

Corrected Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment

April 20, 2026

Via Certified Mail

To: Jeanie Speir
483 Fourth Avenue
Rio Dell, California 95562

Location: AP# 053-075-007
483 Fourth Avenue
Rio Dell, California

This is a corrected notice of public meeting and hearing regarding nuisance and abatement cost assessment to reflect updated dates due to the April 21, 2026 council meeting being cancelled.

This Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment follows the Notice of Violation, served on February 16, 2019; the Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate, served on July 6, 2020; and the Notice of Abatement Cost issued on March 9, 2026. Notice is hereby given that the City of Rio Dell (“City”) has completed the abatement of the nuisance conditions on the property located at 483 Fourth Avenue, Rio Dell, California, known as Assessor’s Parcel Number 053-075-007, under the authority of the Section 8.10.290 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code. Attached is a cost recovery assessment, which specifies the work done, including an itemized account of the costs and receipts for the performing the abatement, and the total amount of the assessment to be levied against the property, to wit, \$2,810.84. Pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, you have already been provided over thirty (30) days to pay this sum to the City.

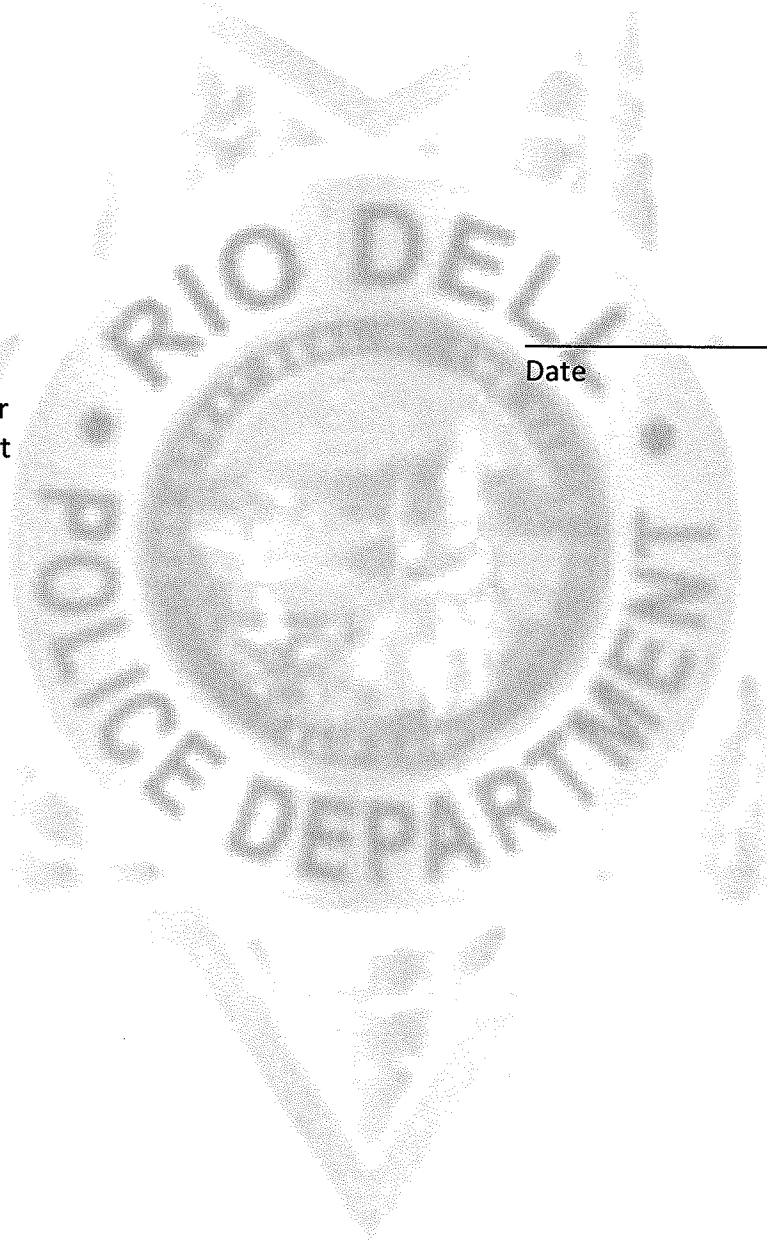
Notice is further given that, on **May 5, 2026** at its regular public meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Rio Dell City Council, located at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California, will schedule a public hearing on whether to impose a lien on your property in an amount equal to the City’s nuisance abatement costs. The public hearing will be scheduled for **July 7, 2026**. If the costs of abatement are imposed by the City Council following the public hearing, the City will impose the costs of abatement as a special assessment against your real property; and the special assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the collection of ordinary County taxes; and shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, under the same procedure for foreclosure and the sale in the case of delinquency as is provided for in ordinary County taxes.

(707) 764-5642 ; (707)764-2569 (Fax) 675 Wildwood Ave - Rio Dell, California 95562 www.cityofriodell.ca.gov

Notice is further given that at public hearing on July 7, 2026 the City Council will hear and consider any objections and protests to the assessment. You may appear with an attorney or other representative, call and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence on your behalf. Should the assessment be levied, the property may be sold after three years by the tax collector for unpaid delinquent assessments in accord with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.330 and California Government Code Section 38773.5.

Mary Clark
Community Service Officer
Rio Dell Police Department

Date





675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562-1597
(707) 764-5642 Hall

For Meeting of: July 7, 2026
 Consent Item; Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
Date: July 7, 2026
Subject: Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 520 First Avenue

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing
2. Receive any testimony/evidence concerning the cost recovery for the abatement conducted at 520 First Avenue
3. Close the Public Meeting
4. Discuss the matter
5. Approve the Findings and Order Confirming Accounts and Assessment for the abatement of 520 First Avenue

Background and Discussion

On November 25, 2020, a Notice of Violation was served to the estate of the property owner of 520 First Avenue Street. There was some initial progress in removing the trash and garbage stored in the front yard of that property. However, the situation soon reverted and a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate was served to the estate of the property owner on March 25, 2021. On December 10, 2025, an inspection warrant was served by multiple entities to determine building codes violations, along with health and safety code violations. As a result of the inspection warrant, a Notice and order to vacate for Substandard Housing was served to the occupants on December 22, 2025 with a corrected date by January 12, 2026. When all violations were not corrected and/or no attempt was made by the provided date, a warrant was sought from the court. On January 12th and 13th, 2026, 4 workers from Redwood Teen Challenge, Chief Phinney, CSO Wolfe, and I completed the abatement. Pacific Gas and Electric responded in disconnecting services to the residence and two workers with Wendt Construction assisted in

securing the entrances to the residence. During the abatement, 3-40 yard dumpsters of solid waste was removed from the property along with multiple junk vehicles/parts thereof. The City's costs for the abatements were determined to be \$10,689.00. This cost assessment was sent via certified mail to the estate of the property owner on March 2, 2026. There has been no attempt made to pay or make a plan with the City for this debt.

Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Sections 8.10.310 through 8.10.330 cover the cost recovery process. RDMC Section 8.10.330 references the California Government Code Section 38773.5 which spells out the process for establishing taxes and assessments. This process requires two meetings, a public meeting followed by a public hearing.

Attachment(s): Findings and Order Confirming Account and Assessment
Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Recovery



**FINDINGS AND ORDER
CONFIRMING ACCOUNT AND ASSESSMENT**

In Re: Cost Recovery Hearing
City of Rio Dell vs The Estate of Jo Ann Tolley
520 First Avenue, Rio Dell, California
AP# 053-095-015

July 7, 2026

On July 7, 2026, the Rio Dell City Council convened a hearing under Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320 for the assessment of costs related to nuisance abatement activities at the subject premises recited above.

At said hearing the Council considered the evidence presented to it concerning the subject premises, including relevant documents, writings, codes, ordinances, as well as oral testimony at the hearing, and now, therefore, it makes the following:

FINDINGS:

1. The property located at 520 First Avenue, Rio Dell, California is located in an Urban Residential zone within the City of Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California and is referred to as Assessor’s Parcel Number 053-095-015; and
2. The Rio Dell Police Department received complaints concerning the existence of violations on the property, to wit: Property use in violation of Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.020(a)(1), improper disposal of solid waste; and Section 8.10.020(c), junk vehicles; and
3. The property owner, The estate of Jo Ann Tolley, was served with a Notice of Violation dated November 25, 2020, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.230, describing the violations and ordering abatement of those conditions; and
4. The estate of the property owner had significant and reasonable time to correct all violations and refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines prescribed by the Notice of Violation; and
5. The estate of the property owner was served with a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate dated March 25, 2021 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.260, giving the estate of the property owner additional, significant, and reasonable amount of time to correct the violations; and

- 6. The estate of the property owner did not contest the imposition of the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
- 7. The estate of the property owner refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines imposed by the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
- 8. On January 12th and 13th, 2026, the City of Rio Dell did, in fact, abated said nuisances; and
- 9. The City of Rio Dell maintained an accurate and itemized account of the cost of the abatement, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.310; and
- 10. The estate of the property owner was served with a Cost Recovery Assessment outlining the costs incurred by the City and requesting that payment be made within thirty days; and
- 11. The estate of the property owner has refused and/or failed to make payment to the City for the cost of the abatement within the time allotted; and
- 12. On April 6, 2026, the estate of the property owner was served with a Notice of Assessment, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, specifying the work done; an itemized account of the cost and receipts of performing the abatement; the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied against the property, the time and place where the Rio Dell Police Department would submit the account to the Rio Dell City Council for confirmation; and a statement that the City Council would hear and consider objections and protests to said account and proposed assessment; and
- 13. The costs of the abatement as set forth in the Notice of Assessment were necessarily incurred and are reasonable.

Following the said meeting and hearing, the City Council for the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain and declare as follows:

ORDER:

- 1. That the account and proposed assessment of \$10,689.00 be, and is hereby, confirmed in full; and
- 2. That the Rio Dell Police Department shall cause to be prepared and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, a Notice of Lien, which shall contain the identity of the property, a description of the proceedings under which the assessment was made (including this Order Confirming Assessment), the amount of the assessment, and a claim of lien on the described premises.

The City Council votes are tabulated as follows:

Mayor Debra Garnes: Yes ; No

Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Carter: Yes ; No

Councilmember Frank Wilson: Yes ; No

Councilmember Robert Orr: Yes ; No

Councilmember Julie Woodall: Yes ; No

DATED: _____

Mayor of the City of Rio Dell

DATED: _____

Clerk of the City of Rio Dell

Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment

April 6, 2026

Via Certified Mail

To: The Estate of Jo An Tolley
520 First Avenue
Rio Dell, California 95562

Location: AP# 053-095-015
520 First Avenue
Rio Dell, California

This Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment follows the Notice of Violation, served on November 25, 2020; the Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate, served on March 25, 2021; and the Notice of Abatement Cost issued on May 2, 2026. Notice is hereby given that the City of Rio Dell (“City”) has completed the abatement of the nuisance conditions on the property located at 520 First Avenue, Rio Dell, California, known as Assessor’s Parcel Number 053-095-015, under the authority of the Section 8.10.290 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code. Attached is a cost recovery assessment, which specifies the work done, including an itemized account of the costs and receipts for the performing the abatement, and the total amount of the assessment to be levied against the property, to wit, \$10,689.00. Pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, you have already been provided over thirty (30) days to pay this sum to the City.

Notice is further given that, on April 21, 2026 at its regular public meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Rio Dell City Council, located at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California, will schedule a public hearing on whether to impose a lien on your property in an amount equal to the City’s nuisance abatement costs. The public hearing will be scheduled for June 16, 2026. If the costs of abatement are imposed by the City Council following the public hearing, the City will impose the costs of abatement as a special assessment against your real property; and the special assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the collection of ordinary County taxes; and shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, under the same procedure for foreclosure and the sale in the case of delinquency as is provided for in ordinary County taxes.

Notice is further given that at public hearing on June 16, 2026 the City Council will hear and consider any objections and protests to the assessment. You may appear with an attorney or other representative, call and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence on your behalf. Should the assessment be levied, the property may be sold after three years by the tax collector for unpaid delinquent assessments in accord with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.330 and California Government Code Section 38773.5.

Mary Clark
Community Service Officer
Rio Dell Police Department

Date





*675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562-1597
(707) 764-5642 Hall*

For Meeting of: July 7, 2026
 Consent Item; Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Libbi Wolfe, Community Service Officer
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
Date: July 7, 2026
Subject: Public Hearing on the Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 337 Second Avenue

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing
2. Receive any testimony/evidence concerning the cost recovery for the abatement conducted at 337 Second Avenue
3. Close the Public Meeting
4. Discuss the matter
5. Approve the Findings and Order Confirming Accounts and Assessment for the abatement of 337 Second Avenue

Background and Discussion

On July 7, 2025 the property located at 337 Second Avenue became vacant due to the property owners declining health issues. A Notice of Violation was served to the property owner of 337 Second Avenue via certified mail on September 23, 2026. Due to no progress being made a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate was posted to the Property on November 13, 2025. On January 7, 2026 an Abatement Warrant was approved and on January 8, 2026 the Warrant was posted to the property and certified mailed to the Property Owner. On January 9, 2026, workers from Redwood Teen Challenge, CSO Clark, and I completed the abatement. During the abatement, two 40-yard dumpsters of solid waste and vegetation was removed from the property. The City’s costs for the abatements were determined to be \$4,087.83. This cost assessment was sent via certified mail to the property owner on March, 2, 2026. There has been no attempt made to pay or make a plan with the City for this debt.

Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Sections 8.10.310 through 8.10.330 cover the cost recovery process. RDMC Section 8.10.330 references the California Government Code Section 38773.5 which spells out the process for establishing taxes and assessments. This process requires two meetings, a public meeting followed by a public hearing.

Attachment(s): Findings and Order Confirming Account and Assessment
Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost
Recovery

Corrected Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment

April 20, 2026

Via Certified Mail

To: Nila Cruzan
337 Second Avenue
Rio Dell, California 95562

Location: AP# 053-152-006
337 Second Avenue
Rio Dell, California

This is a corrected notice of Public meeting and hearing regarding Nuisance Abatement costs to reflect updated dates due to the April 21, 2026 Council Meeting being canceled.

This Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Regarding Nuisance Abatement Cost Assessment follows the Notice of Violation, served on September 23, 2025; the Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate, served on November 13, 2025; and the Notice of Abatement Cost issued on March 2, 2026. Notice is hereby given that the City of Rio Dell (“City”) has completed the abatement of the nuisance conditions on the property located at 337 Second Avenue, Rio Dell, California, known as Assessor’s Parcel Number 053-152-006, under the authority of the Section 8.10.290 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code. Attached is a cost recovery assessment, which specifies the work done, including an itemized account of the costs and receipts for the performing the abatement, and the total amount of the assessment to be levied against the property, to wit, \$4,094.55. Pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, you have already been provided over thirty (30) days to pay this sum to the City.

Notice is further given that, on May 5th, 2026 at its regular public meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Rio Dell City Council, located at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California, will schedule a public hearing on whether to impose a lien on your property in an amount equal to the City’s nuisance abatement costs. The public hearing will be scheduled for July 7, 2026, 2026. If the costs of abatement are imposed by the City Council following the public hearing, the City will impose the costs of abatement as a special assessment against your real property; and the special assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the collection of ordinary County taxes; and shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, under the same procedure for foreclosure and the sale in the case of delinquency as is provided for in ordinary County taxes.

Notice is further given that at public hearing on June 16, 2026 the City Council will hear and consider any objections and protests to the assessment. You may appear with an attorney or other representative, call and cross-examine witnesses, and present evidence on your behalf. Should the assessment be levied, the property may be sold after three years by the tax collector for unpaid delinquent assessments in accord with Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.330 and California Government Code Section [38773.5](#).

Libbi Wolfe
Community Service Officer
Rio Dell Police Department

Date: April 20, 2026





**FINDINGS AND ORDER
CONFIRMING ACCOUNT AND ASSESSMENT**

In Re: Cost Recovery Hearing
City of Rio Dell vs The Estate of Helen Elliott
337 Second Avenue, Rio Dell, California
AP# 053-152-006

July 7, 2026

On July 7, 2026, the Rio Dell City Council convened a hearing under Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320 for the assessment of costs related to nuisance abatement activities at the subject premises recited above.

At said hearing the Council considered the evidence presented to it concerning the subject premises, including relevant documents, writings, codes, ordinances, as well as oral testimony at the hearing, and now, therefore, it makes the following:

FINDINGS:

1. The property located at 337 Second Avenue, Rio Dell, California is located in an Urban Residential zone within the City of Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California and is referred to as Assessor’s Parcel Number 053-152-006; and
2. The Rio Dell Police Department opened a code enforcement case on this property due to the violations on the property, to wit: Property use in violation of Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.020(a)(1), improper disposal of solid waste; and Section 8.10.020(b) Abandoned Appliances and Section 8.10.020(a)(2) Excessive Vegetation
3. The Notice of Violation dated 9/23/2025 was mailed first class to the property owner Nila Cruzan, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.230, describing the violations and ordering abatement of those conditions; and
4. Due to the property being vacant and the property owner in a care facility, the property owner was served with a Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate dated 11/13/2025 pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.260, giving the property owner additional, significant, and reasonable amount of time to correct the violations; and

5. The property owner did not contest the imposition of the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
6. The property owner refused and/or failed to meet the deadlines imposed by the Notice of Violation and Order to Abate; and
7. On January 9, 2026, the City of Rio Dell did, in fact, abated said nuisances; and
8. The City of Rio Dell maintained an accurate and itemized account of the cost of the abatement, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.310; and
9. The property owner was served with a Cost Recovery Assessment outlining the costs incurred by the City and requesting that payment be made within thirty days; and
10. The property owner has refused and/or failed to make payment to the City for the cost of the abatement within the time allotted; and
11. On March 2, 2026, The property owner was served with a Notice of Assessment, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Section 8.10.320, specifying the work done; an itemized account of the cost and receipts of performing the abatement; the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied against the property, the time and place where the Rio Dell Police Department would submit the account to the Rio Dell City Council for confirmation; and a statement that the City Council would hear and consider objections and protests to said account and proposed assessment; and
12. The costs of the abatement as set forth in the Notice of Assessment were necessarily incurred and are reasonable.

Following the said meeting and hearing, the City Council for the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain and declare as follows:

ORDER:

1. That the account and proposed assessment of \$4,097.83 be, and is hereby, confirmed in full; and
2. That the Rio Dell Police Department shall cause to be prepared and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, a Notice of Lien, which shall contain the identity of the property, a description of the proceedings under which the assessment was made (including this Order Confirming Assessment), the amount of the assessment, and a claim of lien on the described premises.

The City Council votes are tabulated as follows:

Mayor Debra Garnes:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Carter:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Frank Wilson:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Robert Orr:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Julie Woodall:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/>

DATED: _____

Mayor of the City of Rio Dell

DATED: _____

Clerk of the City of Rio Dell