



Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

May 09, 2024 05:30 PM

Guerneville School Community Room, 14630 Armstrong Woods Road Guerneville, CA 95466

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/lrrmac>

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/93793019179?pwd=c2dsWFVTTUVIV2pPcEFCTUtiNmdDdz09>

Chair & Rio Nido Representative: Pip Marquez de la Plata • Vice Chair & Cazadero / Duncan Mills Representative: Mike Nicholls • Guerneville Representative: Joe Rogoff • Guerneville Representative: Spencer R. Scott • Guerneville South / Pocket Canyon Representative: Betsy Van Dyke • Monte Rio / Villa Grande Representative: Cynthia Strecker • Hacienda Representative: Vicki Clewes • Forestville Representative: Lonnie Lazar • Forestville Representative: Thai Hilton

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

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1. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion Possible Action

This approval process ensures that the agenda accurately reflects the items to be discussed and decided upon. Members may request adjustments to the agenda, including reordering or deletion of items at this time. Any changes must comply with the Brown Act requirements for public notice and agenda setting. The agenda must be finalized before the Council proceeds with other meeting items.

3. Statement of Conflict of Interest

Discussion

This is the time for the Chair, Vice Chair and Council Members to indicate any statements of conflict of interest for any item listed on this agenda. The River MAC bylaws state that members will not involve themselves in official River MAC activities that could materially benefit them personally, their business interests, or the interests of organizations that they represent. In a conflict of interest, the member will abstain from voting, and the abstention will be recorded in the minutes.

4. Consent Agenda

Discussion Possible Action

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Lower Russian River MAC will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Representatives, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

A. April 11 Minutes

B. Bylaws update: the attached revised bylaws reflect a change to clarify that service as an alternate on the River MAC do not count towards the term limits.

5. Councilmember comment on matters not listed on the agenda

Discussion

Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to one minute. Due to Brown Act regulations, this is not a time for discussion of any item, however a brief dialogue about considering an item for a future agenda is permitted during this time.

6. Public Comments

On Matters not listed on the agenda: Comments are restricted to matters within the Lower Russian River MAC's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to two minutes.

7. County Update from Supervisor Lynda Hopkins / Staff

Discussion

8. Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance Amendment

Discussion Possible Action

A first reading of proposed revisions to the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance will be heard by the Board of Supervisors at their July 9th meeting. Administrative Analyst McCall Miller will provide an overview, answer questions, and receive feedback from the Municipal Advisory Council and public. The [item](#) was previously heard 11/28/23. Materials can be found [here](#). Video [here](#) and [here](#).

The County's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Ordinance, codified in Sonoma County Code Chapter 12, requires all Operators within the unincorporated County to collect and remit TOT on the total amount of rent paid for occupancy in any lodging. The current TOT rate is 12%, including the 3% approved in 2016 with Measure L.

The proposed ordinance amendment will update definitions in Section 12-10. Proposed updates include explicitly defining an online marketplace as an "Operator" to obligate them to collect and remit TOT. An online marketplace is defined as, without limitation, any online travel company, online vacation rental site or marketplace or internet-based platform that directly or indirectly facilitates the rental or booking of lodging (collectively, Online Travel Companies or "OTCs"). The amendment will also update the definition of rent to provide a non-exhaustive list of charges and fees charged by an Operator that are subject to TOT, which includes any service or facilitation fee charged by an OTC for use of their platform for booking occupancy. It also adds the term "short-term rental."

This ordinance amendment will not increase the rate of TOT and is not a new tax on residents or on visitors to Sonoma County. Due to the evolution of OTCs, which were not in existence when the original TOT Ordinance was adopted, these proposed changes will ensure that TOT is applied

evenly across all Operators and Lodging within the unincorporated County.

Because this ordinance amendment seeks expansion of definitions under the current Ordinance, voter approval is required. If the ordinance is adopted and submitted to the voters, the ordinance amendment requires a majority vote (50%) to pass

9. Committee & Community Project Reports

Discussion **Possible Action**

Written reports are included for review. Committee chair or delegate may briefly highlight parts of the update, respond to councilmember questions, and receive public comment.

- A. Land Use Standing Committee - no report
- B. Community Engagement and Outreach Ad Hoc - 2024 Community Engagement Plan adoption (attached)
- C. Guerneville Plaza Infrastructure Recommendations Ad Hoc - Proposed survey adoption (attached), discussion regarding interim improvements
- D. Community Stewardship Project - report attached

10. Adjournment



Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 11, 2024 05:30 PM

Fife Creek Commons Community Room - 16376 5th Street, Guerneville, CA 95446

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/lrrmac>

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair & Rio Nido Representative: Pip Marquez de la Plata.

Meeting recording: <https://youtu.be/PyCIUmYV5MY>

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Monte Rio / Villa Grande Representative: Cynthia Strecker

B. Roll Call

Present: Chair & Rio Nido Representative: Pip Marquez de la Plata, Vice Chair & Cazadero / Duncan Mills Representative: Mike Nicholls, Guerneville Representative: Joe Rogoff, Guerneville Representative: Spencer R. Scott, Guerneville South / Pocket Canyon Representative: Betsy Van Dyke, Monte Rio / Villa Grande Representative: Cynthia Strecker, Hacienda Representative: Vicki Clewes, Forestville Representative: Lonnie Lazar, Forestville Representative: Thai Hilton

Staff Present: Debbie Ramirez and Mia Pedrazzetti

- 2. Approval of Agenda** Vice Chair & Cazadero / Duncan Mills Representative: Mike Nicholls motioned to approve. A second was made by Monte Rio / Villa Grande Representative: Cynthia Strecker.

The motion passed with the following vote:

 9 In Favor 0 Opposed
 Abstained Absent

3. Statement of Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts

4. Consent Agenda

A. March 14 Minutes

Forestville Representative: Lonnie Lazar motioned to approve. A second was made by

Guerneville Representative: Spencer R. Scott.

The motion passed with the following vote:

9 In Favor 0 Opposed

 Abstained Absent

5. Councilmember comment on matters not listed on the agenda

MAC members Cynthia Strecker, Joe Rogoff, Betsy Van Dyke and Pip Marquez de la Plata mentioned upcoming events within their communities.

6. Public Comments

Cazadero MAC alternate and community member Tony Goodwin informs about Sonoma County Auxiliary Communication Service and complaints about free wi-fi causing splash page.

Community Member informs about fix it fair at El Molino High School and Food for Thought Plant Sale.

Community member suggests opening a recycling center in town to help unhoused people earn money. Suggests a program paying the unhoused for cleaning up community spaces

7. CARE Court Overview

Sid McColley, Acute and Forensic Services Section Manager, Sonoma County Health Services presented a slideshow giving an overview of CARE Court services.

8. George's Hideaway Update

Brian Grant from Praxis Architects and Ray Tovar Community Development Associate from Community Development Commission provided updates on progress of George's Hideaway.

9. Committee & Community Project Reports

A. Community Engagement and Outreach Ad Hoc - no report

No Action

B. Land Use Standing Committee

No Action

C. Land Acknowledgement Committee

No Action

D. Governance Solutions Engagement Plan Ad Hoc

Individual MAC representatives are encouraged to reach out within their communities to answer questions and solicit feedback.

Letter of recommendation to District 5 requesting information on numbers generated by study to be agendized and discussed at May 9th meeting.

E. Guerneville Plaza Infrastructure Recommendations Ad Hoc

Joe Rogoff recommends interim changes be an agenda item for May 9th meeting.

F. Community Stewardship Project

No Action

10. **Adjournment**

7:51 by Pip Marquez de la Plata

**LOWER RUSSIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
BYLAWS**

Approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on September 25, 2018

Modified on November 13, 2018

Modified on XX, 2024~~3~~

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Municipal Advisory Council shall be the Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council (“River MAC”).

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

Section 1. In order to facilitate community engagement, the River MAC will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and other County decision makers on the following Advisory Topics:

- a. Use Permit Applications when referred by the Permit and Resource Management Department
- b. Rezoning applications when referred by the Permit and Resource Management Department
- c. General Plan Amendment Applications when referred by the Permit and Resource Management Department
- d. Prioritization of Transportation and Transit Improvements when requested by the District Supervisor
- e. Health and Human Safety-Net Services when requested by the District Supervisor
- f. Additional Topics Requested by the District Supervisor

Section 2. The duties of the River MAC shall include:

- a. Hold regular open and public meetings;
- b. Study and analyze the Advisory Topics;
- c. Keep the District Supervisor informed of any issues related to Advisory Topics within the community;
- d. Provide advisory recommendations on the Advisory Topics and annual reports to the Board;
- e. Comply with Sonoma County Municipal Advisory Council Policies and Procedures.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership. The membership of the River MAC shall be sixteen positions, composed of nine members and seven alternates.

Requirements for membership include: members must reside within the boundaries of the Municipal Advisory Council, and be at least 18 years of age. There are no requirements for property ownership or citizenship.

The District Supervisor will select members based on the following criteria:

- a. The River MAC will have the following representation:
Forestville: 2 Representatives, 1 Alternate
Hacienda: 1 Representative, 1 Alternate

Rio Nido: 1 Representative, 1 Alternate
Guerneville: 2 Representatives, 1 Alternate
Monte Rio/Villa Grande: 1 Representative, 1 Alternate
Cazadero / Duncans Mills: 1 Representative, 1 Alternate
Guerneville South / Pocket Canyon: 1 Representative, 1
Alternate

- b. Vacancies shall be posted in accordance with the Maddy Act (Government Code section 54970 *et seq.*) and the Fifth District Supervisor will lead the community in an exercise to nominate representatives and alternates to serve on the MAC using the identified sub-areas as a framework for the composition of the MAC.
- c. The Fifth District Supervisor will consider the community's nominations for appointment to the MAC, and will select final nominations to submit to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.

Section 2. Appointment Authority. The District Supervisor shall submit selected applicants to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. Appointments shall be posted in accordance with the Maddy Act (Government Code section 54970 *et seq.*).

Section 3. Terms. A membership term is a two-year period. The River MAC members may be reappointed. Members may serve a maximum of two terms (four years in total). Notwithstanding the foregoing term limit, the board of supervisors may reappoint a member who is termed out if they make a finding that an insufficient number of applications were received to fill the number of vacancies on the MAC. Service as an alternate shall not count towards the term limits.

Section 4. Attendance. Members are expected to attend all meetings of the River MAC. Absence from two consecutive or three cumulative absences from the River MAC meetings in a twelve-month period may result in removal.

Section 5. Removal. The District Supervisor may, in his or her discretion, recommend removal of a member to the Board of Supervisors. A majority vote by the Board is necessary to remove a member.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy shall exist when a member dies, or submits a written resignation to the District Supervisor, or has been removed as set forth in Section 6. When a vacancy occurs, the District Supervisor will fill the vacancy consistent with membership criteria and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.

ARTICLE IV- MEETINGS

Section 1. Brown Act. All meetings of the River MAC and, its committees and subcommittees, shall comply with the Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 *et seq.*).

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the River MAC shall be held regularly at an established date, time and place open to the public. Notice of the meeting time and place should be given to the public and the MAC members at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting. The Chair or Vice Chair may cancel any regular meeting by giving written notice of at least seventy-two (72) hours before the regularly scheduled meeting time. This requirement of notification prior to cancellation shall not be waived.

Section 3. Special Meetings. The Chair may call and preside over special meetings. The Chair may call a

special meeting by providing notice of the time, place, and agenda to each member and the public at least

(twenty-four) 24 hours before the special meeting. Only items on the agenda of the special meeting may be considered at said special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum of the River MAC must be present at any regular or special meeting in order for a decision to be made on any matter. A quorum is defined as a majority of MAC members or voting alternates.

Section 5. Voting. While the River MAC will strive for consensus, every official action taken by the River MAC shall be adopted by a quorum vote. An alternate of the River MAC may vote under the following circumstances: 1) If a member of the MAC is absent from a meeting and the alternate replaces the MAC member for the full meeting; 2) If a member of the MAC recuses themselves from an item the alternate may replace the MAC member for the full meeting. If an alternate is sitting for a MAC member and the agenda includes items continued from a prior meeting, the alternate must state on the record that she/he has reviewed the relevant materials for the items on the agenda, including the minutes (if available) from the prior meeting.

Section 6. Abstention. When any member abstains from participation in any matter before the River MAC because of a conflict of interest, that member shall not be counted as present for purposes of determining whether or not there is a quorum. An alternate may fill the MAC member's seat as outlined in sections four and five.

Section 7. Secretary. Administrative support for the River MAC shall be provided by staff identified by the District Supervisor, a voluntary agreement, contract, or other means.

Section 8. Notice. The River MAC meetings will be open and public, with notice of the time and place given to the public and the River MAC members at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time of regular meetings and at least twenty-four (24) hours before special meetings.

Section 9. Public Comment. At each River MAC meeting, members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the items on the agenda before being voted on, and on Advisory Topics within the jurisdiction of the River MAC.

ARTICLE V – ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Section 1. The River MAC shall have a Chair and Vice Chair. The District Supervisor shall appoint the first Chair and Vice Chair. After that, the MAC will elect the Chair and Vice Chair annually. The Chair and Vice Chair will serve for one (1) calendar years, or until replaced by the District Supervisor.

Section 2. Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the River MAC and call for special meetings. The Chair shall carry out the duties listed in the Sonoma County Municipal Advisory Council Policies and Procedures.

Section 3. Vice Chair. In the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair shall assume the Chair's responsibilities. The Vice Chair shall carry out the duties listed in the Sonoma County Municipal Advisory Council Policies and Procedures.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 1. The River MAC may establish single-purpose committees or subcommittees, consisting of less than a quorum of MAC members, on an as-needed basis by a quorum vote. All committees and subcommittees shall have a life of one year, with the possibility of extension by the MAC after review. All committees and subcommittees shall comply with the Brown Act.

ARTICLE VII - CONTRACTS

Section 1. The River MAC and/or members thereof shall not have the power or authority to bind the County of Sonoma by any contract or agreement.

ARTICLE VIII – MANDATE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 1. Community engagement is paramount to the success of the River MAC. MAC members will establish a Community Engagement Guide at the start of each calendar year, to be approved by the Fifth District Supervisor.

Section 2. The Community Engagement Guide may include: gatherings in the River MAC sub-areas with neighbors and their MAC representative; town halls; presentations at local schools; and nominating an ex-officio non-voting member student from a local High School.

ARTICLE IX - CONFLICT OF INTEREST/GRIEVANCES

Section 1. Conflict of Interest. The River MAC members will not involve themselves in official River MAC activities that could materially benefit them personally, their business interests, or the interests of organizations that they represent. In a conflict of interest, the member will abstain from voting, and the abstention will be recorded in the minutes.

Section 2. Members and staff will comply with State of California laws regarding conflict of interest for publicly appointed bodies, including the Political Reform Act. The River MAC will implement the procedure for resolving conflicts of interest in the Sonoma County Municipal Advisory Council Recommended Policies and Procedures.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. A recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to amend these bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the River MAC by a quorum vote of MAC members, provided that copies of the proposed amendments are sent to all members of the River MAC at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which such action is taken. The amendment will not be effective until and unless it is approved by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE XI – MINUTES

Section 1. There shall be minutes of the River MAC meeting proceedings. The River MAC administrative staff shall be responsible for minutes and will be responsible for the sending of minutes to all River MAC members, the District Supervisor, and members of the public who request them. A record of minutes will be maintained by the River MAC secretary.

ARTICLE XII – RECORDS

Section 1. Records of all River MAC agendas, minutes, meeting materials, records of action, annual reports, and external communications from at least the prior two years shall be maintained by the River MAC Secretary and retained at a location designated by the District Supervisor. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying as required by the Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 *et seq.*).

ARTICLE XIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except as otherwise provided by law, these bylaws, or rules adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Rosenberg’s Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of the River MAC.

ARTICLE XIV – LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The River MAC shall comply with the legal requirements of the County of Sonoma, the State of California, and with federal funding sources. Nothing in these bylaws shall be interpreted to be inconsistent with the ordinances of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE XV - EFFECTIVE DATE

These bylaws and future amendments thereto, unless otherwise specified, shall become effective upon adoption by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

| Approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on XX, 202~~43~~.

| ~~Chris Coursey~~David Rabbitt, Chair, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Community Engagement and Outreach Plan

for the Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

I. Introduction

The Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council (River MAC) was established to advise the Board of Supervisors and other County decision makers on proposed projects located within, or related to, the Lower Russian River region, to provide a regular forum for citizen participation in the formation of advisory recommendations on those decisions, and to provide a bridge for communication between the County and local residents, businesses, and the general public on local government decisions affecting the Lower Russian River.

A. Purpose Statement

The Community Engagement and Outreach Plan will clarify how the River MAC shall serve as an inclusive and accessible conduit of information.

B. Council Member Responsibilities

1. In order to facilitate community engagement, the River MAC will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and other County decision makers on the following Advisory Topics:
 - a. Issues brought to the Council by ad hoc committees;
 - b. Use permit applications, preferably through the Land Use Committee
 - c. Rezoning applications, preferably through the Land Use Committee
 - d. General Plan amendment applications;
 - e. Prioritization of transportation and transit improvements;
 - f. Health and human safety-net services; and
 - g. Additional topics requested by the District Supervisor.
2. The duties of the River MAC shall include:
 - a. Hold regular open and public meetings;
 - b. Promote and encourage public comment;
 - c. Study and analyze the Advisory Topics;
 - d. Keep the District Supervisor informed of any issues related to the Advisory Topics within the community;

- e. Provide advisory recommendations on the Advisory Topics and annual reports to the Board of Supervisors; and
- f. Comply with Sonoma County Municipal Advisory Council policies and procedures.
- g. Conduct outreach in the community, as broadly as possible, to inform about the existence and role of the MAC, to invite input about all issues that affect the community, and to disseminate information about county issues, meetings and decisions.
- h. Attend community events to meet our community members where they are

C. Soliciting Public Input

When asking for input from the community, the River MAC will focus on:

1. Requesting feedback on specific items on the agenda;
2. Suggested agenda items that reflect constituent issues;
3. Issues specific to individual neighborhoods and/or districts.

D. Steps For After Receiving Public Input:

1. Determine whether the topic is pertinent to the River MAC:
 - a. If not, refer the constituent or issue to appropriate County personnel.
 - b. If so, continue to the next step.
2. Research the topic or issue to become more familiar with what is currently being done in the County.
3. Share public information with the Chair of the Council and District 5 personnel.
4. Determine if the topic or issue is relevant to more than one district:
 - a. If it is specific to only your district, talk with your constituents to determine the best course of action (e.g. Community meeting or town hall, letter of support, recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, meeting with a County department or agency).
 - b. If it is relevant to more than one district, recommend the formation of an ad hoc committee of River MAC members to develop a plan of action and propose a solution.

II. Implementation

This section covers the goals, strategies, and actions necessary for the River MAC to carry out the Community Engagement and Outreach Plan.

A. Goals

- a. Distribute MAC meeting dates and agendas to the public;
- b. Inform the public of the purpose of the MAC;
- c. Develop multiple ways for the public to reach their district's Council Member representative;
- d. Develop multiple ways for Council Members to communicate with and engage their constituents;
- e. Establish outreach to underserved and underrepresented constituents.
- f. The MAC may nominate an ex-officio non-voting member student from a local High School who resides within the River MAC boundaries.

B. Strategies and Actions

- a. Post meeting flyers at key locations within each district:
 - i. There is a list of bulletin boards which Council Members should add to
 - ii. Council Members should identify appropriate locations and post flyers and agendas.
- b. Encourage Council Members to use their personal tools of communication to share meeting dates and agendas.
- c. Post meeting dates through local media:
 - i. For River MAC meetings, the District 5 Field Representative will lead the outreach and distribution of materials;
 1. Council Members are responsible for amplifying the message and sharing the materials.
 - ii. For Council Member-organized community meetings, the Council Member will lead the outreach and distribution of materials;
 1. The District 5 Field Representative will provide support as asked or needed.
- d. Post the River MAC purpose and responsibilities wherever appropriate:
- e. Partner with existing community groups and pages to add a link to the River MAC webpage;

- f. Council Members should identify appropriate locations to post a description of the River MAC and their contact information.
- g. Engage community allies to assist in outreach.
- h. The District 5 Field Representative will coordinate with local high schools to develop a meaningful ex-officio student membership program.

C. Council members will create opportunities for the public to interact with them, both in-person and virtually:

- a. Hosting public forums and meetings;
- b. Attend the meetings of existing community and neighborhood groups;
- c. Identify point people and community leaders to serve as liaisons.
- d. Participate in community events and help “person” the MAC booth.
- e. Work to get community members to sign up for the D5 newsletter.

D. Council Members will coordinate with the District 5 Field Representative to be aware of pertinent community events that River MAC representatives should attend. All Council Members should make sure the Event Scheduler is up to date and includes community events in their neighborhoods.

E. Utilize various channels of communications to engage with constituents:

- a. Create a district email list.
- b. (Optional) Establish a social media page or group;
 - i. Council Members should note that if/when establishing a personal site or page, they must comply with the County's social media policy and remain representative of the River MAC body as a whole, not as an individual.

F. Share recordings of past meetings through the channels of communication listed in Strategy 4A.

G. Identify existing institutions, agencies, and community centers that can assist with sharing information.

H. Ensure that all River MAC materials are ADA and online translation accessible.

Guerneville Plaza – your ideas are important!

The Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council has been asked by Sonoma County Supervisor Lynda Hopkins to look into ideas to refresh Guerneville Plaza.

The Plaza is the entry way to the pedestrian bridge, and really the entry way to Guerneville. We think it can be better utilized by residents and be a focal point for visitors, and want to hear your thoughts about how best to make that happen.

So please fill out this quick survey and be on the lookout for community meetings where potential changes will be presented.

1. Do you currently utilize the Plaza?
2. If so, how do you use the Plaza? What do you do there?
3. If you don't currently use the Plaza, why is that?
4. What kind of events would you like to see at the Plaza?
 - Music
 - Vendor Fairs
 - Food vendors/trucks
 - Activities such as yoga, hula hooping, tai chi
 - Farmers Market
 - Educational events
 - Kids activities
 - Other _____
5. If improvements were made to the plaza, do you have a group or activity you would bring to the plaza on a regular basis? If so, what and how often?
6. What physical changes do you think would make the Plaza more welcoming?
7. Is there something about the current Plaza design that must stay?
8. In what town do you live?
9. Optional: Name _____ Email: _____
(So you can be notified of upcoming meetings and progress)

Thank you for your time. When we've collected the community's thoughts, we'll be in touch!



Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

Community Project: STEWARDSHIP

MAY 2024 Report

Members: Lisa Nahmanson (Chair: Forestville Alternate); Vicki Clewes (MAC Representative: Hacienda); Brian Andriola (MAC Alternate: Hacienda); Patty Thayer (MAC Alternate: Monte Rio/Villa Grande); Vesta Copestakes (Volunteer: Forestville (Past Rep from Forestville)); Carol Shumate (Volunteer: Russian Riverkeepers); we would love to have more community volunteers on our Stewardship Project.

Staff: Debbie Ramirez and Lupe Catalan

Student Paid Intern: Mia Pedrazzetti

Next Meeting Time: 4th Thursday (5/23/24 at 5pm)

What we are currently engaged in:

- **Greens/Organics Clean Ups:**
 - County + Recology can supply dumpsters for Green Clean Ups: VG filled a 30 foot dumpster on 4/20
 - Dump Days: we are researching the issue with large dump days

- **Roads:**
 - Staff from D5 recently walked Villa Grande with Patty and then the County came out and filled potholes, cut overgrowth, helped widen the roads significantly; Vicki and Brian will schedule the same type of walk for Hacienda.
 - Brian has spoken with Johannes (Director of Public Infrastructure) regarding priorities of Evacuation Roads and Arterial Roads; there is a County strategy and it is a constant work in progress
 - Culverts/Potholes: [SOCO CONNECT](#) is an excellent tool

- Vesta has adopted the portion of River Road between Burke's Canoes to Steelhead Beach
- **Traffic Calming Initiatives:**
 - Vicki and Brian are looking into slowing traffic at the Hacienda Bridge, very high priority, determining next steps
- **Household Hazardous Waste and E Waste Collection Dates:**
 - Zero Waste Sonoma EWASTE: May 10-12 FRI-SUN 9 am-5 pm Healdsburg Community Center FREE
- **Fire Preparation:**
 - Now is a good time to promote SOCO FIRE green address signs (\$25). This can make a difference for **INSURANCE**.