



Staff Highlights – 2026-10-05

City Council

City Manager

Hosted a regional tourism marketing meeting with representatives from the Chambers of Commerce of Rio Dell, Fortuna, Ferndale, Garberville etc. to develop a framework of working together on regional marketing for “Southern Humboldt” jurisdictions and Chambers.

Various meetings on Painter Street Sewer Line project. Project is progressing well and looks to be on schedule.

Attended portions of the 2026 North State Emergency Management Conference including presentations from EOC vendors and the FBI on the latest cybersecurity threats.

Various Finance Director related work. Racheal Henry has come on board with the City to be our new Finance Director.

City Clerk

- Business Licenses Approved:
 - 9/28 - NATIONAL COATING & LINING CO

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

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]

Marked/Responded to USA’s on: Monument, Wildwood, Douglas



Refilled chlorine tank at surface water treatment plant

Pressure washed exterior of surface water treatment plant.

Passed out and collected over a dozen test containers (grab samples) for state mandatory lead and copper testing for Rio Dell residents.

Made utility maps and traced section of Wildwood from Monument to Eagle Prairie Bridge for upcoming Caltrans project.

Troubleshooted failing flowmeter reading at Douglas pump room and ordered replacement.

Completed successful water system inspection with state regulator.

Repaired leak and ran new service from Monument to Rose

Cleaned and calibrated pH probes at surface water treatment plant

Replaced reagents at surface water treatment plant chlorine analyzer.

Public Works Wastewater

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



Beginning work on Fern St. Lift Station

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Installed new dog bag station on Wildwood by Proper Wellness

Setup inventory ordering program with Pace Supply for future shop stock planning

Replenished fuel at generator locations

Started cleanup initiative with new community service worker.

Mowed and weed whacked all the Parks, City Hall, and the North/South Gateways

Vehicle Maintenance: Serviced #25 and #18 at Shelton's in Fortuna

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

Patrol Statistics:

During Sept 9th – Sept. 30 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 432 total incidents of which 222 were calls for service and 210 were proactive contacts/stops. 11 arrests were made. A total of 10 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 24 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

Staffing:

- FULL STAFF.

Community Events / Notable Cases:

- Fundraising for the kennel stands at **\$12,555.88** has been donated to the project as of 9/30/26 with pending grants still waiting outcome.
- Local Transient Elisha McCoy was arrested for Felony Elder Abuse and Felony Vandalism after an incident on the river bar where he attacked another elderly Transient and then took an axe to his vehicle.
- Eagle Prairie Elementary School was burglarized by two juveniles. The broke in and took money, a master key, and consumed snacks/drinks. Both were identified and cited for Burglary.
- Staff conducted a probation enforcement operation during which three houses were searched per probationer terms and two arrests were made. One location was found to be in compliance.



- PD took an active role in Touch-a-Truck event at the Fire Department and the Community Resource Fair at the school.

CSO Total calls for service: 98

Abatement Projects:

Residential Abatement:

- 145 Active Cases
- 123 of those cases for dog licenses
- Progressing towards abatement at 289 Berkeley, some compliance received
- Potential abatement at 530 Third for reoccurring violations
- 14 cases closed for voluntary compliance

Vehicular Abatement:

- 14 active cases
- 6 vehicles towed
- 4 vehicles moved, voluntary compliance

Animals

- 32 animal-related calls for service
- 4 dogs were transported to FOPD kennels. One dog reunited with family. One dog was transported to Sequoia Humane Society and rehomed. 2 dogs remain at the FOPD kennels-Neglect/Abandoned.

Community Development Department

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park