



Staff Highlights – 2026-09-15

City Council

City Manager

Met with Friends of the Library to discuss staffing issues and issues with the number of hours the County's branch library is experiencing.

Attended a meeting related to the Regional Climate Coordinator position with RCEA and jurisdictional financial support of the position. This item is likely to be a part of the Council's October 20th meeting agenda.

Discussions with City of Ferndale and City of Fortuna on cost sharing an Eel River office of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Submitted public comment package for the OZ 2.0 nomination process in support of Rio Dell's application.

Unmet Transit Needs hearing scheduled for October 20, 2026.

Submission of various reports for SCORE.

The Governor and Legislative leadership reached a deal on the wildfire liability package late Friday night. SB 492 (Becker) does not include any limits to public agency recovery after a utility-caused wildfire. This is considered a big win for California cities. However, the Governor has indicated that he is still open to signing legislation that would shift wildfire liability towards cities and counties and cost recovery limits to cities and counties before his term as Governor ends in January 2027.

City Clerk

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)

Monthly water reports to SWRCB Division of Drinking Water

Monthly Drought reports to Water Boards SAFER Clearinghouse

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: Rigby ave. and Pacific/Belleview,

Flushed dead-end/hydrant at Davis street trailer park

Replenished chlorine tank at surface water treatment plant

Cleaned Metro Wells building

Installed Flowmeter on fire hydrant on Eeloa/North Pacific st.

Repaired broken service lines and installed new service line on Walnut st.

High lined Residence at Rigby apartment complex in preparation for service repair to replace old degraded galvanized services

Built new brass manifold and ran new 2" service from main line on Rigby to corresponding 1" services to four apartments on Rigby. Replaced seals, placed new bedding material around lines, and compacted gravel to allow vehicle/pedestrian access

Obtained temperature/time sensitive grab samples on Monument and Belleview for State required testing for TTHM's and HAA5's.

Meter reading

Lock outs

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

Mowed and weed whacked Douglas water tank grounds

Ordered/stocked shop parts from Pace Supply and started an inventory program with an excel spreadsheet

Completed generator maintenance through CAT for all generators

Put up door hangers for past due bill collections/shut off notifications

Attended Operator BBQ at Humboldt Municipal Water Park during lunch hours

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

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

Patrol Statistics:

During July 16th – August 3rd 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 699 total incidents of which 387 were calls for service and 312 were proactive contacts/stops. 13 arrests were made. A total of 10 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 35 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

**Staffing:**

- FULL STAFF.

Community Events / Notable Cases:

- Fundraising for the kennel stands at **\$9,315.50** has been donated to the project as of 9/9/26 with pending grants still waiting outcome.
- Vehicle Pursuit on Fred Elliott III occurred up Monument Road. Pursuit was eventually called off and suspect was found and arrested the following week in Alton for numerous charges.
- Rio Dell Fire Department Fraud case resulted in the arrest and booking of Jeremy Beauchaine.
- Justus Arreguin was arrested on a slew of domestic violence related charges including stalking following a contact on the 300 block of Center St.

CSO Total calls for service: 169**Abatement Projects:****Residential Abatement:**

- 133 Active Cases
- 107 of those cases for dog licenses
- Progressing towards abatement at 289 Berkeley due to noncompliance
- Potential abatement at 530 Third for reoccurring violations
- 26 cases closed for compliance

Vehicular Abatement:

- 18 total cases
- 15 active cases
- 3 closed cases
- 7 vehicles towed

Animals

- 60 animal-related calls for service
- 2 dogs and 2 cats transported to FOPD kennels. One dog reunited with family. One dog and 2 cats transported to Sequoia Humane Society
- 107 Dog License cases open

Community Development Department

Complete NEPA CEST for Ridnour CDBG modification. Prepare new Resolution.



RHIP Inspection 129 C Wildwood Ave

Roof Inspections 103 ½ Sequoia

Roof Inspections 565 Rigby Ave

Final Inspection 45 Davis Street

Roof Inspections (Final) 1065 Riverside Drive

Receive, Review and Process Building Permit Applications for

Plumbing Sewer Later Permit – 345 Douglas Street

Mini-Split HVAC Permit – 1111 Riverside Drive

Roof Permit - 565 Rigby Ave

Roof Permit – 188 Center Street

Roof Permit – 259 Second Ave

Foundation Repairs Permit – 168 S. Sequoia Ave

Roof Permit – 580 View Ave

Electrical Panel Upgrade – 1017 Riverside Drive

Windows Permit – 276 Tolman Place

Roof & Covered Porch Permit – 550 Painter Street

ADU & Jr. ADU Permit – 159 & 161 Monument road

Review Pauline Evans CDBG File, prepare memo to City Attorney regarding need to call loan. Correspondence with second lien holder. Email to RCAA requesting they check their files for additional information.

Prepare Plumbing Certification Affidavit

Roof Inspections (Final) 1155 Eeloa Avenue

Attend County Housing Element Workshop

Meeting with Tom Mendes re: sewer and water laterals, status of earthquake repairs.

Roof Inspections 381 Center Street

Roof Inspections 259 Second Ave

Prepare Housing Element mailer, poster, press release and PowerPoint presentation. Host community workshop.

Foundation, framing inspection 1083 Riverside Drive.



Roof Inspections 188 Center Street

Roof Inspections 629 Rigby Ave

Roof Inspections 381 Center Street

Roof Inspections 227 Ogle Ave

Solar (PV) Inspection 145 Douglas Ave

Solar (ESS) Inspection 210 Belleview Ave

Attend monthly SVABO Building Inspectors Roundtable

Prepare Rio's Diamond Farms Release of Lien

Prepare Dinsmore Farms findings regarding late penalties

Solar (PV & ESS) 510 Gunnerson Lane

Solar (PV & ESS) 1199 Riverside Drive

Grading Inspection 1275 Northwestern Ave

Review revised CAP MOU, refer to City Attorney for review

Update Building/Assessor Log, send information to Assessor

Prepare Draft Resolution regarding CDBG HOME grant program.

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park