



Staff Highlights – 2026-07-21

City Council

City Manager

Staff is researching maintenance of the lighted crosswalk at Wildwood and Center. 4 of the 9 lights at the location are not operating.

Staff has been working on the Opportunity Zone 2.0 submission.

The local Girl Scout troop has made a \$450 dollar donation for a dog waste bag station.

Mayor Garnes, Councilmember Woodall and volunteers planted flowers at Blue Star Memorial Park.

Some residents have raised concerns over Blue Green Algae in the river. However, at this time the County's Department of Environmental Health has not identified or flagged the Rio Dell shoreline as having the harmful version of the algae.

Street Sweeping is scheduled for Friday the 24th.

The water line replacement project is expected to be completed by October 28th.

City Clerk

Encroachment Permits:

- None.

Business Licenses:

- Ann Selby Bookkeeping
- Humboldt Mobile Foot Care

Miscellaneous

- Information on running for City Council now available, make an appointment with the City Clerk to begin the process.



City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

Contacted the City's bank to reconfirm the revolving line of credit figures for the Painter Street Sewer Line Replacement Project and followed up with the State Water Board on the project.

Registered two CalOES-funded earthquake damage repair projects with the Department of Industrial Relations, the Fern Street Lift Station and the Chlorine Contact Basin, and provided the assigned DIR project numbers to the City's contract engineer.

Submitted the FY 2025-26 Q4 progress report for the Clean California Local Grant Program (Eel River Trail) to Caltrans.

Coordinated with the Police Chief on the Q4 narrative responses needed to complete the Measure Z grant report.

Facilitated the collection of annual cannabis license fees for the FY 2026-27 cycle.

Sent FY 2025-26 fourth quarter tax reminders to cannabis cultivators.

Reviewed the CivicPlus and Granicus agenda management proposals and provided a cost analysis to the City Clerk.

Built the briefing package on the Spay and Neuter Voucher Program for a Councilmember and completed the operating transfer of Animal License and Control fee revenue to its dedicated fund.

Prepared the Senior Home Repair Program renewal staff report for the July 21 meeting.

Prepared the delinquent sewer charges hearing materials (Resolution 1675-2026) and the follow-up staff report for the July 21 continued hearing.

Public Works Water

Public Works Wastewater

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects



Police Department

Patrol Statistics:

During July 6th – July 16th 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 204 total incidents of which 125 were calls for service and 79 were proactive contacts/stops. 4 arrests were made. A total of 3 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 20 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

Staffing:

- FULL STAFF.

Community Events / Notable Cases:

- Softball Match between Rio Dell Police and Rio Dell Fire on July 10th had a good showing and was a great team building and community event. The Police Department won the match in an overwhelming victory! Looking to build on this going forward.
- Stemming from a separate investigation, Officers seized numerous illegal firearms on the 200 block of Davis St. including a suppressor, 3D printed pistol parts, and manufactured assault rifle parts. 36 year old Rio Dell resident, Shane Legendre was arrested for 6 gun-related charges including 5 felonies.

CSO Total calls for service: 51

Abatement Projects:

Residential Abatement:

- 38 Active Cases

Vehicular Abatement:

- 10 total cases
- 1 vehicles towed

Animals

- 6 animal related calls for service
- 0 dogs transported to Fortuna PD Kennels

Community Development Department

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park