



Staff Highlights – 2026-03-17

City Council

City Manager

City Clerk

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

-Submitted the March 2026 Current Employment Statistics survey to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

-Submitted the City of Rio Dell 2025 Government Compensation in California report to the State Controller's Office.

-Coordinated with County of Humboldt and HCD representatives in support of active CDBG projects, responding to inquiries and providing financial documentation. Uploaded required financial reports to the HCD online portal and worked with the City Building Inspector to verify satisfactory completion of CDBG-funded project work.

-Received reimbursement for Invoice #1 on the Eel River Trail Accessible Ramp Project, funded through the Wildlife Conservation Board.

-Worked with contract engineers GHD to complete fund allocation for the STIP-funded Rio Dell Neighborhood Connectivity Project.

-Coordinated with the City's water infrastructure contractor regarding insurance certificate requirements for the ongoing Water Distribution System Improvement Project.

-Continued coordinating with finance staff to compile and submit documentation requested by the City's auditor as part of the ongoing FY 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit.

-Collaborated with the City Manager to develop a staff report and agreement for sales tax audit and reporting services with HdL Companies, supporting the City's efforts to ensure accurate sales tax allocation from the State.



-Engaged cannabis cultivation operators on the Dinsmore Plateau regarding outstanding tax obligations.

-Actively exploring financing strategies for large-scale infrastructure projects stemming from the December 2022 Ferndale Earthquake.

-Finalized pickup and closeout of remaining items sold through the GovDeals platform.

-Provided the Police Department with updated burden rate information for cost allocation purposes.

-Continued discussions with US Bank regarding credit card processing options and merchant services rates for the City.

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 Mar. 3rd – Mar. 12th 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 150 incidents. This includes 81 calls for service, and 69 Officer Initiated Contacts. 5 arrests were made. A total of 3 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 10 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

Staffing:

The Police Department is Fully Staffed!

- Officer Alexander Lewallen starts on March 23rd.

Community Events / Notable Cases:

- Abatement for 185 Douglas resulted in two 30 yard dumpsters of trash being removed from the property.
- The PD remodel council approved has finally begun and is making good progress.
- Ofc. Burns has completed Field Training Officer School and will take part in the training of our new officer.

Abatement Projects:

Residential Abatement:

- Total Active Cases 20



- Abatement completed at 185 Douglas Street
- Progressing towards abatements at 530 3rd Avenue and 1580 Eeloa Avenue

Vehicular Abatement:

- 5 Total Active Cases
- 3 vehicles towed

Animal Control:

- 7 Calls for animal related issues
- No animals transported to Miranda's Rescue

Community Development Department

Final roof inspection 223 Belleview Ave

Process Building Permits for sewer lateral improvements 550 Gunnerson Lane

Process Building Permits for sewer lateral improvements 106 Ogle Ave

Solar and Battery inspection 240 Belleview Ave – Corrections required

Complete and submit US Census survey regarding housing/development in the City.

Roof inspections 137 Meadowbridge

Roof inspections 285 Monument Road

Review Olea Certificate of Compliance application for 157 Monument Road, prepare staff report, resolution and Certificate of Compliance document. Send to applicant and agent.

Process Building Permits for hot water heaters at 101 and 111 Dixie Street.

Attend Energy Code Webinar for Building Departments

Process Roof Building Permit for 194 Birch Street

Research and reach out to FEMA/DWR on question regarding electrical panels in flood zone

Research battery vehicle protection requirements, reach out to the Fire Marshall and the Energy Commission.

Process electrical permit for 1125 Northwestern Ave

Update CAP staff report and resolution

Reach out to Dinsmore Plateau cannabis farmers re: taxes



Review Tax Collector's list of defaulted tax properties, prepare staff report

Follow up on permits for 288 Dixie and 198 Fern Street

Reach out to property owners re: RHIP inspections

Respond to inquiry from Tidwell and Associates re: 1572 Eeloa Ave

Meeting w/Paul Hoffman re: electrical code requirements

Respond to inquiries re: possible subdivision of 219 Ogle and 510 Belleview Ave

Complete and submit HCD LEAP reimbursement application

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park