



## **Staff Highlights – 2026-06-02**

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### **City Council**

#### **City Manager**

Attended a CalCities Wildfire Liability Briefing. The State Legislature is considering placing more liability on city and county governments related to wildfire. This is due to the high liability judgements placed against utilities, resulting in very high utility energy rates. This action is seen by the legislature as a potential way to expand the number and quantity of insurance pools liable for wildfires.

Solid waste franchise negotiations (as well as our annual rate update) are being slowed by Recology due to changing numbers and new requests. Staff is working with our regional partners to develop a new and final implementation timeline.

The City Manager will be meeting with various neighboring jurisdictions to review and develop a strategy related to Opportunity Zone 2.0 – a federal tax incentive program for economic development that in version 1.0 included no parcels in Rio Dell.

#### **City Clerk**

Approved:

- 3 Encroachment Permits
- 8 Building Permits
- 3 Business Licenses

Began the migration of our Data Management Software from DocStar to Square9

Began the 2026 City Council Election Process

#### **City Attorney**

#### **Human Resources, Risk & Training**

#### **Finance Department**

Coordinated with Finance staff and the Community Development Director to process the HCD Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant.



Submitted Invoice No. 1 to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Painter Street Sewer Line Replacement Project (Agreement No. D2404000, Project No. C-06-8403-210).

Contacted RCAC to explore financing options for the Painter Street upsizing project and remaining CalOES earthquake recovery infrastructure projects.

Met with the City's engineering consultants to review current budgets and project scopes for active CalOES earthquake recovery projects.

Discussed reimbursement strategies with CalOES representatives for upcoming project phases.

Submitted invoices to Caltrans to maintain active status on earthquake-related road recovery projects.

Processed approval of Invoice No. 16 for the Water Distribution System Improvement Capital Improvement Project.

Coordinated with the CIP water project contractor to obtain and verify current insurance documentation.

Reviewed final payment terms and evaluated eligible ARPA expenditure options for the Monument Road Repair project.

Worked with County of Humboldt representatives on HCD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) home repair programs.

Engaged cannabis business operators regarding outstanding tax obligations owed to the City.

Responded to inquiries from the City's auditor in support of the ongoing FY 2024-25 Annual Financial Audit.

Submitted final documents to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) auditor.

Compiled current staffing data and provided updated position counts to the City's insurance group, SCORE, for coverage purposes.

Distributed FY 2026-27 budget packets to all department heads, including line-item budget request worksheets, capital project request forms, and budget narrative instructions.

Developed a proposed staffing plan and updated organizational chart in support of the FY 2026-27 budget process.

Prepared salary and benefit cost projections based on the proposed FY 2026-27 staffing plan.

Conducted revenue forecasting in preparation for the FY 2026-27 budget.



## **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]

Cleaned and flushed out Polymer tank at treatment plant and rinsed/purged pump

Met with Calburn electric to go over circuit breaker and booster pump issue at the Douglas tank electric building. Calburn repaired issue and restored pump to service for Dinsmore tank.

Responded to and marker USA's for eel point/south sequoia , 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., and Belleview/Spring St

Attended distribution exam prep class in Sea Ranch, Ca by R.C.A.C.

Went over maps for Wahlund line replacement and shutdown water valves on Davis, Ireland, and Painter st. Also removed air relief valve and setup blowoff tube to purge air from lines for recharge of system. Purged customer lines and returned to service.

Replaced satellite transmission meters with original standard meters, dials, and erts.

Replaced bad erts and dials on fourth and Second Ave

Water leak on Ireland

## **Public Works Wastewater**

### **Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds**

Refill Dog station dog bags.

Responded/resolved complaint about alteration at trail/riverbar gate(someone moved the big rocks and excavated cliffside to bring atv's in at night) Returned to original state with backhoe and shovels.

Removed and cleaned up cement sidewalk with backhoe from Monument Rd

Scraped gutter pans and drains on Davis st in front of Davis Park, scraped gutter pan on side street in front of Blue Star Park, scraped gutter pans along Wildwood Ave and removed weeds from sidewalk moving south from Eagle Prairie Bridge north along business district.

Built new garden beds to replace old ones at Blue Star Park

Took two mowers into Cutters Edge to have them fully tuned up and maintained.



Installed new front backhoe tires.

Replaced lights in the shop.

Mowed city hall, the parks, over passes and north and south gateway

Weeded south islands

Turned on the irrigation for city hall, north gateway and south gateway

Sprayed vinegar on Wildwood, Davis Street and Monument

### **Public Works City Engineer**

### **Public Works Capital Projects**

### **Police Department**

#### **Patrol Statistics:**

During May 15<sup>th</sup> – May. 27<sup>th</sup> 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 187 total incidents of which 97 were calls for service and 90 were proactive contacts/stops. 7 arrests were made. A total of 9 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 12 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

#### **Staffing:**

- Officer Alexander Lewallen is at the end of the Field Training Program and is on track to graduation from the program and begin solo officer patrol.

#### **Community Events / Notable Cases:**

- Another Kindergarten class from the Eagle Prairie Elementary School visited the Police Department for a tour and educational purposes. Students were introduced to department operations, police equipment, and public safety topics, providing an opportunity for positive community engagement and interaction with law enforcement personnel.
- Remodel is nearing completion and swap to AT&T will occur in the first week of June greatly increasing police systems functionality.
- New Patrol Car midway through outfitting and should be deployed by mid June.

#### **Abatement Projects:**

**Total calls for service: 23**

#### **Residential Abatement:**

- Inspection Warrant completed on 5-19-2026 at 23 Center Street
- 16 Active Cases



### **Vehicular Abatement:**

- 4 total cases
- 2 vehicles towed

### **Animals**

- 1 dog transported to FOPD kennels and provided to Sequoia Humane Society
- 1 dog fostered
- 2 cats transported to FOPD kennels and adopted

### **Community Development Department**

Roof inspections 12 Center Street, 408 Second Ave, 240 Willow Lane

HVAC inspections 920 Rio Dell Ave

Electrical inspections 240 Willow Lane, 156 Grayland Heights, 24 Davis Street, 441 -443 Dixie Street, 775 Ireland Ave, 207 Cherry Lane

RHIP inspections and reports for 470 Third Ave, 288 Dixie Street, 125 Columbus, 268 A, B & C, Ogle, 232, 234 A & B Ogle Ave

Review and respond to PRA (oneclickcode.com) regarding Building Permit, process, fees, exemptions, etc.

Attend RCAP Meeting re: Program Manager, Advisory Committee

Prepare Economic Development memo

Inspections 1175 Eeloa Ave re" earthquake/CDBG

Attend FEMA/DWR Mapping and Letter of Map Changes Webinar

Framing, electrical inspections 755 Ireland Ave

Research Rio Dell home sales prices over past two years for possible First Time Homebuyer program, send info to County

Prepare Staff Report and Resolution for Jeffries Billboard application, attend Planning Commission meeting, prepare minutes.

Framing inspections 734 Rigby Ave, 441 Dixie Street

RHIP Inspections 160 S Sequoia, 280 Wildwood Ave, 449 Second Ave, 245 First Ave



Attend RCAP meeting re: CAP Administrator and costs

Review application, plans for PV & ESS 1199 Riverside Drive, refer to RDFPD - APPROVED

Prepare and submit HCD Annual Housing element Progress Report – APPROVED

Meeting with City third party Plan Checker – BPR – Ron Beehler

Attend Redwood Region Rising Economic Development Meeting/Webinar – Renewable, Resilience Energy Opportunities

**Intergovernmental**

**Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park**