



Staff Highlights – 2026-06-16

City Council

City Manager

City Clerk

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

- Collaborated with City staff and Councilmembers on the initial Opportunity Zone 2.0 nomination effort
- Coordinating with the Humboldt Senior Resource Center to secure a new contract and invoice for the upcoming fiscal year
- Conducted interviews for the soon-to-be-vacant Senior Fiscal Assistant position
- Worked with HCD and CDBG representatives, alongside County of Humboldt staff, to finalize the remaining work under the CDBG Program Income funds assisting earthquake-damaged properties
- Processed Eel River Trail ramp invoice payments and submitted the associated invoicing and progress reporting
- Completed the Façade Improvement Program newsletter item
- Distributed annual cannabis fee notices
- Compiling budget items approved at the most recent Council meeting in preparation for entry into the accounting system
- Discussed the ARPA spending plan, given the requirement that funds be expended by the end of calendar year 2026
- Prepared a resolution granting HdL sales tax auditing authority

Public Works Water

Complete monthly water system reports to SWRCB Division of Drinking Water

Complete monthly SAFER Clearinghouse Drought reports



Completed and mailed out 2026 Consumer Confidence Reports for the Rio Dell Water System, also uploaded CCR on City website as well as to Division of Drinking Water to have included in the eAR State Reports.

Work with Wahlund Construction on Water Line Project

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]

Filled Polymer Tank with new Polymer

Responded to and marked USA's for Orchard/Pacific , 2nd Ave. between Berkeley and Edwards dr., Atlanta st., Rigby st., and Columbus st.

Utility Crew finished their Sacramento State Water Distribution and Treatment courses and submitted paperwork for approval to take State Exams

Kevin Naset took the Water Distribution 2 exam in Santa Rosa and passed to obtain his Water Distribution 2 certificate

Found small chlorine leak on chlorine tank. Transferred chlorine and pump to temporary barrels. Replaced plumbing and capped off bulkhead, filled empty tank with water to check leak, resolved issue.

Responded to and repaired service line leak on Center/Rigby st.

Replaced cooling fan in Aquavar pump controller in gallery building for 30hp #3 pump

Followed as built maps and traced recycled water line on Eeloa st. for Wahlund

Located leak on upper Monument with listener device.

Used listener device to detect sprinkler leak at City Hall.

Public Works Wastewater

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds



Installed new Garden beds at Blue Star Park and used rototiller to break up compacted soil and lay new carpenter cloth/weed barrier then added new top soil.

Mowed City Hall, Blue Star, Memorial Park, Triangle Park and edged North Gateway and South Gateway.

Cleanup on the river bar and removed dumped off tires and miscellaneous household junk.

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

Patrol Statistics:

During May 28th – June 11th 2026, the Rio Dell Police Department handled 181 total incidents of which 104 were calls for service and 77 were proactive contacts/stops. 4 arrests were made. A total of 1 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous criminal violations. 6 total cases requiring investigation were taken.

Staffing:

- Officer Alexander Lewallen successfully completed the Field Training Program and has begun solo officer patrol bringing the department to true FULL STAFF deployed.

Community Events / Notable Cases:

- Grant from CHP regarding cannabis related enforcement that council authorized applying for was approved and should be up on agenda for acceptance shortly. This covers extra training, equipment, and OT salaries/benefits for extra enforcement. In the approximate amount of \$160,000 with no city match requirement. *Full Briefing from Chief when up for acceptance.
- Remodel is mostly complete and AT&T swap-over is in progress and should be completed by next week.
- New Patrol Car is set to be completely operational and deployed this week.

CSO Total calls for service: 35

Abatement Projects:

Residential Abatement:

- Progress being made in clearing violations at 23 Center Street
- 68 vegetation letters sent to Property Owners
- 79 Active Cases



Vehicular Abatement:

- 11 total cases
- 5 vehicles towed

Animals

- No animals transported

Community Development Department

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park