



## Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council

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<https://www.facebook.com/supervisorlyndahopkins/>

### Agenda

February 16, 2022

5:30 – 7:30 pm

The Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council welcomes you to its meeting. Your interest and participation are encouraged and appreciated. Questions and comments may be entered in the zoom Q&A.

- 1) **Call to Order** Clerk Debbie Ramirez
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call** Clerk Debbie Ramirez
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** Chair Pip Marquez de la Plata
- 5) **Statement of Conflict of Interest:** This is the time for the Chair, Vice Chair and Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflict of interest for any item listed on this agenda.
- 6) **Correspondence - none**
- 7) **Consent Calendar**
  - a) December 2022 minutes
- 8) **Council Member Comment:** on Matters not listed on the agenda: Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to one minute.
- 9) **Public Comment:** on Matters not listed on the agenda: Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to two minutes

## **10) Regular Calendar Items**

### **a) Supervisor Lynda Hopkins**

### **b) Introductions and Oath of Office**

- i) Vicki Clewes (Hacienda District); Joe Rogoff (Guerneville); Betsy Van Dyke (Pocket Canyon); Patty Thayer (Monte Rio/Villa Grande - Alternate); Kathleen Dahl (Guerneville - Alternate); Gregory Hennig (Pocket Canyon - Alternate)

### **c) Officer elections**

- i) **Chair**
- ii) **Vice-Chair**

### **d) Roads update**

- i) **Presenters: Johannes Hoevertsz, Sonoma County Director of Public Infrastructure and Janice Thompson, Deputy Director Engineering & Maintenance**

### **e) Governance Study Update**

- i) **Elise Weiland**

## **11) Committee/Staff reports**

- a) **Land Use, Report from Chair Mike Nicholls**
- b) **Trash Ad Hoc, Report from Chair Lisa Nahmanson**
- c) **Communications Ad Hoc, Report from Chair Joe Rogoff**
- d) **Staff report, Elise Weiland**

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### River MAC

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**Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting**

**December 15, 2022 05:30 PM**

**575 Administration Dr. Room #100A Santa Rosa 95403**

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/board-of-supervisors/board-s-commissions-committees-and-task-forces/list-of-boards-commissions-committees-and-task-forces/lower-russian-river-municipal-advisory>

Representative Vesta Copestakes • Representative Lisa Nahmanson • Representative Nic Pereira • Representative Naomi Hufstutter • Representative Cynthia Strecker • Representative Mike Nicholls • Chair Pip Marquez de la Plata • Alternate Lucy Hardcastle • Representative Alice Teeter

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair Pip Marquez de la Plata.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Representative Vesta Copestakes

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Representative Vesta Copestakes, Representative Lisa Nahmanson, Representative Nic Pereira, Representative Cynthia Strecker, Representative Mike Nicholls, Chair Pip Marquez de la Plata, Alternate Lucy Hardcastle, Representative Alice Teeter

Absent: Representative Naomi Hufstutter

Staff Present:

Leo Chyi, Elise Weiland, Debbie Ramirez, Tracy Lyons

**2. Approval of Agenda** Representative Mike Nicholls motioned to approve. A second was made by Representative Vesta Copestakes. The roll call vote:

Aye **Representative Vesta Copestakes** Aye **Representative Lisa Nahmanson**  
Aye **Representative Nic Pereira** Aye **Representative Cynthia Strecker**  
Aye **Representative Mike Nicholls** Aye **Chair Pip Marquez de la Plata** Aye **Alternate Lucy Hardcastle** Aye **Representative Alice Teeter** Absent **Representative Naomi Hufstutter**

**3. Statement of Conflict of Interest**

Lisa Nahmanson reported that she has a family member on the Blue Sky team. She personally does not have a conflict of interest in the project but I wanted to let the MAC be aware that she has a family connection to the consultants.

**4. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

**5. Consent Agenda**

A. Approve June 2022 Minutes

B. Approve October 2022 Minutes

Representative Mike Nicholls motioned to approve. A second was made by Representative Vesta Copestakes. The roll call vote:

Aye **Representative Vesta Copestakes** Aye **Representative Lisa Nahmanson**  
Aye **Representative Cynthia Strecker** Aye **Representative Mike Nicholls** Aye **Chair Pip**  
**Marquez de la Plata** Aye **Alternate Lucy Hardcastle** Aye **Representative Alice Teeter**  
Absent **Representative Nic Pereira** Absent **Representative Naomi Hufstutter**

The minutes were approved with one correction. The move to adjourn the June meeting was made by Kyra Wink, not Kyla Brooks as reflected in the minutes. Nic Peirera left the meeting prior to this vote due to internet connectivity issues.

## 6. Council Member Comments

Council members briefly commented on various matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Topics discussed included gratitude to Chair Marquez de la Plata, updates on the county's infrastructure and plans for improving the community through grants and funding opportunities.

Chair Marquez de la Plata expressed gratitude for the work done by the council and highlighted key accomplishments in 2022 such as:

- o Input for TIF and CIF grants, roads repair
- o The work of the Vacation Rental Ad Hoc Committee
- o Communication of important county information from the government
- o Progress on the establishment of the land use committee
- o Work on vegetation management and fire safe initiatives
- o Trash committee's efforts to clean up communities
- o Access to the 5th district for community concerns
- o The MAC's value as a direct line of communication for community members.

## 7. Public Comments

There were no public comments regarding topics not on tonight's agenda.

## 8. Regular Calendar Items

### A. Supervisor Lynda Hopkins

Elise Weiland reported on behalf of Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, expressing gratitude towards Pip for his leadership and guidance as the chair over the past year. Elise informed the group that the CIF and TIF grants were open and available to non-profits and other organizations looking to improve the community. She also provided updates on the Vets Hall building and the Homeless Shelter. An engineering study is being conducted by the Public Infrastructure department to determine the necessary structural updates and make recommendations on the future of the Vets Hall building. The Homeless Shelter was set to close at the end of March and revert back to its old schedule of operating only at nighttime during the winter months.

### B. **Introduction to Governance Study:** Matt Newman and Peter Bluhon of Blue Sky Consulting will give an overview of the process to create a local governance options plan for the lower Russian River communities. The consultant team will conduct a baseline analysis of current services, engage the community to identify alternatives, and develop a community supported strategic plan for local governance solutions

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### C. **Meeting schedule for 2023 discussion**

- i) possible increase to monthly meetings
- ii) incorporating Land Use into full MAC meeting
- iii) State requirement to return to in person meetings. In light of the Governor's recent announcement, the County's boards and commissions should plan now to be prepared by March 1, 2023 to return to meeting in person.

The council discussed the meeting schedule for 2023 and considered increasing monthly meetings,

incorporating Land Use into full MAC meetings, and following the state requirement to return to in-person meetings by March 1, 2023.

## 9. **Committee/Staff Reports**

### A. **Trash Ad Hoc** Report & presentation of replicable guide for Trash Day Program

Lucy Hardcastle presented a video and program outline for a replicable Trash Day Program.

### B. **Land Use**

Mike Nicholls reported out on the 11/22/22 Land Use Committee meeting

### C. **Vacation Rental Ad Hoc**

Vesta Copestakes gave a summary wrap up for the Vacation Rental Ad Hoc Committee

### D. **Establishment and Dissolution of Committees**

The chair established a Community Cleanup Ad Hoc and a Communications Ad Hoc. The Vacation Rental Ad Hoc was dissolved.

## 10. **Adjournment**

With a motion by Vesta Copestakes, seconded by Alice Teeter - the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM by unanimous roll call vote of all members present. (Representatives Peirera and Hufstutter absent.) A video of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/OXijvEGEfI>



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## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 1/10/2023

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Board of Supervisors

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Supervisor Lynda Hopkins 707-565-2241

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Fifth

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Appointment of the members of the Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council (LRR MAC). The term will begin January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2023. The members of the LRR MAC are as follows: Vicki Clewes (Hacienda District); Lisa Nahmanson (Forestville); Joe Rogoff (Guerneville); Cynthia Strecker (Monte Rio/Villa Grande); Mike Nicholls (Cazadero/Duncans Mill); Betsy Van Dyke (Pocket Canyon); Alice Teeter (Hacienda District - Alternate); Lucy Hardcastle (Forestville - Alternate); Patty Thayer (Monte Rio/Villa Grande - Alternate); Tony Goodwin (Cazadero/Duncans Mills - Alternate); Kathleen Dahl (Guerneville - Alternate); Gregory Hennig (Pocket Canyon - Alternate). (Fifth District)

**Executive Summary:**

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**Discussion:**

None

**Prior Board Actions:**

11-13-2018; 01-26-2021

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

None

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None

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