



Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council
Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Committee
2023 Year End Report

Members: Lisa Nahmanson (Chair: MAC Representative Forestville); Vicki Clewes (MAC Representative: Hacienda); Patty Thayer (MAC alternate Representative: Monte Rio/Villa Grande). We would love to have more community volunteers on our ad hoc.

Staff: Debbie Ramirez and Lupe Catalan

Objectives:

- Educate ourselves on the purpose, content, impact and prior or current use of Land Acknowledgements by Sonoma County agencies/committees/councils
- Coordinate with County legal and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) resources to understand the context and process by which Land Acknowledgments have been (or have not been) implemented in Sonoma County
- Work with staff at District 5 to connect with Coastal MAC and other MACs to appreciate current and prior contacts with local tribes and potentially broaden the membership of the ad hoc committee

Results:

- The ad hoc has met once every several months since inception
- At our meeting on November 4, we agreed to reach out to the Coastal MAC Chair to determine if there is an interest in expanding the ad hoc to include members of the Coastal MAC, particularly in light of the fact that the latter has a Representative from the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
 - We discussed as well the benefit of reaching out to local tribes in the lower Russian River area to determine if there is interest in participating on the MAC or any of its ad hocs
- We will continue to research how best to connect with our local tribes through organizations such as the Redbud Resource Group and Stewards of the Coast and the Redwoods