



Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council
Community Clean Up Ad-Hoc Committee
October 2023 Report

Members: Lisa Nahmanson (Chair: Forestville); Vicki Clewes (MAC Representative: Hacienda); Vesta Copestakes (MAC Representative: Forestville); Carol Shumate (Volunteer: Russian Riverkeepers); we would love to have more community volunteers on our ad hoc.

Staff: Debbie Ramirez and Lupe Catalan

Objectives:

- Work with staff at District 5 and LRRMAC Communications ad hoc to connect with West County groups to create resources for Community Clean Ups.
- Add content to guide Community Cleanups to Sonoma County River MAC website in Spanish as well as English.
- Initiate a locally focused approach toward community clean ups. This ad hoc was fka "Trash".
- The ad hoc meets each month. Meetings to date have been on the fourth Thursday of the month.

September Meeting Notes:

- At our meeting on 9/28/23 we welcomed Betsy Van Dyke in her capacity as a volunteer for River Pride clean up (not in her capacity as a LRRMAC rep):
 - We discussed the clean up logistics of the parade route before and after the Pride parade
 - We discussed the clean up logistics of Johnson's Beach after River Pride.
- Our committee has requested that the County and Recology offer Spanish Translations on all forms that are needed to support Community Clean Ups. We've seen results and will post these on the LRRMAC website.
- Carol Shumate from RiverKeepers updated us on Adopt-A Road
 - Riverkeepers has adopted approximately 3.4 miles
 - There is a portion of non adopted road across from 9343 River Road from Forest Drive to Trenton Road; the safety of adopting this portion of road is in question; it is a popular spot for dumping and we agreed to look into this.
- At our meeting on 7/27/23 we planned a clean up of the Guerneville Park + Ride with Cafecitos. The clean up took place on 8/21/23.
- The ad hoc receives the list of weekly County mowing and can distribute to groups to do micro clean ups prior to the mowing with the purpose of eliminating trash being shredded on the road.
- Our next meeting in October is TBD because the Forestville Town Hall is on 10/26/23.