

**ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES**  
*A Sovereign Nation of Confederated Tribes*

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**ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856**

**MINUTES**  
**September 8, 2026**

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President Joseph Parker on September 8, 2026 at 10:13 a.m. in the Buffalo Room within the Tribal Administrative Building located on the Round Valley Indian Reservation.

Roll call and the following Council Members were present: Mr. Parker, Mr. Britton, Ms. Hoaglen, Mr. Whipple (arrived at 10:14 a.m.), Mrs. Henao & Ms. Whitehurst

Opening prayer by Ms. Jill Hoaglen

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

a. Cemetery incident – The Joaquin family graves sites was destroyed. Tribal Police were on scene, the family asked if they could get fingerprints to find out who it was. They heard from other community members that it was Michael Freeman. They would like for Tribal Police to pick him up and hold him until MCSO gets here. Council is going to talk to Tribal Police and let them know Michael Freeman is to be picked up.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: FTT: Riffe - **Action Item – 2026-08-24-02:**

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to table the item.

Mrs. Henao seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 4: New Business:

a. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-02:**

i) Residential Land Request – one applicant

**MOTION NO. 3:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to approve of adding Monica Wilkes to the waiting list.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

ii) 2026-08-24-02 – deleted in agenda approval

iii) FTT: Town Creek

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to accept the item as informational.

b. Nikcole Whipple RE: Use of the Buffalo Room - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-03:** From 4 – 6 p.m. wants to use the Buffalo Room for a presentation with the Friends of the Eel.

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve Nikcole Whipple to use the Buffalo Room and to do their own work.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

c. Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-04:**

i) Covelo Water Dept MOA with Tribe

i) Covelo Sewer District – With their projects for the hydrants around Covelo, that would be looking into that it would be a water district around town. They would make people sign up / hook up to that and there would be hookup fees and also monthly water fees. Most people right now have their own private well. And have their PG&E bills why would they want to join this community water system? That's still the question they need to answer. They're still working on a draft to present to the Tribe of a MOA with the Tribe. TBA says when they get done with it, he'll bring it to the Council

ii) Child Care construction update

iii) BIA – FY2026 Environmental management plan – They said to put a letter of interest in to get our foot in the door. Then they said submit a proposal ASAP. At the time they said RV has \$104K for this year for RV. So, if they get that in they could award it. And next year we will get more. TBA sent it in. So if we get validation for the \$104K the Tribe can take the Water Department off the 1.1.

iv) Child Care Policy & Procedures – If you are not working then you can't drop off your kids. If you are furloughed on a day, you can't bring your kid to the Child Care center. TBA is going to ask Joey Bishop if it was a policy or if it was inhouse so it can be changed if needed.

d. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-05:**

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ii) California Indian Days – TBA just wanted to see if Council has any questions. Everything is going well.

iii) GRT – Tribal liaison site visit – Ernest Vargas Jr & Armida Vargas on Zoom. They want to establish a Tribal liaison. They wanted to know if GRT did a consultation with RVIT. The Council let him know they did not do one, they came and did a presentation with the community but they was informed it was not a consultation.

iv) Mark Britton Jr. – Sponsor for Dough's Hobby Fest – He is having an event in Laytonville and is asking RVIT to sponsor him. Its on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MOTION NO. 5:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to deny the request due to no funding.

Ms. Whitehurst seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Hoaglen, Henao & Whitehurst

Abstentions: Britton

Note: Whipple was out of the room

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### **MOTION NO. 6:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve to donate 10 lbs. of meat for the Dough's Hobby Fest.

Ms. Hoaglen seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Abstentions: Britton

Motion carried.

Nays: 0

v) Donation of meat for Tribal Member – Kat Willits after services is a potluck and the family is asking for a donation of meat.

#### **MOTION NO. 7:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve of donating 25 lbs. of meat for the dinner.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Nays: 0

#### **Item No. 5: Executive Session - Action Item – 2026-09-08-06:**

- a. Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Out of state travel
- b. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Non-compliant homesites
- c. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Residential Request
- d. Jonie Chaudhary – RE: TCA
- e. Stefeny Huizar – RE: Enrollment
- f. Reuban Becerra – RE: Tribal Court Issues
- g. Fiscal Dept. – RE: Various – financial
- h. Colleen Downey, C-Store – RE: Update
- i. Michael Hoaglen, Golden Oaks Motel – RE: Update
- j. Tribal Police – RE: Update
- k. Tribal Business Administrator
  - i) Tribal Ready – Work order 4 (NTIA)
  - ii) CPUC grant status
- l. Tribal Council – RE: Various

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- i) BIA water management funding
- ii) Letters of Interest – Election Board
- iii) LIHEAP
- iv) Incident at Tribal Court

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to go into executive session at 1:31 p.m.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 6: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-07:**

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 3:13 p.m.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

a. Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Out of state travel - **Action Item – 2026-08-31-013:**

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve the out of state travel for Tyson Whipple on October 12 – 17, 2026 to Las Vegas NV, funds coming from Child Care.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

b. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Non-compliant homesites - **Action Item – 2026-08-31-014:**

c. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Residential Request - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-08:**

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to table the items b & c.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

d. Jonie Chaudhary – RE: TCA - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-09:**

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to refer her to ICWA.

Mrs. Henao seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to bring in ICWA department at the next meeting.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

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Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Nays: 0

e. Stefeny Huizar – RE: Enrollment - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-010:**

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to have her submit the correct paperwork.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Nays: 0

f. Reuban Becerra – RE: Tribal Court Issues - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-011:** Item discussed.

g. Fiscal Dept. – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-012:** No update

h. Colleen Downey, C-Store – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-013:** No update

i. Michael Hoaglen, Golden Oaks Motel – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-014:** No update

j. Tribal Police – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-015:** Item discussed.

k. Tribal Business Administrator - Various - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-016:**

i) Tribal Ready - Work order 4 (NTIA)

ii) CPUC grant status

l. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-017:**

i) BIA Water Management funding

iv) Incident at Tribal Court

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to table item k. i & ii, l. i & iv.

Mrs. Henao seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Nays: 0

ii) Letters of Interest – Election Board

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to approve Maryjane Bettega for the Election Board.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Nays: 0

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to approve Thailanda Hanover for the Election Board.

Ms. Whitehurst seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Nays: 0

iii) LIHEAP

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve the submission of the application of FY2026-27 LIHEAP plan.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Schedule Change for Tribal Member

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to approve all day off on Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> out of respect for our Tribal Member / Former Council Member Kat Willits.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 7: Set agenda, date and time for next meeting:

a. September 14, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Mr. Robert Whipple

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2026-09-08-018:**

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst

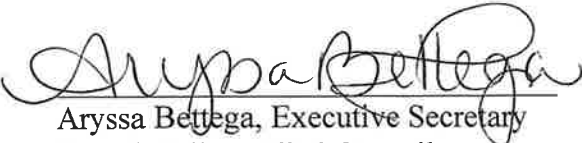
Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Minutes taken and typed by Aryssa Bettega, Executive Secretary, Round Valley Tribal Council.

Submitted by:

  
Aryssa Bettega, Executive Secretary  
Round Valley Tribal Council

Date approved: October 13, 2026