



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE DRAFT HUMBOLDT COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT
SCH #1996-052011
February 17, 2009**

The County of Humboldt is in the process of updating the Humboldt County Housing Element, a required Element of the General Plan. The update is necessary to comply with State Law regarding Housing Elements, and to adopt local policy options to meet the documented housing needs. The project requires consideration and certification of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The County prepared a DEIR for the 2003 Housing Element and proposes to supplement the findings in this document with a Supplemental DEIR. The Supplemental DEIR is now available for public review.

Project Description: The Housing Element describes housing needs of residents of all income levels, and includes discussion of housing needs of specific groups as well, such as seniors, owner-builders, disabled persons and the homeless. The findings that emerge from analyzing the housing information direct policies and programs which are a commitment to implement new measures to meet the County's housing needs as well as to maintain the most effective on-going programs. The Housing Element contains policies that affect the kinds, locations and intensities of land uses and new development within the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County.

Identified Impacts: Policies and programs in the Element as well as other existing requirements administered by public agencies are sufficient to reduce potential impacts to a level of insignificance for biological resources, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, public services and recreation. Implementation of the Element is expected to cause significant and unavoidable impacts to aesthetics, agriculture resources, air quality, cultural resources, geology/soils, hydrology/ water quality, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems. The project will also likely result in significant unavoidable cumulative impacts. These impacts are expected to be no greater than those evaluated under the 2003 Element, but since this Element carries forward many of the same programs as the 2003 Element, they are considered significant and unavoidable in this Element as well.

Project Location: This project will apply to all unincorporated areas of the County.

Review Period: Acceptance of public comment will be extended to April 6, 2009

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Public Hearing: On the Draft Housing Element by the Humboldt County Planning Commission
February 5th, 19th, 26th and March 5th @ 6:00pm, Humboldt County Courthouse

Copies of the Supplemental DEIR are available on the internet at www.planupdate.org. Copies are also available for review at the main branch of the County library at 1313 3rd Street Eureka, California ((707) 445-7284), and at Humboldt County Community Development Services, 3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501. Information or copies can be obtained by contacting Michael Richardson at (707) 268-3723 or email at mrichardson@co.humboldt.ca.us.