



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT AND AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT, ZONING AND ORDINANCE CHANGES, AND
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, AND CONSIDERATION
OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(State Clearinghouse #2009022077)

On Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at **1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will hold the first of two or more public hearings in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 5th St., Eureka, California, to consider the 2009 Update of the Housing Element of the General Plan, and Implementing Ordinance and General Plan changes, and the 2009 draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Further information regarding the proposed project may be obtained from the Planning Division of the Humboldt County Community Development Services Department at 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501, telephone: (707) 445-7541 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Contact Person: Michael D. Richardson, Senior Planner.

On June 25, 2009, the Humboldt County Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 09-39, which recommended that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopt the Draft Housing Element, related zoning and ordinance changes and General Plan Amendments for the 2009 Update of the Housing Element of the General Plan. The update is necessary to comply with State Planning Law, and to adopt local policy options to meet the documented housing needs. 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 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 Environmental 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 hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, recreation, and utilities and service systems. Implementation of the Element is expected to cause significant and unavoidable impacts to aesthetics, agriculture resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hydrology/ water quality, public services, transportation/traffic. The project will also likely result in significant unavoidable cumulative impacts. An initial draft of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Housing Element was circulated in February, 2009; a recirculated draft of the SEIR was released on June 11, 2009, and is currently available for public review.

THIS PROJECT WILL APPLY TO ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

Review Period: Public comment on the draft SEIR will be accepted until August 2, 2009. **Final action on the Housing Element and draft SEIR will not occur until after August 2, 2009.**

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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.

Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at the hearing. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Documentation to be filed on this matter for the official record **MUST CONTAIN AN ORIGINAL AND NINE (9) COPIES OF EACH DOCUMENT.** Documentation includes, but is not limited to: written correspondence, audio and video tapes, maps, photographs, and petitions. If possible, all documentation is to be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 111 of the County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street in Eureka, (476-2384), by noon on **Thursday, July 23, 2009,** for the documents to be placed in the Board's hearing packets. Otherwise, documents must be submitted during the public hearing on **July 28, 2009.** **FAILURE TO SUBMIT NINE COPIES WILL RESULT IN THE DOCUMENT/S NOT BEING PLACED IN THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARING RECORD.**

DATED: July 9, 2009

Kathy Hayes,
Clerk of the Board