



Public Hearing Notice

Humboldt County Draft General Plan Humboldt County Planning Commission Meetings

Humboldt County is entering the final phase of the General Plan Update process and will be **conducting a series of public hearings with the Planning Commission on the Hearing Draft of the Humboldt County General Plan.** The hearings will be held in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California, (wheelchair access is available from the 829 Fourth Street entrance) beginning April 16, 2009 and continuing through most of the year. The Planning Commission Hearing Draft, support documents and a schedule of the proposed hearing dates for the Draft Plan are available at the Humboldt County Planning Division's website: www.planupdate.org.

On **Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 8:00PM.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will commence a series of public hearings to consider the Planning Commission Hearing Draft Humboldt County General Plan. The Commission intends to continue the ongoing discussion of the draft Housing Element policies from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and then introduce the draft policies concerning **Land Use Element, Sections 4.2 (Growth Planning), 4.3 (Urban Lands), 4.4 (Rural Lands) and the Land Use Classifications by 8:00pm.** Future hearing dates for the remaining parts of the draft General Plan will be determined by the Commission depending on the volume of testimony and time necessary for deliberation. Notices of these hearings will be provided by email only unless a written request is received by County staff. To be placed on the email list to receive notices of the hearings please contact Martha Spencer at (707) 268-3704 or by email at mspencer@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Support materials for those sections of the Hearing Draft under review will be available on the website prior to the upcoming public hearing. Hardcopies of materials will be available at the County library and at the Humboldt County Community Development Services, Planning Division, located at 3015 "H" Street in Eureka.

Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at the meeting. The Planning Commission needs **ONE ORIGINAL AND 14 COPIES** of any materials submitted either prior or at the meeting.

General Plan Overview: The Humboldt County General Plan addresses present and future land use and development criteria for the unincorporated portion of Humboldt County. Under state planning law, counties and cities are required to prepare and adopt comprehensive long-range general plans for the physical development within their jurisdictions. The general plan must include discussion of land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety issues either in distinct “elements” or combined as deemed appropriate. The Humboldt County General Plan Update project will include associated zoning amendments.

The Humboldt County General Plan establishes the kinds, locations and intensities of land uses as well as applicable resource protection and development policies within the unincorporated areas of the County. The associated zoning, including zone reclassifications and zoning ordinance text amendments as may be found consistent with the Plan will provide specific implementation of the land use plan.

Planning Division of the
Humboldt County Community Development Services

Dated: March 31, 2009