

HUMBOLDT 21st Century

PUBLIC NOTICE HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WORKSHOP: HUMBOLDT COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Humboldt County is entering the final phase of the General Plan Update process **conducting a series of public hearing workshops in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber**, Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, California, on the Hearing Draft beginning in February 2007 and continuing through most of the year.

On **Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 6 PM., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard**, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing workshop to consider **Group 1** of the Preliminary Hearing Draft for the Humboldt County General Plan Update. **Group 1 includes Chapter 1- Introduction, Chapter 2 – Public Guide to the General Plan, and Chapter 3 – Governance.** These Chapters discuss the purpose, form and content of the General Plan which will include a review of the Plan's intended uses, guiding principles, and a reader's guide. Also included are policies regarding public participation, maintenance and amendments to the Plan, and inter-governmental coordination.

On **Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 6 PM., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard**, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing workshop to consider **Group 2** of the Preliminary Hearing Draft for the Humboldt County General Plan Update. **Group 2 includes Chapter 16 - Mineral Resources, Chapter 17 - Energy Element, Chapter 18 - Waste Management, and Chapter 19 - Air Quality.**

The remaining chapter groups of the General Plan Update will be the focus of future public hearing workshops; notices of those workshops 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 those workshops please contact Martha Spencer at (707) 268-3704 or by email at mspencer@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Background materials 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. **Those sections of the Hearing Draft under review will be available on the website 30 days 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: January 11, 2007