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DATE: October 12, 2007  
TO: Humboldt County Planning Commission  
FROM: Kirk A. Girard, Director of Community Development Services  
SUBJECT: **Staff Report # 9 for October 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**RECOMMENDED COMMISSION ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission take the following actions:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Open the public hearing and receive the staff report.
2. Take public input on Group 7a Sections: Managing Growth and Land Use Element
3. Provide Commission direction on suggested modifications.

**SUMMARY**

Planning Commission Review Process

At the Planning Commission's meeting on September 20, 2007, the Commission continued its discussion on the proposed Agricultural and Forest Resources policies. A summary of the public comments is included as Attachment A. A summary of the Commissioner comments is included as Attachment B. Written comments on the preliminary draft document received as of October 12 are included as Attachment C.

Chapter 4 - Managing Growth presents planning concepts addressing population growth and land supply, urban and rural boundaries, development timing, infrastructure, and available land inventory. The topics and policies presented here are key components of the land use element, and should be reviewed and updated during housing element revisions. The policy set largely follows the Framework General Plan, and is shown as a markup of the 1984 Plan.

Chapter 5 – Land Use Element presents the land use designations that will be used with the land use maps. Also attached are the existing land use designation from the 1984 Framework Plan and the LCP for comparison purposes. The chapter also includes policy sets for Public Lands and Rural Development. These policy sets also largely follow the Framework General Plan. One revision to the Public Lands policy includes removing reference to the Planning Commission as the lead advisory body for public land acquisition issues. This has proven to be ineffective and unworkable over the past 20 years, where experience has shown that public land acquisition questions have been directed to the Board of Supervisors by the agencies, and timing has not typically allowed for referral to the Planning Commission. The draft as revised allows for Planning Commission input where appropriate. It sets forth the same County policy, without reference to the process.

The Agricultural and Forest Resources sections are also components of Chapter 5, and have been previously distributed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Summary of public comments at September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting.  
Attachment B: Summary of Commissioner Comments at September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting.  
Attachment C: Written comments received as of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
Attachment D: Chapter 4 - Managing Growth; and, Chapter 5 – Land Use Element

Attachment A:

Summary of public comments  
at September 20, 2007 meeting.

Attachment B:

Summary of Commissioner comments  
at September 20, 2007 meeting.

Attachment C:

Written comments received  
as of noon, October 12, 2007

Letter dated July 27, 2007  
from the Wiyot Tribe (W132)

Attachment D:

Chapter 4 - Managing Growth;  
and, Chapter 5 – Land Use Element