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Land Use Development

Pre-Development Conference

Individuals who desire to develop property or establish a business in rural locations of Humboldt County should be aware that site conditions (soil, drainage, topography, etc.) on certain parcels may limit the scope and design of potential projects. In some cases, fulfilling state and county sewage disposal and/or water supply requirements may be difficult or impossible. The Division of Environmental Health recommends that requirements affecting proposed development or business operations be researched and thoroughly understood prior to any significant project expenditure.

Individuals requiring assistance or clarification of specific requirements affecting a project proposal may elect to hold a "Pre-development conference" with Division of Environmental Health staff. The purpose of the conference is to discuss project feasibility and provide written answers to specific questions early in the project planning phase. Any questions for which a written response is requested must be submitted in writing as part of the "Pre-application conference" application. In some cases, documentation of specific site conditions may need to be submitted with the application in order to provide a complete response. The submitted questions and written responses from the conference will be maintained in Division of Environmental Health Files.

Information obtained through the "Pre-development conference" does not constitute approval of a project proposal. Issuance of Development permits generally requires approval from other agencies in addition to the Division of Environmental Health. Informational handouts explaining permit application procedures and requirements may be obtained at the Division of Environmental Health office in Eureka.

Any questions regarding the "Pre-development conference" procedure should be directed to the Land Use Program Senior at (707) 445-6215.