

Notice of Public Hearing

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Siskiyou County Courthouse, 311 Fourth Street, Yreka, California on the following item:

Industrial Hemp Zoning Ordinance (Z1910)

The project is a proposed zoning text amendment to add Chapter 16 to Title 10 of the Siskiyou County Code and would allow and regulate cultivation of industrial hemp within AG-1 (Prime Agricultural) and AG-2 (Non-Prime Agricultural) zoning districts with a minimum parcel size of 40 acres, and a minimum of 80-acres for parcels in the Hemp (H) Combining District, subject to certain setback and signage requirements. For AG-1 and AG-2 parcels within the boundaries of the Scott Valley Area Plan, the minimum parcel size is Under the regulations, indoor cultivation of industrial hemp will be prohibited, excepting for the cultivation of hemp transplants or seed production, which would be subject to setback requirements. The ordinance will also limit hemp cultivation by Established Agricultural Research Institutions to a total area of one acre. The Board of Supervisors will consider additional regulations in the ordinance related to industrial hemp, including the establishment of a licensing and registration process for industrial hemp growers and special enforcement and remedies provisions related to distinguishing between hemp cultivation and unpermitted cannabis cultivation.

It is anticipated that the proposed Industrial Hemp Ordinance will be determined to be exempt from further environmental analysis pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption) and Section 15308 Class 8 (action by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment).

The Board of Supervisors will consider the appropriateness of said environmental recommendation based on the record of evidence before them. If substantial evidence has been presented demonstrating a more appropriate environmental determination than the one that has been recommended, the Board of Supervisors may require and/or approve an alternative environmental determination pursuant to the requirements of CEQA.

All project documents are on file at the Planning Division of the Siskiyou County Community Development Department and are available for public review. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and be heard on any agenda item. In addition, a staff report will be available for public review three working days prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting. Please contact the Planning Division at (530) 841-2100 if you have any questions regarding this project.

All interested persons are invited to be present and be heard thereon or present comments in writing to the Board of Supervisors, 510 North Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097. All items presented to the Board of Supervisors during a public hearing, including but not limited to, letters, email, petitions, photos, or maps, become a permanent part of the record and must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. It is advised that the presenter bring at least 7 copies of anything presented to the Board and that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records.

If you challenge the categorical exemption and/or proposed ordinance 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 prior to or at the public hearing.

LAURA BYNUM, County Clerk

By: s/ Wendy Winningham, Deputy