

Notice of Public Hearing

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2022 at 9:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 311 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA, on the following item:

Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance Update (Z-21-09)

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance Update (Z-21-09) is a comprehensive update to the County's Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance in order to be consistent with the State's Surface Mining and Reclamation Act "SMARA" (Public Resources Code Sections 2710 et seq.). The County adopted the current version of its Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance in 2015. However, the State of California has passed subsequent legislation further amending and updating SMARA. The proposed amendments will ensure the County's Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance is consistent with the regulations of SMARA. The proposed amendments to the County's Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance will include the provisions currently prescribed in SMARA and do not include any amendments that would be more restrictive than the State. The proposed amendments are the minimum necessary to ensure the County's Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance is consistent with the SMARA. The Board will consider public testimony and the Planning Commission's recommendation prior to reaching its decision.

It is anticipated that the proposed Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance Update 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 15307 (action by a regulatory agency for the protection of natural resources).

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.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, if you are interested in reviewing supporting documents pertaining to this issue, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 530-842-8084 to ensure that the office is open to the public. The public may attend by ZOOM/teleconference, but it is unknown at this time whether the public hearing will be held via ZOOM/teleconference only. This decision will be made based upon COVID 19 infection rates as the meeting date approaches and will be set forth on the meeting agenda posted both online and physically the Friday before the meeting.

If the public is allowed to attend, all interested persons are invited to be present and be heard thereon or present comments in writing to the Board of Supervisors, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka, CA 96097. If not allowed or you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Board of Supervisors, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka, CA 96097 or the following email: wendy@sisqvotes.org. All items presented to the Board of Supervisors during a public hearing, including but not limited to, letters, e-mail, 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 7 copies of anything presented to the Board and that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records.

All project documents are on file at the Planning Division of the Siskiyou County Community Development Department and are available for public review. 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 public records related to an open session item on the agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at the Siskiyou County Clerk's Office, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka CA 96097 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to **a majority of** the members of the legislative body. All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, located in the Siskiyou County Clerk's Office, Yreka, CA 96097, during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you challenge the categorical exemption and/or zoning text amendment project 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 Planning prior to or at the public hearing.

LAURA BYNUM, County Clerk

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