

Notice of Public Hearing

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Siskiyou County Courthouse, 311 Fourth Street, Yreka, California on the following item:

Housing Element Update

California requires that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. California's local governments meet this requirement by adopting Housing Elements as part of their General Plan. General Plans serve as the local government's "blueprint" for how the city and/or county will grow and develop over a 15–20-year period and include a minimum of seven mandatory elements: land use, transportation, conservation, noise, open space, safety, and housing. The Housing Element must be consistent with the other elements of the General Plan. General Plans are updated approximately every 20 years, while Housing Elements are on 8-year cycles to ensure relevancy and accuracy, since the housing market and needs are most closely tied to shifts in the economy. The current Siskiyou County Housing Element was adopted in 2014 and covers the period of 2014-2022.

This Housing Element update covers the eight-year period from November 2022-November 2030. It is intended to provide the Siskiyou County with a comprehensive strategy to promote the production of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all residents. It assesses current and projected housing needs, constraints to housing production, and resources available to meet the needs. It then establishes a set of housing goals, policies, and programs which are targeted to meet the housing needs over the Housing Element planning period. A key part of the Housing Element lays out strategies to address the needs of community residents that are not typically met by the private market, including low-income households, seniors, homeless individuals, and people with disabilities. The county does not directly build or own housing, but facilitates production by guiding zoning policies, coordinating with community partners, and in the case of affordable housing, by partnering with developers, lenders, and nonprofits on funding opportunities.

The Housing Element Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15061 (b)(b). Section 15061 (b)(3) consists of activities covered by the "common sense exemption" that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Housing Element would not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The Housing Element update is strictly a policy document and does not provide entitlements to any specific land use projects. The Housing Element Update does not make any changes to the General Plan land use map and would not modify any land use designations, allowed densities, or land use intensities established by the General Plan.

The public may attend by zoom/teleconference or in person. 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 or to 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 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 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, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka, CA 96097, during regular business hours, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you challenge the categorical exemption 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 at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

By: Wendy Winningham, Deputy