

Resolution PC 2025-014

A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, Recommending the Board of Supervisors Repeal Title 10, Chapter 10 of the Siskiyou County Code; to Adopt a New Title 10, Chapter 10 to Coordinate with the California Building Standards Code; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and for Other Purposes; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of California has, in Government Code Sections 65302, 65560, and 65800, conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has identified special flood hazard areas within the boundaries of the County of Siskiyou and such areas may be subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare, and

Whereas, the County of Siskiyou was accepted for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program on or about May 19, 1987, and must continue to meet the requirements of Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 59 and 60, in order to remain in the program; and

Whereas, pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5 and Part 2.5, the County of Siskiyou is required to administer and enforce the California Building Standards Code, and such building codes contain certain provisions that apply to the design and construction of buildings and structures in flood hazard areas; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest to adopt the proposed floodplain management regulations that are coordinated with the California Building Standards Code; and

Whereas, the Planning Division presented its oral and written staff report on the proposed floodplain management regulations at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on September 17, 2025; and

Whereas, the Planning Division recommended that the proposed floodplain management regulations be considered exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15601(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; and

Whereas, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Siskiyou Daily News on August 27, 2025; and

Whereas, on September 17, 2025, the Chair of the Planning Commission opened the duly noticed public hearing on the proposed floodplain management regulations to receive testimony, both oral and written, following which the Chair closed the public hearing, and the

Commission discussed the proposed floodplain management regulations prior to reaching its decision; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission found it is in the public interest to adopt the proposed floodplain management regulations; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the "common sense exemption" from CEQA; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors repeal Title 10, Chapter 10 of the Siskiyou County Code and adopt a new Title 10, Chapter 10 to coordinate with the California Building Standards Code; to adopt flood hazard maps; to designate a floodplain administrator; and for other purposes; providing for severability and an effective date.

It Is Hereby Certified that the foregoing Resolution PC 2025-014 was duly adopted on a motion by Commissioner Veale and seconded by Commissioner Melo, at the regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission held on the 17th day of September 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Hart, Melo, Veale and Fowle

NOES:

ABSENT: Commissioner Lindler

ABSTAIN:

SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Jeff Fowle, Chair

WITNESS, my hand and seal this 17th day of September 2025.



Hailey Lang, Secretary of the Commission