

**PUBLIC NOTICE
HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION**

On **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the matter listed below.

Note: In accordance with AB 361 the Planning Commission meeting will be held virtually until further notice.

HOW TO LISTEN OR WATCH THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Listen or Watch the live stream of the Planning Commission Meeting in three ways:

1. <https://zoom.us/j/9763777152> Password: 200525
2. Call in via telephone at 346 248-7799, enter meeting ID 9763777152 Password: 200525
3. A live stream of the meeting can be found by using the following link:
<https://humboldt.legistar.com> or by watching Access Humboldt on cable channel 11

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE MEETING:

Participate in the public comment period of the meeting in the following two ways:

1. **Via Computer as an attendee:** To raise your hand click the Raise Hand icon on the bottom of the Zoom window. When you click the Raise Hand icon, a hand icon will appear next to your name that will notify the host your hand is raised. You will also see the hand icon turn green. When you want to lower your hand, you can click the hand icon again and your hand will be lowered. When you are called upon to speak the Zoom platform will ask you for permission to unmute your mic. **If you encounter any issues, please use the call-in option below.**
2. **Via phone call using cellphone or landline:** When the Planning Commission meeting begins, call in to the conference line. When the Planning Commissioner starts to discuss the item you wish to comment on, **Press *9 to raise your hand.** When you are called upon to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your mic, press *6 to unmute.

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

To submit public comment to the Planning Commission please email Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us and provide your name, the agenda item number(s) on which you wish to speak. If you do not have access to email, a voicemail may be left at 707-445-7541 and will follow the same procedure as email public comments. All public comment submitted after the agenda has been published will be included with the administrative record after the fact.

Please note that each Zoom meeting has a unique meeting ID and password. Any item on this agenda that is continued to a future date will use the meeting ID and password applicable to the date the agenda item is to be heard again. Agendas are posted on the Friday before the meeting at <https://humboldt.legistar.com>

Salmonid Restoration Federation, Marshall Ranch Streamflow Enhancement Project, Briceland area; Record Number PLN-2019-15661 (filed 6/27/2019); Assessor's Parcel Number 220-061-011. The Project entails construction of 10 million-gallons of off-stream water storage. Water storage is proposed in two ponds and five tanks designed to fill with rainwater (~3.5 million gallons) and water diverted from two Redwood Creek tributaries during the wet season (~6.5 million gallons). The Project seeks to improve habitat for coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek, an important salmon-bearing tributary, by addressing the limiting factor of low summer streamflows. The storage facilities have been sited and designed to fill during the winter wet season and

release their stored water directly to Redwood Creek during the five-month dry season providing increased flows of approximately 30 gallons per minute along a 5.5-mile stream reach. The flow augmentation would provide significant, measurable benefits in terms of dry season flow enhancement for coho salmon, steelhead, and other aquatic species. Other ancillary Project components include installation of one large wood habitat enhancement and bank stabilization structure in Redwood Creek, stabilization of two seasonal tributaries, construction of a passive on-demand cooling and filtration gallery to provide treatment of the flow releases as needed, construction of an off-grid solar energy power system to support operations, upgrading access roads, riparian exclusion fencing for cattle, and installation of plumbing infrastructure to allow water stored in the tanks to be utilized for domestic, ranch, and fire suppression needs. The Project is located in Humboldt County, in the Briceland area, on both sides of Old Somerville Creek Road, approximately 1,700 feet south from the intersection of Old Briceland Road and Old Somerville Creek Road, on the property known as 195 Old Somerville Creek Road. Specific questions regarding this project can be directed to the assigned planner Joshua Dorris at (707) 268-3779 or via email at jdorris@co.humboldt.ca.us

Note: The County of Humboldt, as Lead Agency, in accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (finding of no significant adverse environmental effect) for the project. **This notification is to advise you that the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from October 22, 2021, to November 22, 2021.** Comments may be submitted to the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501 by **November 20, 2021**. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review online at ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Project/2019109088, or via the Department's website, located at <https://humboldt.gov.org/2347/Major-Projects>, in addition to: Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Consistent with the above instructions for public comment, any person may appear and present testimony regarding this matter during the hearing. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action 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 Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. The Planning Commission's decision will become effective if an appeal is not filed within the appropriate filing period. An appeal may be filed by any aggrieved person who has testified in person or in writing on the project and must be submitted in writing with the required fees to the Planning Division of the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department at 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501, post marked before the end of the appeal period. If appealed, the decision will not become effective until the appeal is resolved.

The staff report for this project will be posted on <https://humboldt.legistar.com> on the Friday before the Planning Commission meeting. General questions regarding the Planning Commission, the permit process, submission of materials and other information not specific to this project may be obtained from the Planning Division of the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501 or email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us. Telephone (707) 445-7541.

The County of Humboldt is committed to providing equal access to all county programs, services and activities through the provision of accommodations for individuals with disabilities as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With 72 hours prior notice, a request for reasonable accommodation or modification can be made. Please contact the Planning Commission clerk at 707-445-7541 or by email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us or the ADA Coordinator at 844-365-0352 or by email at ada@co.humboldt.ca.us

Humboldt County Planning Commission
October 20, 2021

