

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

On **Thursday, December 3, 2020** 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.

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the Humboldt County Planning Commission meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

Email Public Comment:

To submit public comment to the Planning Commission please email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us, provide your name and the agenda item number(s) on which you wish to comment. All public comment submitted after the agenda has been published will be included with the administrative record after the fact.

Zoom Meeting ID and Access:

Further instructions on how to access the Zoom meeting can be found when the agenda is posted on Friday, November 27, 2020 by using the following link:

<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 a 15.3-million-gallon off-stream pond on the Marshall Ranch, adjacent to Redwood Creek, a tributary to the South Fork Eel River. The pond is designed to fill with rainwater (~5.5 million gallons) and water pumped from Redwood Creek during the wet season (~9.8 million gallons). This 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 pond has been sited and designed to fill during the winter wet season and release most of its stored water directly to Redwood Creek providing increased flows of 50 gallons per minute during the 5-month dry season. It is anticipated that the pond will be nearly drained at the end of each dry season for bull frog management. The Project also includes cooling gallery, associated infrastructure, erosion control, instream habitat enhancement structures, and a solar energy generation system to operate the Project. 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 29, 2020 to November 28, 2020.** Comments may be submitted to the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501 by **November 28, 2020**. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the same location as well as online via the Department's website, located at <https://humboldt.gov.org/156/Planning-Building>

The staff report for this project will be will be posted on <https://humboldt.legistar.com> on the Friday before the Planning Commission meeting.

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

Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at 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.

Humboldt County Planning Commission
October 28, 2020