

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice Is Hereby Given that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15072 and 15105, the City is providing **notice of an “Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact”** for the project described below. All interested persons are invited to comment on the draft Initial Study pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The draft Initial Study is available for review on the City’s website at: www.eurekaca.gov/441/CEQA-Documents or contact Public Works - Engineering to make an appointment to review in person.

30-day public comment period: **Commences:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Ends: Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

To submit written comments: **Mail or deliver to:**
City of Eureka, Public Works - Engineering
Attn: Kelly Allen, Project Manager
531 “K” Street
Eureka CA 95501

E-mail to:
kallen@eurekaca.gov

Further, **Notice Is Hereby Given** that the Eureka City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the project described below. The public hearing is scheduled for **Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Council Chamber, Eureka City Hall, 531 “K” Street, Eureka, California.

PROJECT TITLE: Flood Reduction and Sea Level Rise Resiliency

PROJECT NO: CUP-23-0004; ED-23-0013

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Eureka Public Works - Engineering

PROJECT LOCATION: Various Locations in stormwater basins G, F and E.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Eureka proposes this Project within urbanized coastal areas to reduce flooding, increase sea level rise resiliency, and improve water quality in Humboldt Bay. The Project improves the capacity and conveyance of the storm drain network to reduce flooding in combination with new tide and flap gates to reduce flood impacts from sea level rise. Low Impact Development (LID) features (e.g., rain gardens) will be placed along, or upstream of storm drain improvements and trash capture devices will be installed. Channel excavations and enhancement will occur within Palco Marsh to expand stormwater storage capacity and improve tidal circulation. Water quality benefits will be achieved by reductions in peak flows and runoff volumes that can create erosion and carry sediment loads to Humboldt Bay, and the LID features will provide additional pollutant removal from urban runoff. The trash capture devices will also reduce pollutants entering the Bay and help ensure that the system’s outfalls function properly

by reducing interference from debris. The existing stormdrain outfalls, structures and drainage channels will be modified or relocated to accommodate increased stormdrain flows associated with increased capacity upstream. Enhancement for fish and wildlife projects within the Natural Resource (NR) zone require a conditional use permit, and the California Coastal Commission has coastal development permit (CDP) jurisdiction within the City's NR zone; therefore, a CDP will be processed separately by the Coastal Commission. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(g)(5), no known hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites exist within the Project Area.

The public is invited to participate in the following manner:

1. **Attend the meeting in person.** City Hall will be open for this meeting. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.
2. **View and participate via Zoom.** Meeting ID:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87574634398?pwd=MUIncFZxcW5BM240OUsxZlF3MURDUT09>
*/Passcode: 627427/Meeting ID: 875 7463 4398/One tap mobile+16699006833,,87574634398#,,, *627427# US (San Jose)*
3. **Participate in writing.** Submit written comment at the meeting; by mail to 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501; email to kallen@eurekaca.gov; or deliver comments to City Hall lobby prior to Monday, August 14, 2023, at noon to ensure Commission receives your comment before the meeting. All written comments will be part of the public record for consideration but may not be read aloud during the meeting.
4. **View only on the City's website (no participation).** Watch live on the City of Eureka's website at www.ci.eureka.ca.gov; select Agendas, Meeting and Videos on the home page. Appeals to the City Council of the action of the Planning Commission, may be made within 10 calendar days of the action by filing a written Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk, along with the appeal fee as set by the City Council.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you or someone else raised at the public hearing or written correspondence received during or prior to the public hearing. Accommodations for handicapped access to City meetings must be requested of the City Clerk, 441-4175, five working days in advance of the meeting. If you have questions regarding the project or this notice, or would like to make an appointment to review the project file, please contact Public Works - Engineering at publicworks@eurekaca.gov or (707) 441-4194.