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A topographic map of Humboldt County, California, showing the county's outline and internal terrain features. The map uses a color gradient from light green to yellow and orange to represent elevation, with higher elevations shown in warmer colors. The map is centered on the page, and the words "GENERAL PLAN" are overlaid in large, bold, black capital letters across its middle.

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## Preamble

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By law each county in California must adopt a general plan, which is a comprehensive long-term framework for development. The general plan establishes the kinds, locations, and intensities of land uses as well as applicable resource protections and development policies.

This General Plan is the product of the input and effort of many organizations and community members. The Plan reflects and responds to changes that have occurred in the county with respect to land use, resource management, community needs, and community values. Its intent is to guide future land use so as to preserve and enhance the character of Humboldt County and the unique quality of life it offers.

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***“The General Plan bridges the gap between community values and decisions about how the county will grow and develop in the future. To get a sense of community values, you need to listen to the views of as many people as possible.”***

**—Humboldt County Critical Choices Report, March 2001**

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# Humboldt County General Plan

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