



**Humboldt County
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**Humboldt-Del Norte
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Commissioner Mary Gearheart, Chair
Humboldt County Planning Commission
3015 H Street
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RE: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Review (DEIR) of the Humboldt County General Plan Update

Dear Chair Gearheart and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process of updating the Humboldt County General Plan. After reviewing the DEIR, we have the following general comments.

Implementation Plan-It is our understanding that the Update needs to include an 'implementation plan'. The plan would include the approved implementation measures that would serve to carry out the plan's policies, standards, etc. It would also indicate the relative priority of each of the implementation measures accompanied by an estimated cost and the timing of completion. We note that the Appendix that relates to this item has been left blank.

It is our recommendation that the plan be completed now and considered by the Commission so that the Board of Supervisors may see what the Commission's perceptions are as to the implementation of the recommended update.

In addition, the feasibility of implementation of the Update needs to be considered. Without a comprehensive plan, we do not see how it could be found to be feasible to implement the plan (or gain compliance with the measures contained in the environmental document).

Notice of Preparation (NOP) and the implementing zoning maps and regulations- the NOP indicates that along with the Update to the General Plan, the implementing zoning (maps and regulations) were to be prepared and considered. Somewhere along the line, the County has chosen not to fully develop the maps and regulations. What environmental effects may be anticipated as a result of this decision? How will the proposed mitigation measures be enacted since the regulations are not with the plan (and the Environmental Document is not a set of regulations)? What are the anticipated effects of adopting the Update to the Plan without the implementation measures? Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance. Thank you for extending the comment period. We look forward to providing additional comments as we continue our review the DEIR.

Sincerely,

Humboldt County Resource Lands Working Group
The Buckeye ~ Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Humboldt Del Norte Cattlemen Association ~ Large Timberland Owners Group
Forest Landowners of California (Humboldt Co. Representatives)

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