



“Jobs, Housing & Property Rights”

September 22, 2011

Ms. Mary Gearheart, Chair
Planning Commission
County of Humboldt
825 Fifth Street, Room 111
Eureka, California 95501

Subject: General Plan update - Thirty (30) day Review Period for each Element
Example: Air Quality Element

Dear Chair Gearheart and Planning Commissioners:

We notice in the staff report for this evening’s Commission meeting, the statement that the Air Quality Element will be addressed by the Commission: “**As time may allow, introduce Chapter 15, Air Quality.**” It also puts the public on notice that hearings will be held during September and October, as time permits.

The Air Quality Element was first made available to the public on September 14, 2011 (see attached). The County’s 30-day review policy dictates that the Air Quality Element should not be on the Commission’s agenda prior to a Commission meeting on October 14, 2011.

We appreciate your administering this County policy and establishing the first date you will be addressing the Air Quality Element.

Thank you so much for addressing this subject, and correcting the subject Notice.

Sincerely,

Kay Backer
Kay Backer, representing
Humboldt Economic and Land Plan

cc: Planning Commissioners
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Notice of Release and Public Hearing Dates

Release of the Plan Alternatives for the **Air Quality Element**

of the Humboldt County Draft General Plan

September 14, 2011

The **Key Issues and Plan Alternatives Comparison Charts** for the draft General Plan Update (GPU) for **Chapter 15, Air Quality Element** is now available to the public. The Commission intends to continue the ongoing discussion of the draft Plan, (**currently discussing Chapter 12, Energy Element**) throughout September and October. Currently, future hearing dates identified include:

September 15, 2011

September 22, 2011

September 29, 2011 (**tentative**)

October 13, 2011

October 20, 2011

October 27, 2011

Public testimony on the Air Quality Element will begin once the Commission has completed their review of the Water Resources Element. The Commission will determine additional meeting dates depending on the volume of testimony and time necessary for deliberation. Notices of these hearings will be provided by email only unless a written request is received by County staff. To be placed on the email list to receive notices of the hearings please contact Martha Spencer at (707) 268-3704 or by email at m Spencer@co.humboldt.ca.us.

The Key Issues and Plan Alternatives Comparison Charts explain what the major issues are for these sections and list the goals, policies, standards, and implementation measures for Plan Alternatives A, B, C and D in one chart for comparison purposes. Copies are available on the GPU website at www.planupdate.org and will also be available for viewing at the Humboldt County Library and the Community Development Services Department front counter. For further information, or to be placed on the email list to receive notices of workshops, please contact Martha Spencer by email at m Spencer@co.humboldt.ca.us or by telephone at (707) 268-3704 or Tom Hofweber at 268-3738.

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Dated: September 14, 2011

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