DATE: May 21, 2008

TO: Humboldt County Planning Commission

FROM: Kirk Girard, Director of Community Development Services

SUBJECT: Adoption Package for the 2009 Housing Element Update

The attached staff report has been prepared for your consideration of the Tentative Adoption Package for the 2009 Housing Element Update at the public hearing on May 28, 2009. The staff report includes the following:

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Please contact Michael Richardson, Senior Planner, at 268-3723 if you have any questions about the scheduled public hearing item.
2009 HOUSING ELEMENT ADOPTION PACKAGE

Recommended Commission action:

May 21, 2009 meeting
1. Open the public hearing
2. Receive a staff report
3. Continue the item to the public hearing at 6:00 pm on May 28, 2009

May 28, 2009 meeting
1. Open the public hearing.
2. Receive a staff report.
3. Take a straw poll on the Tentative Planning Commission Positions Summary: 4-16-09.
5. Accept public comment on the new materials presented to the Commission.
6. Close the public comment period.
7. Take a straw poll on the Major Issues Briefing.
8. Continue the item to the public hearing at 6:00 pm on June 18, 2009 to review the final adoption.

June 18, 2009 meeting
1. Open the public hearing
2. Receive a staff report.
3. Recommend the Board of Supervisors Adopt the 2009 Housing Element Update as revised by the Planning Commission by approving the following motion; (roll call vote is required)

Executive Summary

Review of the April 16, 2009 Meeting

At the meeting of April 16, 2009, the Commission asked staff to revise and recirculate the draft EIR. The Commission also reviewed the “Major Issues Briefing”, which described the seven (7) remaining policy areas where there is not consensus among the individual Commissioners. The Commission also took public comment on the proposed Housing Element.

Proposed Actions for May 21

With the August 31, 2009 state deadline looming for adoption of the Housing Element Update, staff is recommending your Commission move forward with completing a recommendation on the Element: First, by receiving a staff report on May 21. Then on May 28, take a straw poll on the Tentative Planning Commission Positions Summary: 4-16-09, and deliberate on the Major Issues Briefing to the point where there is as much consensus as possible. Finally, at the June 18th meeting, staff will bring back an adoption package for final Planning Commission action.

The Commission should consider the recirculated EIR and comments received to date in all the deliberations. The public comment period for the recirculated EIR would not be completed until the beginning of July, and if there are any revisions to the Planning Commission position based on the public comments, these modifications will be brought forward to the Board of Supervisors before they begin their public hearings on the Housing Element.