

## **CITY OF EUREKA**

### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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Date: May 27, 2018

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies/Interested Organizations and Individuals

Project: City of Eureka 2040 General Plan Update (SCH 2016102025)

#### **Lead Agency**

City of Eureka  
Development Services Department  
531 K Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the project described below has been completed and is now available for public review. The EIR is intended to serve as an informational document for public agency decision-makers and the general public regarding the objectives and components of the proposed project. The document evaluates potentially significant adverse environmental impacts that could be associated with the project, and identifies project changes (mitigation measures) and project alternatives that would reduce or eliminate these impacts. The EIR does not set forth policy for the City about the proposed project's desirability. Rather, the EIR is an informational document to be used by decision-makers, public agencies, and the public. During the project review process, the City must consider all feasible mitigation measures and alternatives developed in the EIR to substantially lessen anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed project.

#### **Project Description**

The City's 2040 General Plan Update proposes to establish revised land use guidelines within the City. The plan provides the land use designations for all of the areas within the City Limits and identifies undeveloped and underutilized areas that are anticipated for future development. The plan establishes the desired pattern of growth, redevelopment, and conservation in the City of Eureka and its sphere-of influence (SOI). It provides guidance for future land uses, directs the intensity and trajectory of growth, and the overall design expectations for future development. The plan contains a number of policy elements, each of which provide goals and applicable policies for achieving each goal. Most of the goals and policies are directed towards planning and development activities within the Eureka City limits, but may also include goals and policies that would direct City response to development proposals within the City's SOI and the larger General Plan Study Area.

#### **Significant Impacts on the Environment Anticipated as a Result of the Proposed Project**

The analysis contained with the Draft EIR identified a number of impacts that would exceed significance thresholds. These include: 1) impacts to air quality (PM10 emissions); 2) impacts to historic, archaeological, and tribal cultural resources; 3) impacts to vehicle miles traveled (VMT). No other unavoidable significant impacts were identified in the EIR.

#### **Public Review Period**

The City of Eureka is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and is holding a public review period of the Draft EIR, during which time the public and interested parties

are invited to comment on the Draft EIR for the proposed General Plan Update. **Please note that the public comment period is May 29, 2018 through July 13, 2018.**

All comments should be directed to:

**Email: [generalplanupdate@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:generalplanupdate@ci.eureka.ca.gov)**

**Written comments may be submitted in person or by mail to:  
City of Eureka, Development Services, ATTN: General Plan Update, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA, 95501**

**Public Meeting**

This is not a notice of a public meeting or hearing. Future public hearings and meetings will be duly noticed.

**Location Where the Draft EIR May Be Reviewed**

The Draft EIR may be reviewed online at <http://www.eureka2040gpu.com> or <http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov>. Paper copies of the document may also be viewed at the locations listed below.

Eureka City Hall, Development Services Department, 531 K Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Eureka, CA 95501 (hours 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays)

Eureka Main Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (for open hours, visit <https://humboldt.gov/1518/Eureka-Main-Library>)

**Next Steps**

To be considered, all comments must be received by the end of the public comment period (**May 29, 2018 through July 13, 2018**). Upon completion of the 45-day public review period, responses to all substantive comments concerning the adequacy of the Draft EIR will be prepared and incorporated into a Final EIR. No sooner than 10 days following the submission of the responses to comments to public agencies, the City of Eureka will provide a notice of public hearing and a public hearing to consider certification of the Final EIR and the related discretionary actions concerning project approval.