



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/21/2026

File #: 26-498

To: Planning Commission

From: Planning and Building Department

Agenda Section: Departmental Report

SUBJECT:

General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report
Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 000-000-000
Record No.: LRP-2025-19452
All unincorporated areas of Humboldt County.

Receive Humboldt County 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report and 2025 Housing Element Annual Progress Report in accordance with General Plan Implementation Measures G-IM1 and H-IM76 (Progress Reports).

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Planning Commission:

1. Receive the staff report and recommend that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the staff report concerning the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report (Attachment 1) and the 2025 Housing Element Annual Progress Report, summarized in Attachments 1 and 1A pursuant to Government Code Section 65400(a)(2).

DISCUSSION:

Project Location: All unincorporated areas of Humboldt County.

Present General Plan Land Use Designation: All land use designations.

Present Zoning: All zoning districts.

Environmental Review: Consideration and acceptance of the General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports is informational in nature, does not create or alter policy, and is therefore exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306.

State Appeal: Project is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission.

Executive Summary:

Government Code Section 65400(a)(2) requires that planning agencies prepare two annual progress reports (APR), a General Plan APR and a Housing Element APR, and provide them to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Innovation (LCI) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1 of each year. The governing statute also requires that the reports be submitted to the Board of Supervisors but does not require the reports to be submitted to the legislative body prior to submitting the reports to HCD and LCI. The reports were submitted and accepted by HCD and LCI on March 23, 2026.

The General Plan APR (Attachment 1) assesses how the General Plan was implemented during the previous 12-month reporting period. There is no standardized format for the General Plan APR, although LCI does provide guidance regarding content. The General Plan APR includes a review of major land use activities undertaken during the reporting period, and information that may point toward a need for modifications to the General Plan or improved implementation. The General Plan APR implements General Plan Governance Policy Implementation Measure, G-IM1 - Progress Reports, and provides accountability and transparency to the Board and the community on the County's progress of implementing the General Plan during the previous year.

The Housing Element APR implements General Plan Housing Element Implementation Measure, H-IM76 - Progress Reports to the Planning Commission, the County shall report the progress of implementing the 2019 Housing Element to the Planning Commission within sixty (60) days of the Planning and Building Department filing the annual progress report as required by Government Code Section 65400.

The APR for the Housing Element is required to be prepared and submitted on detailed Excel spreadsheets provided by HCD. These spreadsheets are large and not appropriate as an attachment to this staff report. Attachment 1 contains a summary of the report while Attachment 1A provides further details on the Housing Element APR. The 2025 Housing Element APR filed on the State's mandatory reporting Excel form is found on the County webpage at the following URL: <https://humboldt.gov/3540/Annual-Housing-Progress-Report>.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Planning Commission may decide that modifications to the APR are necessary. If this alternative is chosen, the Planning Commission will need to recommend to the Board to direct Planning staff to file a modified annual progress report with the Governor's Office of Land Use

and Climate Innovation and the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Government Code Section 65400(a)(2).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 General Plan Annual Report dated March 23, 2026
 - A. Details of the 2025 Housing Element Progress Report

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