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**PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

825 Fifth Street
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Eureka, California

ACTION SUMMARY

Thursday, May 12, 2022

6:00 PM

Special Meeting - Hybrid

A. CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG

Chair Alan Bongio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Present : 5 - Commissioner Alan Bongio, Commissioner Noah Levy, Commissioner Mike L Newman, Commissioner Melanie McCavour and Commissioner Peggy O'Neill
Absent : 2 - Commissioner Brian Mitchell and Commissioner Thomas Mulder

C. DISCUSSION OF REMOTE MEETINGS:

1. Resolution 22-XXX Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Humboldt County Planning Commission

A motion was made by Commissioner McCavour, seconded by Commissioner Newman, that the Resolution for the Planning Commission to hold remote teleconference meetings May 12, 2022, through June 11, 2022 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner McCavour and Commissioner O'Neill

D. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment period opened and closed

H. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Present : 7 - Commissioner Alan Bongio, Commissioner Noah Levy, Commissioner Brian Mitchell, Commissioner Mike L Newman, Commissioner Melanie McCavour, Commissioner Peggy O'Neill and Commissioner Thomas Mulder

Absent : 0

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Coastal Development Permit Record Number PLN-2022-17654 (filed 02/28/2022)

Assessor’s Parcel Number: County right-of-way does not have APNs. Adjacent APNs include but not limited to 501-012-012, 501-031-032, 501-011-006, and 501-031-031.

Bayside area

A Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the small portion of the project that is located within the County’s jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone. The project would improve motorized and non-motorized transportation and user safety in Bayside. The Project would repave Old Arcata Road, include bike lanes on both sides of the roadway alignment, and improve and extend an existing shared use walkway along the west side of Old Arcata Road from approximately 600 feet south of the Buttermilk Road Roundabout and extending south to approximately 300 feet beyond the Jacoby Creek Road intersection. The total Project length is approximately one mile. The portion of the project within both the Coastal Zone and the County’s jurisdiction is located at the southern end of the project, is approximately 530 feet in length, and includes a portion of the proposed roundabout. As a Responsible Agency, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will consider the final EIR (SCH #2021010176) that the city of Arcata approved, per §15096 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Public comment period opened and closed

A motion was made by Commissioner McCavour, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, that the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Coastal Development Permit be approved as modified requiring the City of Arcata to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the round about, and add a hedge row to protect the air quality near the school. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner McCavour, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder
 Nay: 1 - Commissioner Bongio
 Recused: 1 - Commissioner Newman

- 2. PG&E After-the-fact Coastal Development Permit
 Record Number PLN-14376-CDP (filed 09/24/2020)
 Adjacent to Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 517-041-016
 Trinidad Area

An after-the-fact Coastal Development Permit which includes modification of an existing electric distribution facility previously constructed without permits. Proposed modifications to the facility consist of the following: removal of one 45-foot-tall utility pole, replacement of two 45-foot-tall utility poles with 55-foot-tall poles, installation of a new 55-foot-tall pole and 3 platform mounted voltage regulators. The poles were installed within the County right-of-way and near the driveway that serves parcel 517-041-016. An existing utility pole is located 8-feet south of the existing driveway and will remain in place. The design standards for allowable pole sizes for platform mounted voltage regulators has changed to a 55-foot-tall pole, while the previous standards allowed for a 45-foot-tall pole, driving the need for the height increase of the existing facility. PG&E is proposing to install three (3) 55-foot-tall poles in accordance with these standards. These new poles would be 10-feet taller than the existing 45-foot-tall poles. Additionally, the height of the conductor and distribution line would change from 39-feet to 47-feet. The voltage regulators and other equipment will remain at approximately the same height. The development does not qualify for the repair and maintenance exclusion under Coastal Act Section 30610(d) because the new poles are an expansion of the existing pole layout that supports the existing electric distribution line. No major vegetation removal occurred as part of the installation of the existing poles. The Humboldt County Planning Commission will consider the project which is exempt per §15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Public comment period opened and closed

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Neill, seconded by Commissioner Levy, that the PG&E After-the-fact Coastal Development Permit be continued to the June 16, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner McCavour, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

J. PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Public comment period opened and closed

K. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Levy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner McCavour, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

L. NEXT MEETING May 19, 2022 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting - Hybrid