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**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**825 Fifth Street
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Eureka, California**

AGENDA

Thursday, May 12, 2022

6:00 PM

Special Meeting - Hybrid

HOW TO LISTEN OR WATCH THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

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- 1. <https://zoom.us/j/84465598668> Password: 604225*
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Participate in the public comment period of the meeting in the following two ways:

- 1. In Person: Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at the hearing located in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California. The Planning Commission needs 15 COPIES of any materials submitted at the meeting.*
- 2. Via Computer as an attendee: To raise your hand click the Raise Hand icon on the bottom of the Zoom window. When you click the Raise Hand icon, a hand icon will appear next to your name that will notify the host your hand is raised. You will also see the hand icon turn green. When you want to lower your hand, you can click the hand icon again and your hand will be lowered. When you are called upon to speak the Zoom platform will ask you for permission to unmute your mic. If you encounter any issues, please use the call-in option below.*
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PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

Public comments may be submitted via email to Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please provide the project title, record or case number and date of the hearing. The deadline for submitting written comments is 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2022. After the deadline, written comments may be submitted to the commission in person during the meeting. Verbal comments may be made in person, or on zoom. Comments received after the agenda is posted on Friday, May 06, 2022, can be found at the "Attachments" section of the "Meeting Details" link next to the posted Agenda at: <https://humboldt.legistar.com>, and will be included with the administrative record. If you do not have access to email, contact the planning clerk at 707-268-3702. Please note that each Zoom meeting has a unique meeting ID and password. Any item on this agenda that is continued to a future date will use the meeting ID and password applicable to the date the agenda item is to be heard again.

A. CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG**B. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT****C. DISCUSSION OF REMOTE MEETINGS:**

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Resolution No 22-__ Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Humboldt County Planning Commission for the period of May 12, 2022, through June 11, 2022, Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings this May 12, 2022, through June 11, 2022.

Attachments: [Resolution Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings_AB-361_5-6-22](#)

D. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time persons may appear before this Commission on any matter pertinent to the Commission's Jurisdiction and that is not on the Agenda. When the Chair asks for public comment, please address the Commission from the microphone. Unless otherwise stated, speakers will have three (3) minutes for public comment. Although the Commission may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Commission at this time.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The projects listed below are public hearing items that have generated public comment prior to the hearing date or have other issues related to them that may require discussion

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.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to 1) find that the Planning Commission has considered the EIR, including the environmental effects of the project, and 2) make all of the required findings for approval of the Coastal Development Permit and 3) approve the Old Arcata Road Coastal Development Permit as recommended by staff subject to the recommended conditions.

Attachments: [17654 Arcata Roundabout CDP Executive Summary 05.12.22](#)
[17654 Arcata Roundabout CDP Staff Report 05.12.22](#)

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.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to 1) find the project subject to a Categorical Exemption (Section 15303(d)), 2) make all of the required findings for approval of the modification of a Coastal Development Permit based on evidence in the staff report, and 3) approve the PG&E project subject to the recommended conditions.

Attachments: [14376 PGE CDP Executive Summary 05.12.22](#)
[14376 PGE CDP Staff Report 05.12.22](#)

I. PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

1. Night Sky Violations on Cannabis Farms

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

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