



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
I-5

Hearing Date: January 24, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: John H. Ford, Director, Planning and Building Department
Subject: General Plan Update, Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) Schedule Report

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Supervisors receive a report regarding the schedule for completion of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Draft General Plan.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The cost of the RDEIR preparation, including consultant work is included in the Planning and Building Department, Advance Planning Division's FY2016/17 budget.

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CAO Approval Cheryl Dillingham

REVIEW: Auditor MSM County Counsel JWE Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:
Board Order No. _____
Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell
Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Jan. 24, 2017

By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

On February 1, 2016 the Board of Supervisors approved a schedule for the General Plan Update (GPU), which was premised on all Advanced Planning staff having dedicated time to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), including the supervising planner returning to the division. Staff gave a subsequent update to the Board on September 13, 2016, stating that the hired consultants were about a month behind schedule. It was reported to the Board that the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) would be in circulation to the general public, Tribes, agencies, districts, and jurisdictions, by the beginning of 2017.

The Department has been targeting submittal of the RDEIR to the Office and Planning and Research (OPR) on Friday, January 13, 2017. This is not realistic. The consultant's work, received until December 16, 2016, requires more review and revision than anticipated. Staff is completing the final review of the administrative draft, but even it will be important to put a screen check draft together once all changes are made and edit for quality.

Staff is revising the schedule as shown on Attachment 1. The RDEIR will be sent to OPR on February 10, 2017 to begin public review on February 13, 2017. That will start a 50 day circulation period that ends April 5, 2017. Staff has scheduled 60 days to respond to comments and revise the DEIR. The 60 day period ends on June 9, 2017. A Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be drafted and presented to the Board. Board hearings to consider and certify the FEIR are proposed to begin July 11, 2017. Additional hearings can be conducted during July and on August 15 and 22 as necessary. Upon certification of the FEIR, the General Plan can be adopted either at the same meeting as consideration of the FEIR or at a subsequent meeting.

This schedule results in approximately a 30 day delay in consideration of the EIR from the schedule discussed in September. The delay does allow consideration of the FEIR to avoid fiscal year budget discussions in June. Staff recommends that the Board and CAO consider this update on the schedule and provide guidance as appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of the RDEIR preparation, including consultant work is included in the Planning and Building Department, Advance Planning Division's FY2016/17 budget.

BOARD'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This supports the Board's Strategic Framework by pro-actively evaluating the environmental effects of the revised General Plan to ensure that it meets laws and regulations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The General Plan Update program has been a multi-year project. Multiple agencies have been involved in the review and preparation of the Planning Commission approved Draft General Plan.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

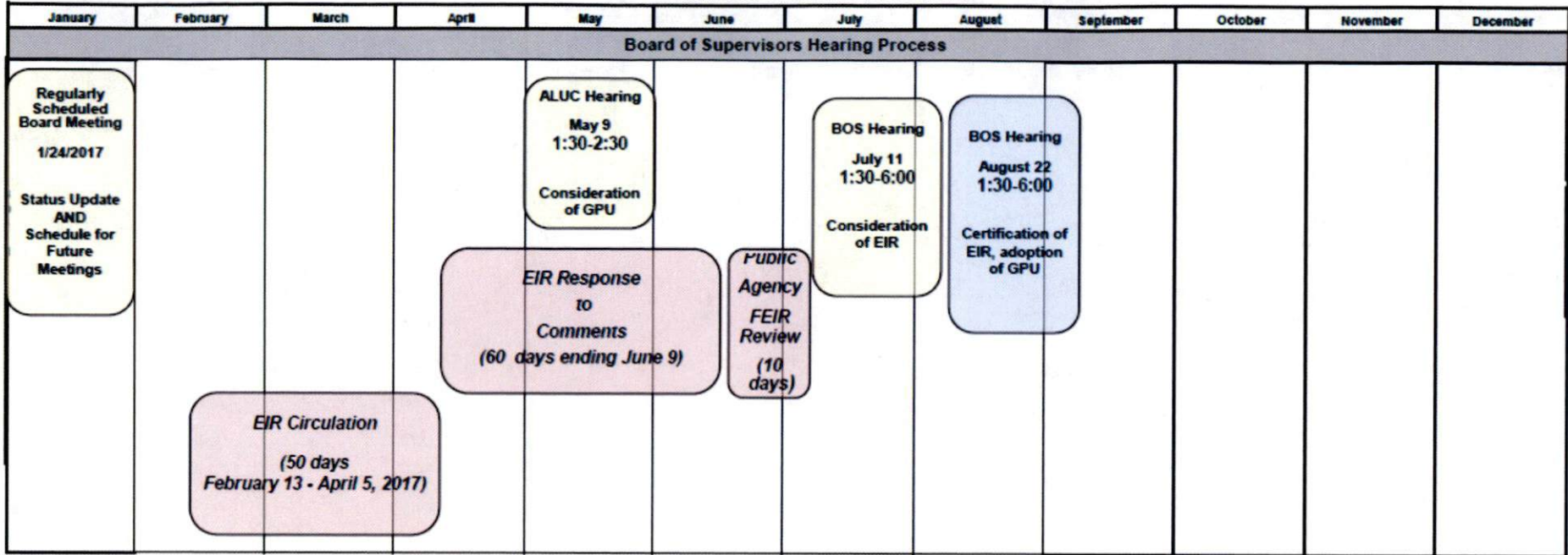
Staff has been working to keep the General Plan EIR on track. It is not realistic to complete the process sooner.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Revised Draft EIR Schedule

Attachment 1

Revised Draft EIR Schedule



- Cancelled
- BOS deliberation
- Future Proposed Meeting
- Staff Work

GPU PART 1 – SETTING **FINISHED REVIEW**
 Chapter 1. Introduction
 Chapter 2. Public Guide
 Chapter 3. Governance Policy
 GPU PART 2 – BUILDING COMMUNITIES **FINISHED REVIEW**
 Chapter 4. Land Use Element
 Chapter 5. Community Infrastructure and Services
 Chapter 6. Telecommunications
 Chapter 7. Circulation Element
 Chapter 8. Housing Element Summary
 Chapter 9. Economic Development Element

GPU PART 3 – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT **FINISHED REVIEW**
 Chapter 10. Conservation and Open Space Elements
 Chapter 11. Water Resources Element
 Chapter 12. Energy Element
 GPU PART 4 – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY **FINISHED REVIEW**
 Chapter 13. Noise Element
 Chapter 14. Safety Element
 Chapter 15. Air Quality Element
 GPU PART 5 - MAPS **FINISHED REVIEW**