

Notice of Public Hearing

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 311 Fourth Street, Yreka, California on the following item:

Merlo Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry (APA2521)

The project proposes to rescind the applicant's property from the current Williamson Act contracts with subsequent re-entry while simultaneously amending the existing agricultural preserves in order to bring all properties under one individual Agricultural Preserve and one individual Williamson Act Contract with the commercial agricultural use of rangeland and pasture for livestock production and forage. The project site is located east of the city of Etna, east of McConaughy Gulch Road and south of Bearcat Road, on APN 023-321-100 and 023-341-230 (portion), Township 42N, Range 8W, Section 34, MDBM (Latitude 41.4380°, Longitude 122.7512°).

It is anticipated that the proposed agricultural preserve and Williamson Act contract amendments will be determined to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15317, Open Space Contracts or Easements. A "categorical exemption" certifies that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effect. The Board of Supervisors will consider the appropriateness of said environmental recommendation based on the record of evidence before them. If substantial evidence has been presented demonstrating a more appropriate environmental determination than the one that has been recommended, the Board of Supervisors may require and/or approve an alternative environmental determination pursuant to the requirements of CEQA.

All project documents are on file at the Planning Division of the Siskiyou County Community Development Department and are available for public review and a staff report, and all attachments will be available for public review three working days prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting either at the Planning Division office or online on the Siskiyou County website.

All interested persons are invited to be present and be heard thereon or present comments in writing to the Board of Supervisors, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka, CA 96097 or to the following email: wendy@sisqvotes.org. All items presented to the Board of Supervisors during a public hearing, including but not limited to, letters, e-mail, petitions, photos, or maps, become a permanent part of the record and must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. It is advised that the presenter bring 7 copies of anything presented to the Board and that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records. As a courtesy to the public, Siskiyou County offers teleconference access to the hearing, however, if no member of the Board of Supervisors is attending the hearing via teleconference and disruption, outage, or technical error occurs, the Board reserves the right to discontinue teleconference access and to continue conducting the hearing.

All public records related to an open session item on the agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka CA 96097 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to **a majority of** the members of the legislative body. All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, located in the Siskiyou County Clerk's Office, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka, CA 96097, during regular business hours, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you challenge the categorical exemption, Williamson Act Contract amendment and/or Agricultural Preserve amendment in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

By: s/ Wendy Winningham, Deputy