

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 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:

Williamson Act Guidelines Update

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting amendments to the County's Rules for the Establishment and Administration of Agricultural Preserves and Williamson Act Contracts. The proposed amendments update and clarify the County's standards and procedures for administering its Williamson Act program, including requirements relating to agricultural eligibility, commercial agricultural production, compatible uses, commercial viability, changes in agricultural use, compliance monitoring, enforcement, contract amendments, transfers of contracted land, and breaches of Williamson Act contracts.

The proposed amendments are intended to ensure that land enrolled in the County's Williamson Act program remains primarily devoted to the commercial production of agricultural commodities and that the County's program is administered consistently with the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, Government Code Section 51200 et seq.

It is anticipated that adoption of the proposed amendments will be exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that adoption of the amendments will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed amendments establish administrative standards and procedures and do not approve or authorize any particular development project or physical change to the environment. The Board of Supervisors will consider the appropriateness of the recommended environmental determination based on the record before it. If substantial evidence is presented demonstrating that a different environmental determination is appropriate, the Board of Supervisors may require or approve an alternative environmental determination pursuant to CEQA.

The proposed guidelines and related documents are on file with the Planning Division of the Siskiyou County Community Development Department and are available for public review. A staff report will be available for public review at least three working days before the Board of Supervisors meeting. Questions regarding the proposed amendments may be directed to the Planning Division at (530) 841-2100.

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, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you challenge the CEQA determination or the validity of this project 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 Planning prior to or at the public hearing.

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

By: s:/ Wendy Winningham, Deputy