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Agenda

Siskiyou County Planning Commission Regular Meeting

January 21, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Siskiyou County Meeting Chambers, 311 Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Yreka, California

If a member of the public wishes to speak on an item on the agenda they must appear in person, complete a Speaker's Card, and return it to a staff member. Additionally, public comments may be emailed to planning@co.siskiyou.ca.us before 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the Planning Commission meeting (the Clerk does not have the ability to access email during the meeting). Public comments submitted after the publication of the staff report will be provided to the Planning Commissioners by the day of the public hearing. If the public comment is to be read during the public hearing, please indicate that it should be read. Reading of any emailed public comment is limited to three (3) minutes. Emails that are not indicated to be read aloud will, in any case, be provided to the Commissioners and become part of the record.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify the Clerk of the Planning Commission 48 hours prior to the meeting at (530) 841-2100.

I. Call to Order: Siskiyou County Planning Commission Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2025
4. **Unscheduled Appearances:** Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration.

6. **Presentation of Documents:** All items presented to the Planning Commission during a public hearing become a permanent part of the record. Twelve copies of any information presented to the Commission should be given to the Clerk of the Commission for distribution to the Commissioners. In order to obtain an accurate record of the testimony, please address the Commission at the speaking podium and clearly introduce yourself with your full name and address. **Your address will not be included in the minutes of the meeting.** A maximum of five minutes per speaker will be given so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to address the Commission.
7. **Availability of Public Records:** All public records related to an open session item on this 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 806 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the members of the legislative body. All project documents are on file at the Planning Division of the Siskiyou County Community Development Department, 806 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, and available for public review.
8. **Public Hearing Protocol:** The public is encouraged to participate in the hearing process. The Chair of the Planning Commission will conduct the public hearing through the following actions:
 - A. The Chair introduces the agenda item.
 - B. The Staff Report is presented.
 - C. Submitted correspondence is acknowledged and made part of the public record.
 - D. Additional reports, arguments, or evidence will be submitted by other County departments or public agencies.
 - E. The Chair will ask if any of the Commissioners have questions of staff.
 - F. The Chair will open the public hearing.
 - G. Proponents are given an opportunity to present their arguments and evidence.
 - H. Opponents are given an opportunity to present their arguments and evidence.
 - I. Other public comments are given.
 - J. The project proponent is given an opportunity to present a rebuttal.
 - K. After all testimony has been given, the Chair will close the public hearing and the Commission will discuss the matter. During this discussion, Commission members may individually ask questions of the project proponent, opponent, or staff, at the convenience of the Commission.
 - L. After discussion, the Chair will ask for a motion and a second, and the Commission will render its decision.
9. **Right of Appeal Statement:** Projects heard at this Planning Commission meeting may be subject to appeal within ten (10) calendar days of today's meeting (if the 10th day falls on a weekend, the appeal must be received the following business day). Please contact the County Clerk for information. Appeals must be submitted to the County Clerk's office

together with the appeal fee of \$1,250. If you challenge the environmental review or the project proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to Siskiyou County Planning at, or prior to, the public hearing.

10. Changes to Agenda Items and Consideration of Agenda Items to be Continued.

II. New Business

Agenda Item 1: Elwood Ranch Sale Barn (UP-25-02) / Statutorily Exempt from CEQA

The project site is located on Juniper Valley Drive, near the Big Springs Road/Juniper Valley Drive intersection, approximately 1 mile northeast of the community of Lake Shastina; APN 019-060-020; Township 43N, Range 4W, Section 30, MDB&M; 41°32'50"N 122°21'15"W. The project is a proposed use permit to allow construction and operation of an approximately 8,000-square-foot agricultural sale barn facility for cattle auctions and limited agricultural events, located on a 40-acre parcel in the AG-2 zoning district.

Planning Staff Recommendations:

Adopt Resolution PC 2025-023 taking the following actions:

1. Determine that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Common Sense Exemption under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Approve the Use Permit (UP-25-02) request based on the recommended findings and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

(Discussion/Action Item)

- A. Staff Report
- B. Commission Questions
- C. Public Hearing
- D. Commission Discussion
- E. Voice Vote, unless there is a request for a Roll Call Vote

Agenda Item 2: General Plan - Open Space and Conservation Element (GPA-26-01)

Staff presentation of draft versions of the Open Space and Conservation Element for Planning Commission and public review. The Open Space and Conservation Element provides a land use policy framework to guide the conservation and management of Siskiyou County's natural, agricultural, and cultural resources. This review is informational only and is exempt from CEQA under Guidelines §§15061(b)(3), 15306, and 15378.

Planning Staff Recommendations:

No formal action is requested. Staff is seeking direction regarding which draft version is preferred by the Planning Commission.

(Discussion/Action Item)

- A. Staff Report
- B. Commission Questions
- C. Public Hearing
- D. Commission Discussion

IV. Items for Discussion/Direction

V. Miscellaneous:

1. **Future Meetings:** The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Correspondence**
3. **Staff Comments**
4. **Commission Comments:** Under Government Code Section 54952.2, may include: (1) a brief announcement; (2) a question for clarification; (3) a brief report on his or her own activities; (4) request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or (5) take action to direct staff to place a matter of business (or issue) on a future agenda.

VI. Adjournment