



CITY OF CAPITOLA Notice of Public Hearing General Plan Update

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE CITY OF CAPITOLA PLANNING COMMISSION ON APRIL 3, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010 TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF CAPITOLA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.

The City of Capitola is considering a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan to provide an updated policy framework and consolidated land use designations intended to guide future growth and development in Capitola. The General Plan Update would establish new goals, policies, action items, illustrations, and diagrams necessary to bring the General Plan into compliance with current State law and to reflect the community's visions and values. The General Plan Update will establish and implement new goals and policies for sustainable growth while balancing goals for resource conservation and economic development.

The General Plan Update would include new State-mandated elements for Land Use, Open Space, Conservation, Safety, Noise, and Transportation. An Economic Development Element is also included as an optional element. The proposed General Plan Update would supersede the City's current General Plan, adopted in 1989, with the exception of the Housing Element, which was updated in 2010 in compliance with State law.

The General Plan Update aims to preserve and enhance Capitola's unique community identity; protect and enhance residential neighborhoods; preserve natural resources and promote environmental sustainability; strengthen the local economy; promote fiscally-responsible municipal decision making; provide a balanced transportation system for all modes of travel; and protect the health and safety of the community.

The City of Capitola as Lead Agency has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update which will also be reviewed and considered by the Planning Commission. The City of Capitola Planning Commission will deliberate the merits of the proposed General Plan Update and EIR and will make a recommendation to the City Council who has final decision making authority on the project.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend and testify at the public hearing. A staff report with attachments, including the proposed General Plan Update and EIR will be available at www.plancapitola.com. Questions or comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010, 831-475-7300, or by email to rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us.