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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

The City Council of the City of Etna will host a public workshop on **Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** at the City of Etna Council Chambers, 442 Main Street, Etna, California on the following item:

### **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION ELEMENT**

The City of Etna is in the process of updating its General Plan. General plans are policy documents that address seven topics of community importance: land use, housing, open space, conservation, noise, safety, and circulation. Each topic area is treated to its own chapter, or element, of the General Plan. The open space element identifies areas that provide value in a natural state, and it establishes a plan to preserve such areas. The conservation element identifies natural resources within the City (e.g., wetlands, air quality, groundwater, soils, biological resources, etc.) as well as goals, policies, and programs for their protection, retention, enhancement, and development. The open space and conservation elements are often combined because of the overlapping topics each is required to address.

#### **Why is the City of Etna updating its Circulation Element?**

Generally, cities and counties update their general plans every 10 to 20 years. Aside from Etna's recently updated Housing Element (2024), the General Plan was last updated in 2005. Because it has been nearly 20 years since the last update, the City initiated an update of the General Plan to ensure that it meets current state requirements, that it continues to represent the community's vision for itself, and that it provides the guidance necessary to accomplish this vision. Due to the breadth of issues covered by the General Plan, the workshop on October 28, 2024, is dedicated to issues addressed by the Open Space & Conservation Element.

#### **Who should get involved in the General Plan Update?**

The City's goal is to foster strong public participation throughout the General Plan update process and the City would like to hear from the entire community. To ensure the General Plan reflects the voices and spirit of Etna, the City is hosting a series of community engagement activities. The best way to learn about activities and events is by getting involved. The workshop to discuss the Open Space & Conservation Element will be held on October 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers located at 442 Main Street, Etna, California. Please tell your friends and neighbors. The City wants to hear from everyone!

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