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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Etna will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Etna City Council Chambers, 307 S. Main Street, Etna, California on the following item:

GENERAL PLAN INTRODUCTION, LAND USE ELEMENT & SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES

The project consists of city-initiated updates to the City of Etna General Plan Introduction, Land Use Element, and Safety Element. The Introduction would be updated to describe the purpose, scope, and intended use of the Plan; summarize state mandates for the Plan; and identify the key planning strategies used in developing the Plan. The Land Use Element would be updated to incorporate the issues, opportunities, and constraints identified throughout the Plan in an effort to balance them with the community's goals for its future development and to ensure an adequate supply of land uses to meet the foreseeable needs of the community. The Land Use Element would be further updated to include an analysis of population growth, a description of the distribution of land uses, an assessment of possible disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and new and updated maps. A new Rural Residential land use classification would be introduced for lands used for agriculture, affected by 100-year floodplain, and/or that have been identified as containing potential wetlands. The Safety Element would be updated to better safeguard the community from risks associated with seismically induced surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, and dam failure; slope instability leading to mudslides and landslides; subsidence; liquefaction; and other seismic and geologic hazards; flooding; and wildland and urban fires. Information regarding fire hazards, fire protection, and emergency services has been incorporated into the draft Safety Element along with information on residential developments lacking sufficient access. Mapping of known hazards has been included, and evacuation routes, water supply, minimum road widths and clearances around structures, and climate change are addressed. The Siskiyou County, California Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update would be adopted and incorporated into the Safety Element update by reference.

It is anticipated that the project will be determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (i.e., the Commonsense Exemption). A CEQA exemption implies that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects. The City Council will consider the appropriateness of said environmental recommendation based on the record of evidence before them. If substantial evidence is presented demonstrating a more appropriate environmental determination than the one being recommended, the City Council may require and/or approve an alternative environmental determination pursuant to the requirements of CEQA.

All publications are available for public review at Etna City Hall, 442 Main Street, Etna, California, and all interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and be heard on any agenda item. In addition, a staff report for the project will be available at City Hall three working days prior to the City Council meeting. Please contact Pamela Eastlick, City Clerk, at (530) 467-5256 on the day of the scheduled public hearing as to whether the item will be heard on that date or continued to another date. All items presented to the City Council 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 City Clerk. It is advised that the presenter bring 12 copies of anything presented to the Council and that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records. If you challenge either the environmental determination or proposed 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 the City of Etna at, or prior to, the public hearing.

PAMELA EASTLICK, ETNA CITY CLERK