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Supervisors to Review Humboldt County Fire Plan! May 28, 2013 Agenda Item

Humboldt County, CA – The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (The Board) is set to review the Final Draft of the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update. The CWPP is a scheduled agenda item at The Board's May 28, 2013 meeting. The Board is being asked to certify that the CWPP has adequately met the standards of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act - that the plan was developed collaboratively, identifies areas for fuel reduction projects, and recommends measures to reduce the ignitability of structures. The Chair of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, the President of the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association, and the Humboldt-Del Norte CAL FIRE Unit Chief have all signed off on the plan, certifying that it meets the criteria for a CWPP and are now forwarding it on to the Board.

This CWPP is relevant to all Humboldt County residents, especially those living in high wildfire hazard areas. In recent years, the severity of wildfires across the country has increased dramatically, drawing attention to the need for community preparedness measures. The previous version of this Plan has been successfully utilized by community groups throughout Humboldt County to secure substantial grant awards to support wildfire mitigation projects. Such projects include the management of flammable vegetation to protect community values, roadside vegetation clearance, fire-safety education, and other preventative efforts that enhance communities' wildfire preparedness and resilience.

The proposed <u>Final CWPP</u> is available online through the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council Home Page at: http://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/natural-resources/fire_safe_council/. A hard copy of the plan is also available at the front counter in The Board's office in the Humboldt County Courthouse. Please direct questions to Cybelle Immitt at: cimmitt@co.humboldt.ca.us or call (707) 268-3736.

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