



# **LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE:**

## **Archeological and Visual Resources**



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# Introductions



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# Agenda



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- 1. Overview of Archeological and Visual Resources Local Coastal Program Update**
- 2. Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Process: Archeological Resources**
- 3. Role of the Archeological Commission**
- 4. Feedback and comments on the current process**

# Overview of Archeological and Visual Resources Local Coastal Program Update



1. Mendocino County Coastal Setting
2. Coastal Zone Regulatory Framework
3. Archeological and Visual Resources
4. Policy Effectiveness
5. Potential Revisions
6. Public and Stakeholder Outreach

# LCP Requirements / CDP Process

## **LCP Policy 3.5-10:**

The County shall review all development permits to ensure that proposed projects will not adversely affect existing archaeological and paleontological resources. Prior to approval of any proposed development within an area of known or probable archaeological or paleontological significance, a limited field survey by a qualified professional shall be required at the applicant's expense to determine the extent of the resource. Results of the field survey shall be transmitted to the State Historical Preservation Officer and Cultural Resource Facility at Sonoma State University for comment. ... Development in these areas are subject to any additional requirements of the Mendocino County Archaeological Ordinance.

## **Municipal Code Ch. 22.12 (Archaeological Ordinance):**

1. NWIC referral initiated by County staff
2. Archeological Commission hearing scheduled if NWIC recommends field survey or specific mitigations
3. Archeological Commission approves, modifies or overturns NWIC recommendation
4. Applicant hires a registered professional archeologist (RPA) to evaluate site and write a report if required by Commission.
5. Second Arch Commission to approve, modify or overturn RPA report.

# Role of Arch Commission (Municipal Code Ch. 22.12)

## Sec. 22.12.010 - Purpose and Findings.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino hereby finds and declares that there exists in the County of Mendocino areas of great importance for the study of the prehistoric and historic human past of the State of California. The resources are hereinafter referred to as "archaeological sites," or "sites." The board further finds that:

- (A) Such sites are irreplaceable phenomena of significance to the past of Mendocino County and for the knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritage of our land;
- (B) The character of such sites has attracted and can attract visitors and scientific interest to the County;
- (C) Such sites constitute a precious archaeological and historic heritage, which is disappearing due to public and private land development and modifications, as well as uncontrolled excavation and collection;
- (D) The conservation of these sites is essential to the cultural life of the County; and
- (E) In order to promote public awareness and welfare, it is necessary to provide regulations for the conservation and mitigation of these sites.



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# Current Process Feedback



## Commissioner Roundtable



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# Questions?