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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR  
THE MENDOCINO COUNTY INTEGRATED WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE INTEGRATED WILDLIFE  
DAMAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SCH# 2018082076)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard, will conduct a public hearing on the following project, to be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:** Mendocino County Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program.

**LOCATION:** All Unincorporated areas of Mendocino County, including the Coastal Zone.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for this project to assess potential environmental impacts. The EIR is comprised of two parts, the Draft EIR and the Final EIR. The Draft EIR was made available and circulated for public review and comment, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for a 60-day public review period from June 13, 2019 through August 12, 2019, and a public meeting on the Draft EIR was held on July 24, 2019 at the County of Mendocino Board of Supervisors Chambers to solicit public comments. The Final EIR responds to the comments and includes text revisions to the Draft EIR in response to input received on the Draft EIR. Unlike the Draft EIR, comments on the Final EIR are not required to be responded to by the County. If written comments are received, they will be addressed, as needed, as part of the staff report for the project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is approval of an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) Program to protect agricultural and livestock commodities, human health and safety, natural resources, and property from wildlife damage. Two project-level alternatives have been analyzed in the EIR for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

The proposed project would include the approval by Mendocino County of a five-year Cooperative Services Agreement (CSA), including annual work plans (work and financial plans) required by the five-year CSA, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services California Office (WS-CA) for wildlife damage management assistance in the County. While the CSA would fund an initial five-year term during which WS-CA would implement the IWDM Program in the County, the IWDM Program being analyzed in the EIR is not limited to five years. Rather, the proposed project would adopt and establish the IWDM Program for ongoing implementation in the County. Any future discretionary actions by the County necessary to implement the Program would need to be evaluated for consistency with the IWDM Program and conformance with the EIR.

The first equal-weight project-level alternative is the Non-Lethal Program Alternative. The Non-Lethal Program Alternative would not use or recommend lethal methods to attempt to resolve wildlife damage. It is assumed for the Non-Lethal Alternative that Mendocino County would contract with an outside governmental or non-governmental agency to provide personnel who would give technical information and operational assistance on non-lethal management methods to livestock managers. Similarly, the Draft EIR included an equal-level analysis of a variation to the Non-Lethal Program Alternative, wherein lethal wildlife damage management would be used exclusively for the protection of human health and safety, and the only method of euthanasia allowed would be lethal gunshot.

**REQUESTED ACTIONS:** The Board of Supervisors will consider:

- (1) Pursuant to Section 21082.1(c) of the California Public Resources Code, Certification and Adoption of the EIR for the IWDM Program, findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and, as necessary, accompanying mitigation measures and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- (2) Adoption of a Countywide IWDM Program, as described above.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Copies of the Final EIR and related documents will be available for review starting no later than ten (10) days before the public hearing date, from Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at the County of Mendocino, Department of Planning and Building Services, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, California, except on specified holidays, and online at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-notice>.

In addition, the Final EIR will be available for review at the following Mendocino County Library locations, starting no later than ten (10) days before the public hearing date, during their respective hours of operation (please visit [www.mendolib.org](http://www.mendolib.org) for hours of operation):

- Fort Bragg Library, 499 E. Laurel Street, Fort Bragg, California
- Ukiah Library, 105 N. Main Street, Ukiah, California
- Willits Library, 390 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California

Your comments regarding the above project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, California, 95482, no later than December 16, 2019. Oral comments may be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the public hearing.

The Board of Supervisors action on this matter shall be final. If you challenge the 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 Department of Planning and Building Services or the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

Additional information regarding the above noted item(s) may be obtained by calling the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 707-463-4441, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., or the Department of Planning and Building Services at 707-234-6650, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Board's decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The County of Mendocino complies with ADA requirements and upon request, will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in appropriate alternative formats (pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.2). Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by calling 707-463-4441 at least five days prior to the meeting.

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