



-MENDOCINO COUNTY COASTAL ELEMENT-



2. THE LAND USE PLAN

2.1 ORGANIZATION

The Coastal Element of the Mendocino County General Plan consists of maps and a text applying only to the portion of Mendocino County within the coastal zone established by the Coastal Act. The 32 sectional plan maps of the Mendocino County coastal zone are reproducible but not reducible to page size. Scales are 1 inch = 600 feet throughout the entire coastal zone and 1 inch = 200 feet for the Town of Mendocino. Resource Maps showing Habitat/Resources and Land Capability/Hazards were prepared in November 1979 and corrected in April 1980 at the same scale as are the plan maps, with the exception of the area north of Rockport, which is scaled at 1 inch = 2000 feet. No resource maps were prepared for the Town of Mendocino.

The Coastal Element includes the land use plan maps, the land use classifications and policies in Chapter 2, the policies and tables in Chapters 3 and 4, the appendices, and the supportive narrative throughout the text. Policies that apply to all or most of the coastal zone follow an analysis of the issues they address, such as Forestry, Access, and Agriculture, in Chapter 3. Policies specific to a planning area follow a description of the Land Use Plan for that area in Chapter 4. The explanatory text of the Coastal Element shall be considered an integral part of the land use plan because it provides material which explains and supports the mapped information and the policies.

The Resource Maps showing Habitat/Resources and Land Capability/Hazards contain the best information available at this time and were used for establishing policies and delineating uses, and shall also be considered as part of the Coastal Element.

The definitions relating to natural resources and to land use classifications which are presented in various sections of the Coastal Element and which are noted on the land use maps shall be considered as part of the land use plan. A glossary of terms is located in the Appendix, as well as other supportive information.

Each section in the resources and development chapter begins with a listing of the applicable sections of the Coastal Act. Coastal Element policies are intended to comply with the Coastal Act.

The Mendocino Town Plan is located in Chapter 4.13. The Gualala Town Plan is located in Chapter 4.14.

The access component of the Coastal Element required by Section 30500(a) of the Coastal Act and by Section 13512 of the Coastal Commission Administrative Regulations, consists of: Table 3.6-1 of the Land Use Plan which lists access points; the policies of Chapter 3 of the Land Use



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Plan; the policies specific to each access point listed by planning area in Chapter 4; and the accessways shown on the Land Use Plan maps.

[Table 2.1-1 -- Citizens Advisory Committees, Map Areas and Planning Areas.](#)

[Figure 2.1-1 -- Land Use Map Index](#)