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DECEMBER 2023 CEO REPORT UPDATES FROM PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

During the month of November, Planning and Building Services staff were out in the community engaging with the public and soliciting feedback on several topics.

On November 13, 2023, the Planning and Building Services Director and Environmental Health Director held a Coastal Community Stakeholder Meeting. The Meeting provided the opportunity to update the community on work being completed and our collaborative efforts to improve processes that involve both Departments. Participants were also provided with an opportunity to provide feedback or ask questions of both Departments.

In addition, Planning and Building Services held Community Engagement Sessions related to the development of updated regulations for Inland Short-term Rentals. Four meetings were held during the month of November in the communities of Fort Bragg, Boonville, Willits and Ukiah. All comments from the public during this stage of the ordinance process are due by December 28, 2023 at 5 PM. Additional Information can be found on the Department page at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/planning-building-services/ordinance-updates>

Planning and Building Services is pleased to announce that SolarApp+ auto-plancheck and permitting software pilot phase has launched! As of November 28, 2023, the department has already received 1 SolarApp approval through this new software system, which will be open to all licensed solar installers in January 2024. This process was made possible by the County's award of CalApp Solar grant funds earlier this year and has been implemented ahead of schedule! For more information, please review the PBS website and select the SolarApp+ button on the main page.

Planning and Building Services is making progress on the Local Coastal Program Update. This last month we completed the RFP process for Consultants for (1) Coastal Groundwater Study, (2) Visual and Archaeological Resources and (3) State Route 1 Traffic-Highway Capacity Study. The Department is currently preparing contracts for the selected firms. The RFP for the Biological Resources / Habitat & Natural Resources consultant closes on December 19, 2023.

Planning and Building Services is implementing a new approach to report on Department metrics. Moving forward, Planning and Building Services will update the "dashboard" on our website with monthly Department metrics in a comprehensive spreadsheet separated by Division that demonstrates performance and fiscal status. The dashboard is available at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/issued-building-permits>