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Lindsay Creek Project Draft STRATEGY Needs Your Input

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THE STRATEGY

For over a year, the Lindsay Creek Project team has been working with residents, landowners, and interested community members to compile **watershed, social and land use data**. We have combined the initial information, absorbed many recommendations, and summarized the results in a **draft 'Strategy'**.

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The **Strategy** will provide information to assist the community and planners with careful planning for future growth, protection and improvement of water quality, conservation of natural areas and working timber and ranchlands.

Recommendations are in the form of suggestions for state and federal regulators, model language for County and local agencies and ideas for community initiated activities - based on what we heard from the community existing data and information, examples from other rural regions, and more.

We need your help to make sure the *Strategy* truly represents community and watershed values.

HOW DO YOU GIVE INPUT?

In early November, you can review the draft *Strategy* online - contact information and website at left. A limited number of copies will be available at the Fieldbrook Store and Elementary School. **Give input by:**

- **Emailing**, writing or calling (contact info at left);
- **Gathering** with friends and neighbors in late November or early December and inviting a project team member to attend; and/or
- **Attending** the Fieldbrook Community Services District's **Town Hall Meeting** in January (date and time to be announced).



PROJECT TIMELINE

November 2004

- Draft Strategy Available

December 2004

- Town Hall Meeting Notice at store, on road signs and in FCSD mailer

January 2005

- FCSD Town Hall Meeting
- Incorporate Input into Draft Strategy

March 2005

- Final Strategy
- Final Handbook
- WQCB Project complete

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WHAT IS THIS PROJECT AGAIN?

Natural Resources Services received a grant from the State Water Quality Control Board (WQCB) to explore **innovative ways of protecting and enhancing both community and watershed values in land use planning.**

Results of The Lindsay Creek Project will include new land use planning tools documented in a **'Handbook'** for land use planners, community members, watershed groups and elected officials.

The Lindsay Creek watershed was selected to **test these new tools** because of its strong community and ecological values. The *Strategy* will be a result of testing these new tools.

While the *Strategy* has **no legal authority**, Fieldbrook residents can use it as their own tool to carefully consider the future, protect water quality, and to conserve natural areas and working timber and ranchlands.

WHY IS YOUR INPUT IMPORTANT?

The Lindsay Creek Project team have worked to create a *Strategy* that **reflects the values and desires of your community.** We want to see our work benefit the community and help residents to protect the working ranch and timberlands and community character you so highly value.

Reviewing and providing input to the

Draft Strategy for the Lindsay Creek Watershed & Community, you can **help make the document as useful as possible.**

Humboldt County has indicated that

they **may update the Fieldbrook Community Plan** after their current General Plan Update process.

While the Lindsay Creek Project is **completely separate from the County's General Plan Update**, we have worked to ensure that results of this project will help planners and residents better achieve their desires in the next official planning process, whenever that may be.



On The Project Website...

www.rcaa.org/nrs/lindsaycreek

- Information About the Project
- First Project Newsletter
- Results of Survey & Workshop
- Aerial Photo of the Watershed
- Maps of the Project Area
- Several Project Presentations
- Presentation on Land Use Planning
- And more...