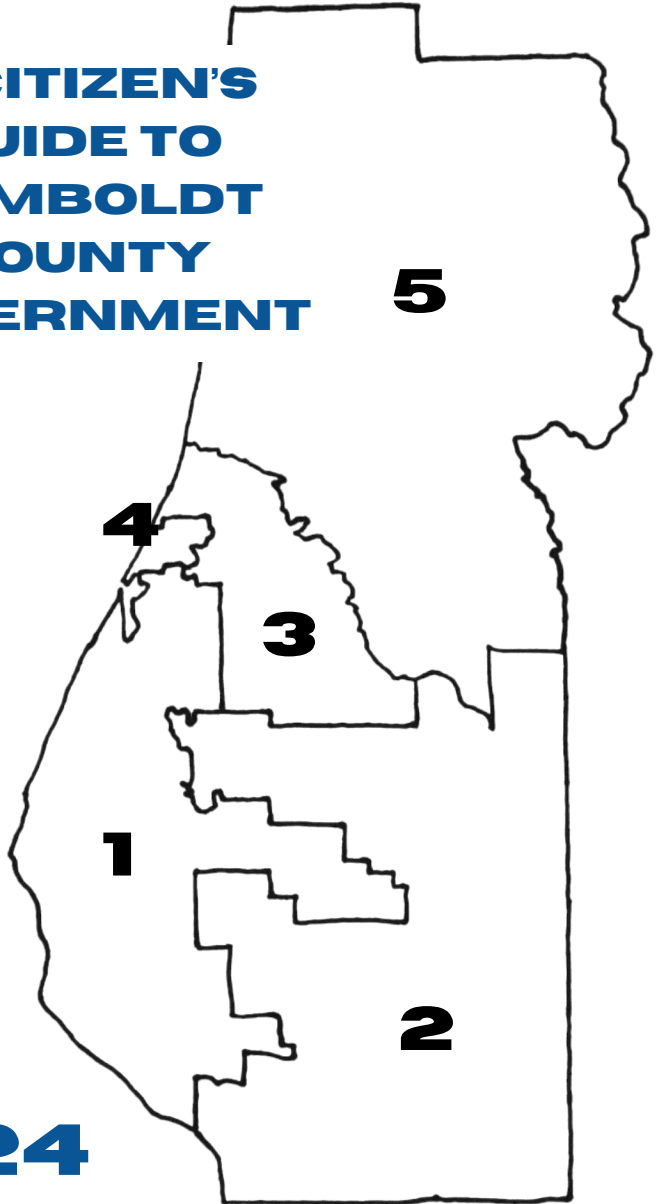




LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS
OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY

**A CITIZEN'S
GUIDE TO
HUMBOLDT
COUNTY
GOVERNMENT**



2024

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County has prepared this guide and made it available free of charge to promote informed participation in county government by providing access to detailed information about elected and appointed offices, intergovernmental bodies, and other public agencies. The figures are based on the 2023-2024 adopted budget and on the March 17, 2024 compensation schedule for county employees.

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Supporting the League

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It does take action on selected government issues in the public interest. Become a member of the League and join us in creating responsible civil discourse and action based on substance rather than partisanship. Membership is open to *all* persons at least 16 years of age.

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Elected Offices

Superior Court

The Superior Court has general trial jurisdiction, including all felonies, civil matters, family court involving child custody and support, adoptions, probate and guardianships, dissolutions and annulments, traffic violations, small claims, and misdemeanors. The Court issues jury summonses, provides juries for courts, and maintains the law library. Because increasing the number of judges is not lightly done, the court has acted within its authority to appoint a commissioner with limited judicial authority to assist with the family law caseload.

Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt

825 5th St., Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7256 or toll free (866) 608-1804
Website: <https://humboldt.courts.ca.gov>

Judges (7) and Commissioner (1) by Courtroom

Serve 6-year terms; state-funded

Salary range: \$221,674-231,174

Dept 1	Gregory Kreis	term ends January 2025
Dept 2	Lawrence Killoran	next election 2030
Dept 3	Caleb Cochrum	next election 2026
Dept 4	Timothy Canning	next election 2026
Dept 5	Steven Steward	next election 2028
Dept 6	Joyce Hinrichs	next election 2026
Dept 7	Kelly Neel	next election 2026
Dept 8	Commissioner Sarah Kaber	

Superior Court Administrative Office

825 Fifth St, Room 231, Eureka 95521 (707) 269-1200

Budget: \$2,230,665 (\$954,415 County contribution) Staff: 107

The CEO coordinates and schedules the court's calendars; complies with all orders of the court and ensures their proper and timely execution; maintains secure custody of all legal records; performs personnel management for the court administrative office; is responsible for all financial aspects of court operations; maintains statistical data on judicial and administrative activity.

Court Clerk's Office

421 I Street, Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7526

Open: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for case inquiries, filings, and payment questions, dropbox open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Legislature

The County of Humboldt is a general law county. It was established in 1853 by the state legislature and is a political subdivision, or unit, of the state. The Board of Supervisors, which serves as the legislative and

executive body of county government and many special districts, is composed of five full-time members elected by their respective districts. The Board enacts legislation governing Humboldt County and determines policies for County departments and various special districts, adopts the annual budget, and fixes salaries. The Board also hears appeals of Planning Commission decisions and considers General Plan amendments.

Board of Supervisors

825 5th St., Room 111, Eureka 95501 (707) 476-2396
Clerk of the Board (non-elected board official) -
Tracy D'Amico (707) 476-2390, tdamico@co.humboldt.ca.us
Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/167/Board-of-Supervisors>
Salary: \$99,933 Budget: \$1,969,862 Staff: 9 Four-year terms
Supervisors by District:

- 1 Rex Bohn next election 2028
(707) 476-2391 rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us
- 2 Michelle Bushnell next election 2028
(707) 476-2392 mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us
- 3 Mike Wilson next election 2028
(707) 476-2393 mike.wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us
- 4 Natalie Arroyo next election 2026
(707) 476-2394 narroyo@co.humboldt.ca.us
- 5 Steve Madrone next election 2026
(707) 476-2395 smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us

The Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 9 am, except the 5th Tuesday of the month. Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are broadcast live by Access Humboldt on Public Access Channel 10 and are also rebroadcast Wednesdays at 8 pm. Meeting agendas are available on their website on the Friday before each meeting. Citizens have the right to be heard during any public hearings that are noticed or advertised to the public. Time is specifically set aside for public input on items not found on the agenda. Time is allocated for public input for items on the agenda either before or after discussion by the board, but before the vote. Members of the public may contact a supervisor to request that an item be placed on the agenda. Persons submitting supporting materials must provide an original and nine copies for the materials to be placed in the public record.

If disability-related accommodations are needed to participate in a board meeting, contact the clerk of the board at (707) 476-2390 at least two full business days before the start of the desired meeting.

Executive Offices

Humboldt County government has twenty departments, some of which are directed by officials elected by residents: Assessor, Auditor-Controller, Clerk-Recorder, District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner, Superintendent of Schools, and Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Assessor

Howard LaHaie – next election 2026

825 5th St., Room 300, Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7663

Email: assessor@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/220/Assessor>

Salary: \$152,089-172,078

Budget: \$3,382,643 Staff: 29

Open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (M-F). Locates all taxable property in the county and identifies ownership. Establishes a taxable value for all property subject to local assessment. Produces annual and supplemental assessment rolls. Applies all legal exemptions. Maintains and updates Assessor's records and maps. Performs business property audits to ensure compliance and equalization of business property assessments.

Auditor-Controller

Cheryl Dillingham - next election 2026

825 5th St., Room 126, Eureka 95501 (707) 476-2452

Email: ctyauditor@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/236/Auditor-Controller>

Salary: \$152,089-172,078

Budget: \$ 3,047,495 Staff: 19

Open 8:30 am to noon, and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm (M-F). Exercises general supervision over the accounting of all organizations and administers the county's major financial, payroll, and property tax apportionment systems; prescribes and exercises general supervision over the accounting forms and the method of keeping the accounts of all offices and institutions under the control of the Board of Supervisors and for those entities who maintain their funds in the County Treasury, including special districts and school districts.

Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

Juan Pablo Cervantes -- next election 2026

825 5th St., 5th Floor, Eureka 95501

Clerk Recorder: (707) 445-7593

Email: clerkrecordergeneral@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/244/Clerk-Recorder>

Salary: \$152,089-172,078

Budget: \$3,530,754 Staff: 17

Clerk/Recorder Office is on the Fifth Floor of the Courthouse and is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Records or files various authorized documents (including fictitious business name statements and notary bonds), and maps, registers all births, deaths, and public marriages occurring within Humboldt County. Once recorded or filed, the documents and certificates are made available for examination within the office for interested parties. Exact copies are issued, upon payment of proper fees, by mail or in person in the office.

The Election & Voter Registration Office is located at 2426 6th St, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 445-7481.

Email: humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/890/Elections-Voter-Registration>
Open from 8:30 am to noon, and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Registers all voters; conducts federal, state, county, city, school, and special district elections; ensures that all eligible residents are able to exercise their right to vote; ensures that elections are held in a fair, accurate, and efficient manner; provides election information and results to the public.

District Attorney

Stacey Eads -- next election 2028
825 5th St., 4th Floor, Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7411
Email: districtattorney@co.humboldt.ca.us
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2928/District-Attorney>
Salary: \$211,993-239,844

Budget: \$ 9,702,516 Staff: 60
Open from 8:00 am to noon, and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The public prosecutor of the county whose authority extends throughout the county. Initiates and conducts the prosecution of public offenses occurring within Humboldt County on behalf of the People of the State of California; assists and advises the civil grand jury; oversees Victim-Witness, Elder Abuse and Child Abuse Services Teams. Offers support services to victims, their families and witnesses during criminal proceedings, and collaborates with other agencies to operate special programs focusing on child abuse and on anti-drug abuse enforcement.

Sheriff-Coroner

William "Billy" Honsal III -- next election 2028
826 4th St., Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7251
Email: hso@co.humboldt.ca.us
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2545/Sheriffs-Office>
Salary: \$220,001-248,913

Budget: \$62,287,563 Staff: 310
Open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Coroner's office is open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Enforces state law, county ordinances, and court orders; maintains police patrols for unincorporated areas including all waterways in the county and the Pacific Ocean out 3 miles; performs search and rescue; processes civil writs; operates the county jail; serves as bailiff to the superior court; processes business licenses, gun registrations, and concealed-carry licenses; provides public protection through stray dog control, bite investigations and dog licensing programs; serves as director of emergency services; provides public access to fingerprinting services.

Anonymous Crime Tip: (707) 268-2539

Stations

Main Station in Eureka	826 5th St, Eureka	(707) 445-7251
McKinleyville Station	1608 Pickett Rd, McKinleyville	(707) 839-6600
Garberville Station	648 Locust St, Garberville	(707) 923-2762
Trinity River Station	80 Country Club Dr, Willow Creek	(530) 629-1025

Emergencies Only Dial 911

The following services will be available by appointment at the Main Station in

Eureka: Registration Update, Live Scan Fingerprinting, Civil Process, Release of Property, and Processing CCW Permits.

Main Divisions

Animal Control

980 Lycoming, McKinleyville, CA (707) 840-9132
(after hours call Sheriff (707) 445-7242)

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/377/Animal-Control-Division>
Open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (M-F)

Coroner and Public Administrator

3012 I Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 445-7242

Email: hsocoroner@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1970/Coroner---Public-Administrator>

Open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, investigates the circumstances, manner, and cause of all sudden, violent or unexpected deaths, and when a decedent has not been seen by a physician within 20 days prior to death, or when a death occurs within 24 hours of the decedent entering the hospital. The Sheriff-Coroner is also the Public Administrator in Humboldt County, a related but separate responsibility. The Public Administrator is an advocate of the decedent and his/her heirs. The Sheriff-Coroner administers or probates an estate which is intestate (without a Will) at the request of the heirs, when the heirs decline to act, when there is a Will and the executor/executrix requests the public administrator, when there are no known heirs, or when appointed to do so by the Superior Court.

Major Crimes Division

The Detective Bureau consists of detectives and evidence technicians who investigate major crimes and felonies. Website:
<https://humboldt.gov/485/Major-Crimes-Division>

Custody Services Division

The largest division in the Sheriff's Office whose primary function is the care and custody of sentenced and non-sentenced inmates incarcerated in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF).

Office of Emergency Services

826 4th St., Eureka 95501 (707) 268-2500 (business hours) and (707) 445-7251(after hours) Website: <https://humboldt.gov/356/Office-of-Emergency-Services>

Special Operations

Boating Unit and Marijuana Enforcement Team

Superintendent of Schools

Michael Davies-Hughes -- next election 2026
901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7030
Email: superintendent@hcoe.org

State-funded, Salary: \$204,035

Provides educational, consultative, administrative, legislative, and business services to 31 school districts in Humboldt County; coordinates regional services in health, special education, multi-county education-related mental health, staff development, attendance, library/instructional media, insurance/risk management, and legal services; maintains teacher credential files; operates court and community schools, special education schools, and career education support services; acts as a liaison between the California Department of Education and local school districts; monitors income and expenses of local school districts.

Treasurer-Tax Collector

Amy Christensen -- next election 2026

825 5th St., Room 125, Eureka 95501 (707) 476-2450

Email: taxinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/260/Treasurer---Tax-Collector>

Salary: \$159,619-180,793

Budget: \$1,834,445 Staff: 9

Open 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm (M-F) Collects, manages, invests and redistributes county revenues. Performs functions for several local governmental agencies not under the control of the Board of Supervisors; collects taxes for all taxing agencies including cities, school districts and special districts; invests the monies for the school districts and most special districts; coordinates financing for county and other local agency projects; issues business licenses; administers the county's Deferred Compensation and Defined Benefit Plans; administers annual tax-defaulted property auction. This is a unique relationship in that the Board of Supervisors alone controls department financing, but the office is equally responsible to all the agencies it serves.

Appointed Offices

These department heads are appointed by either the Board of Supervisors or other agencies per state law.

Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights & Measures

Weylan Shaw

5630 South Broadway, Eureka 95503 (707) 441-5260

Email: agcommissioner@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/623/Agricultural-Commissioner>

Salary: \$150,289-169,956

Budget: \$1,556,336 Staff: 8

The Agricultural Commissioner provides environmental protection through agricultural pest exclusion, detection, pesticide use enforcement, and support of USDA animal damage control program; protects consumers by inspecting/testing all commercial weighing devices and enforcing label laws.

Aviation Director

Cody Roggatz

3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville 95519 (707) 839-5401

Email: aviation@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/1396/airports>

Salary: \$ 136,884-154,876

Budget: \$53,455,548 Staff: 18

The Aviation Director and the Humboldt County Aviation Department manage one commercial airport (California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport) and five general aviation airports in a manner that ensures aeronautical safety, the safety of the traveling public, continued air service and complies with federal, state and/or local aviation rules, regulations and advisories.

Chief Probation Officer

Coral Sanders

2002 Harrison Ave., Eureka 95501

Probation Dept. (707) 445-7401

Email: csanders@co.humboldt.ca.us

Salary: \$161,699-182,936

Budget: \$16,705,243 Staff: 101.9

Provides all lawfully mandated services by using proven effective corrections strategies and tools to promote the general safety of the community, restoration of victims, and rehabilitation of the individual client. These services are provided with a primary consideration of public safety as well as focused effort to reduce the likelihood of future criminal offending. The department oversees the Regional Facility and Juvenile Hall.

Child Support Services Director

Bennett Hoffman

2420 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (866) 901-3212

Email: dcss@co.humboldt.ca.us

Websites: <https://humboldt.gov.org/DCSS>

Salary: \$160,555-181,646

Budget: \$5,810,225 Staff: 38

The North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services provides professional services to locate parents, establishes paternity, establishes and enforces sustainable child support orders for financial and medical support, and removes barriers to regular and consistent support payments. The department assists parents to avoid court and to navigate the child support system. CSS acts in the public interest and does not represent either side of a child support case.

Cooperative Extension Director

Yana Valachovic

5630 South Broadway Eureka, CA 95503 (707) 445-7351

Email: yvala@ucanr.edu and cehumboldt@ucanr.edu

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/614/UC-Cooperative-Extension>

Salary: Paid by University of California

Budget \$295,735 Staff 1.54

The UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) customizes resources and opportunities to meet the diverse and changing needs of individual communities. CE specialists partner with county experts to restore ecosystems, improve crop production, enhance water and air, and improve human health. Humboldt County supports the office with clerical staff and operating expenses. The University of California (UC) appoints the director and other local advisors.

County Administrative Officer (CAO)

Elishia Hayes, County Administrative Officer

825 5th St., Room 112, Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7266

Email: ehayes@co.humboldt.ca.us

<https://humboldtgov.org/233/County-Administrative-Office-CAO>

Salary: \$225,638-255,278

Budget: \$35,961,660 Staff: 53

Administers, enforces and carries out the policies, rules, regulations, orders and code sections implemented by the Board of Supervisors relating to the administration of county departments, services, institutions or districts. It provides support for the county's budgetary and legislative functions. It makes recommendations concerning appointments and dismissals, as well as pertinent local, state or federal legislation.

County Counsel

Scott A Miles, Interim County Counsel

825 5th Street, Room 110, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 445-7236

Email: countycounsel@co.humboldt.ca.us

Salary: \$203,507-230,256

Budget: \$3,128,138 Staff 15

Provides legal advice and litigation representation to the Board of Supervisors, all county officers and departments, boards and commissions, municipal advisory commissions, Civil Grand Jury, and special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors.

Health and Human Services Director

Connie Beck

Website: <https://humboldtgov.org/2543/Health-Human-Services>

Salary: \$\$214,676-242,881

Budget: \$300,938,642 Staff: 1397

Locations

Administration 507 F St., Eureka 95501 (707) 441-5400 or (707) 268- (3447)

Garberville Location 727 Cedar St., Garberville 95542 (923) 277-9535

Hoopa Location 535 Airport Rd., Hoopa 95546 (530) 625-4261

Willow Creek Clinic 77 Walnut Way, Willow Ck 95573 (530) 629-2410

The Department of Health & Human Services provides coordinated, multi-disciplinary services. DHHS combines multiple departments to serve the community and individuals in an integrated, holistic, effective manner.

Main Divisions

Behavioral Health

Website: humboldt.gov/329/Behavioral-Health

Locations:

Administration	824 Harris St., Eureka 95501	(707) 268-2990
Outpatient Services	720 Wood St., Eureka 95501	(707) 268-2900
Sempervirens Psychiatric	720 Wood St., Eureka 95501	(707) 445-7710
Substance Use Disorder		(707) 476-4054

Directs diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons within the county who suffer from mental and emotional disorders, alcoholism, and substance disorders. Behavioral Health includes two primary programs, Alcohol and Other Drugs Division, which assists individuals who have substance use disorders to create and maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle free of alcohol and other drug abuse, and the Behavioral Health Division that serves the people of Humboldt County whose lives are affected by serious and chronic mental illness. State and Federal Funds, insurance, user fees, contracts for services, and a small amount of county funds offset the cost of these services.

24-hour Crisis Line: (707) 445-7715 or (888) 849-5728

Public Health

Website: humboldt.gov/330/Public-Health

Locations:

Administration	529 I St., Eureka 95501	(707) 445-6200
Eureka Clinic	907 7th St., Eureka 95501	(707) 268-2108
Environmental Health	100 H St., Eureka 95501	(707) 445-6215
Family Violence Prevention		(707) 268-2132
Lead Prevention		(707) 268-2132
WIC	317 2nd St., Eureka 95501	(707) 445-6255

Promotes and safeguards the health and wellness of people in the county; oversees disease prevention and a healthy environment through prevention programs; diagnoses and investigates community health problems and hazards; enforces laws and regulations; and responds to disasters. Most public health funding comes from other governmental agencies.

Social Services

Website: humboldt.gov/332/Social-Services

Locations:

Administration	929 Koster St., Eureka 95501	(707) 476-4700
Adult Protective Service	808 E St., Eureka 95501	(707) 476-2100
Report Abuse	(707) 445-7715	
Child Welfare Services	2440 6th St., Eureka, CA 95501	(707) 476-4700
Report Abuse	(707) 445-6180	
Public Guardian	1105 6th St., Eureka 95501	(707) 445-7343
Veterans Services Office	1105 6th St., Suite F, Eureka	(707) 445-7611

Social Services programs focus on the safety of vulnerable children, youth and adults, and assist families and individuals in their journey toward self-sufficiency. State and federal laws that differentiate client populations according to factors such as age, condition, types of services, and various risk factors mandate the majority of the services. Social Services comprises the key service areas of the Employment Training Division, Social Services Assistance Division and the Social Services Division. The Department administers public assistance programs, including CalWORKS, CalFresh, Medi-Cal and General Relief; directs social service programs including Child Welfare Services, In-

Home Supportive Services, and Adult Protective Services; coordinates services with other public and private agencies.

Human Resources Director

Zachary O'Hanen

825 5th Street, Room 100, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 476-2349

Email: personnel@co.humboldt.ca.us

Salary: \$173,576-196,393

Budget: \$45,893,558 Staff: 15

The Human Resource Department includes Personnel, Payroll and Risk Management functions such as: administering benefit programs, bi-weekly payroll, contracts with employee organizations, county insurance and liability program; conducting ADA Compliance activities, employee relations process; ensuring equal employment, keeping employee records, maintaining county salary plans, and processing workers' compensation. Provides guidance and assistance to the public, the County Administrative Office, the Board of Supervisors, county employees, and all county departments related to Human Resources management, talent acquisition, employee development, and retention of its workforce.

Library Services Director

Chris Cooper

1313 3rd St., Eureka 95521 (707) 269-1900

Circulation Desk (707) 269-1915

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1346/Public-Library>

Salary: \$136,884-154,876

Budget: \$5,568,166 Staff: 32.7

Provides library and information services via the Eureka Main Library, ten Branch Libraries and a Bookmobile; maintains reference, print, online, and audio/visual collections and materials of local historical and genealogical significance; provides public internet, WiFi, and computer access. Library revenues come primarily from property taxes, state and federal funds, and some fees, fines and gifts.

Planning and Building Director

John H. Ford

3015 H St., Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 445-7241 or (707) 445-7245

3156 Redwood Drive, Redway, CA 95560 (707) 383-4100

Email: planningbuilding@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2546/Planning-Building>

Requests for public records can be made through *Next Request* at <https://humboldt.gov.nextrequest.com>.

Salary: \$174,512-197,433

Budget: \$23,842,359 Staff: 72

Eureka office hours: Mon-Fri from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Redway office hours: Mon and Wed from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Protects public health, safety, and welfare through building permit reviews and

inspections consistent with California model codes as well as planning and development review and approval consistent with the county's General Plan. The department oversees Advance Planning, Building Inspections, Cannabis Planning, Code Enforcement and Current Planning.

Main Divisions

Current Planning

(707) 445-7541

Processes land use permit applications for subdivisions, lot line adjustments, special permits, and use permits. Current Planning provides public information and reviews building applications.

Building Inspection

(707) 445-7245 or toll-free (800) 900-4034

Email: buildinginspections@co.humboldt.ca.us

Performs inspections during new construction for codes and standards compliance; issues permits to alter, enlarge, remodel or repair existing buildings and issues permits for the placement of mobile homes.

Code Enforcement

(707) 476-2429

Investigates violations of local, State and County codes governing nuisances, environmental violations, and other related issues. and other related issues.

Long Range Planning

(707) 445-7245

Prepares and updates the General Plan and Land Use and Development Codes including Community Plans and Housing Element; maintains an online Geographical Information System (GIS).

Cannabis Services

(707) 441-2624

Supports the permitting process and provides long-range planning, development and implementation of local ordinances and code related to commercial medical cannabis.

Public Defender

Luke Brownfield

1001 Fourth St., Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 445-7634

Email: lbrownfield@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/1345/Public-Defender>

Salary: \$183,393-207,480

Budget: \$6,037,072 Staff: 33

Open 8:30 am to noon, and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm. Represents defendants in criminal cases who are unable to pay for a private attorney. Also represents juveniles, parents in dependency matters, and proposed conservatees of the Public Guardian. Oversees the office of the Conflict Counsel, who also represents defendants.

Conflict Counsel

935 3rd St., Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7475

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/134/Conflict-Counsel>

Open 8:30 am to noon, and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm. Conflict Counsel currently provides legal services to the courts in felony criminal cases and misdemeanor criminal cases. The office provides primary legal representation in 40% of these cases, and first level conflict representation in the remainder of these cases. First level conflicts arise in those cases where the Public Defender would ordinarily provide primary legal representation but is unable to do so because of a conflict of interest.

Public Works Director

Thomas Mattson

1106 2nd St., Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7652

Email: tmattson@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1392/Public-Works>

Salary: \$169,124-191,339

Budget: \$118,427,228 Staff: 200

Responsible for the improvement and maintenance of the county's public infrastructure, as well as the county's vehicle fleet. Prepares engineered plans and specifications; inspects construction projects; manages county properties and rights-of-way; obtains regulatory permits; administers solid waste franchises and facilities; also provides funding to transit service operators and for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Main Divisions

Engineering

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1397/Engineering>

Responsible for implementing efficient and cost-effective services to preserve and enhance our county streets, bike paths, and sidewalks. The Engineering Division comprises four sections: Engineering Design, Construction Engineering, Traffic Engineering and Materials Testing Lab.

Environmental Services

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1400/Environmental-Services>

Responsible for environmental permitting and compliance, resource management, natural hazard planning and mitigation, and recreation facilities. Programs include: Natural Resources, Natural Resources Planning, Parks & Trails, and Water Management.

Facility Management

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1404/Facility-Management>

Responsible for safe, healthy, and comfortable work environment for County Employees. Designs, constructs and maintains County facilities. Manages and maintains lease arrangements that meet the needs of the County and are cost effective.

Land Use

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1393/Land-Use>

The Land Use Division consists of three Sections: Land Development Projects Section; Real Property & Right of Way Section; and Survey Section. It

is responsible for review, administration and inspection of improvements required for land use projects.

Roads & Equipment Maintenance

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1405/Road-Equipment-Maintenance>
Performs routine maintenance for all County roads and bridges. Provides disaster response during storms and other emergency events. Provides competitive procurement, maintenance and disposal of road construction equipment to ensure safe operating equipment.

Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees

The Board of Supervisors appoints the following to advise them on specific matters or perform certain duties, or appoints a designated number of their members. Citizens may seek appointments to these bodies, and they all have designated time at their meetings for public input. For more information, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Assessment Appeals Board

825 5th St., Eureka, Supervisors Chambers (707) 476-2390

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2323/Assessment-Appeals-Board>

2nd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm (July: 3rd Monday, generally does not meet in August). Hears property tax valuation assessment appeals.

Aviation Advisory Committee

520 E St., Eureka 95501 (Prosperity Center)

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/169/Aviation-Advisory-Committee>

Meets in hybrid format on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6 pm at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport in the second floor conference room. Advises Board of Supervisors regarding aviation matters within the county. Anyone may submit comments in writing at any time or in person during monthly meetings. To be included on the agenda and address the committee in person, submit your request and topic 10 days prior to the monthly meeting.

Behavioral Health Board

Meeting location varies (707) 268-2905

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/426/Behavioral-Health-Board>

Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:15 pm. Advocates for mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) services in the community, evaluates the community's behavioral health needs and priorities.

Cannabis Micro-Grant & Loan Advisory Committee

825 5th Street, Eureka 95501 Contact: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board (707) 476-2390

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2483/Cannabis-Micro-Grant-Loan-Advisory-Committee>

Announces, reviews, ranks, and selects applications for micro-grants and loans under Project Trellis, and for equity grants under the County of Humboldt's Local Equity Program.

Community Task Force

2440 6th St., Eureka (707) 445-6180 (Child Welfare Services), (707) 445-7251 (Sheriff's Office)

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2373/Community-Task-Force>

In 2018 a task force was created which is composed of internal and external stakeholders to help create a mandated reporter guide and provide input to both DHHS and HCSO regarding changes to policies and procedures.

Fire Safe Council

1105 6th St., Eureka (707) 267-9542

Contact: Cybelle Immitt, Email: cimmitt@co.humboldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/689/Fire-Safe-Council>

Meets: 3rd Monday every quarter, 4 pm. Oversees the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), shares fire-safety information, assesses fire risk, promotes community fire-safe planning and coordination, and links fire-prevention programs.

First Five Humboldt

525 2nd St. #203, Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7389

Website: <https://first5humboldt.org>

Meets on the second Thursday of the month from 8:30-10:30 am. Responsible for the county strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development. Promotes comprehensive, integrated services to ensure that all children enter school in good health, ready and able to learn.

Fish and Game Advisory Commission

825 5th St. Room 111, Eureka (707) 476-2390

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/2328/Fish-and-Game-Advisory-Commission>

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Established to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in all matters concerning fish and wildlife within the County of Humboldt.

Forestry Review Committee

3015 H St., Eureka (707) 445-7541

Website: <https://humboldt.gov/193/Forestry-Review-Committee>

Meets as needed. Advises the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission regarding technical forest-related matters.

The Great Redwood Trail Agency

Website: thegreatredwoodtrail.org, (707) 463-3280

Established in 2021, the GRTA's service area is the former North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) rail corridor in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties. The Great Redwood Trail is a 307-mile, world-class, multi-use rail-to-trail project connecting California's San Francisco and Humboldt Bays.

Headwaters Fund Board

520 E St., Eureka (Prosperity Center) (707) 445-7745

Website: <https://gohumco.com/157/Headwaters-Fund-Board>

Meets 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 pm. In 1999, the Board of Supervisors used economic mitigation funds from the Headwaters Forest acquisition to create the Headwaters Fund, which promotes the economic development of the area through grants

and loans. The board reviews and recommends policies and projects.

Housing Authority Commission

735 W. Everding St., Eureka 95503 (707) 476-2390

Email: tdamico@co.humboldt.ca.us

Contact: Tracy D'Amico

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/2451/Housing-Authority-Commission>

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon. Commission is authorized to exercise or transact county housing functions.

Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions

825 5th St., Room 111, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 476-2390

Email: tdamico@co.humboldt.ca.us

Contact: Tracy D'Amico

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/2358/Housing-Trust-Fund-and-Homelessness-Solu>

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, call for time. Commission was established to recommend criteria for the receipt and use of Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies. The criteria shall ensure that the housing fund monies are used to assist the county in meeting its affordable housing goals with an emphasis on "bricks and mortar" projects.

Human Rights Commission

825 5th St., Room 111, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 476-2390

Email: hhr@co.humgoldt.ca.us

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/1308/Human-Rights-Commission>

Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm, 825 5th Street, Conference Room A Eureka, CA 95501.

The Commission was established in 1965 to aid in the eradication of discrimination in Humboldt County in many factors such as housing, employment and education. The commission investigates complaints of human rights violation, educates the community about human rights issue, and co-sponsors public discussion.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Commission

808 E Street, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 476-2100

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/2805/IHSS-AdvisoryCommittee>

Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 2 pm. Advocates for senior and disabled adults or interested community members. It is responsible for making publications to inform IHSS consumers about topics related to the program, recommending improvement to IHSS service and broadening training opportunities for consumers and providers.

Mayor City Selection Committee

Website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/2455/Mayor-City-Selection-Committee>

Meets annually on the third Thursday in April. The committee appoints city representatives to boards, commissions, and agencies as provided by law. The committee is comprised of mayors from each city within Humboldt County.

McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee

2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville 95519 (Azalea Conference Center)

<https://humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committee>

Meets on fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The MMAC provides a consistent and inviting community forum for the public to hear about and advise the Planning

Commission and board on local community issues. This could include issues regarding financing, land-use planning, operations, public health, public works, safety and welfare. A secondary responsibility of the MMAC is to review, comment and provide advisory recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on proposed zoning amendments, and general plan petitions and amendments located within the McKinleyville planning area related to conformance with the McKinleyville community plan. The MMAC will also discuss and provide input on long-range planning issues.

Measure Z Citizens’ Advisory Committee

825 5th Street, Eureka 95501 in Supervisors Chambers (707) 445-7266
Website: <https://cao@co.humboldt.ca.us> (County Administrative Office)
Meeting times vary. The committee provides a public forum to discuss the expenditure of the funds raised by the tax, addresses public concerns about the expenditure, and provides an annual report of recommended expenditures to the County Administrative Office for inclusion in the annual budget.

Planning Commission

825 5th Street, Eureka 95501 Supervisors Chambers (707) 445-7541 (Planning Commission Clerk)
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/194/Planning-Commission>
Meets on 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. The Commission works with Planning & Building staff to advise the Board of Supervisors on all planning and development issues and will assure that the county’s General Plan is implemented by reviewing development applications on a case-by-case basis.

Resource Conservation District

5630 S. Broadway, Eureka 95501 (707) 442-6058
Website: <http://humboldtrcd.org/>
Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8:00 am. The District is a non-regulatory organization that works with landowners, residents, and community groups to implement practices that improve and protect water quality and natural habitat on private lands.

Williamson Act Committee

5630 S. Broadway, Eureka 95501 (Agriculture Center)
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/1302/Williamson-Act-Committee>
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm. The purpose of the Committee is to provide input into the process of implementing and administering the Williamson Act Program in Humboldt County and when appropriate, to serve as an advisory committee to the board on all matters pertaining to the local administration of the Williamson Act. This includes making recommendations to the board on applications for entry into the Williamson Act program, applications for non-renewal, cancellation, lot line adjustments; applications for additions to existing preserves; and recommendations to the board about program policy and procedures as needed.

Superior Court Appointed Bodies

Civil Grand Jury

825 5th Street, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 476-2475
Email: grandjury@co.humboldt.ca.us
Website: <https://humboldt.gov/510/Civil-Grand-Jury>

Budget: \$60,410

The Civil Grand Jury is part of the judicial branch of government and yet is an entirely independent body. The Civil Grand Jury's advisors are the presiding judge of the superior court, the district attorney, the county counsel and the state attorney. Its primary functions are to examine all aspects of county and city government, to see that the monies are handled judiciously, and all accounts are properly audited. It seeks to assure honest, efficient government in the best interest of the people. It may receive and investigate complaints by individuals concerning the actions and performances of county and public officials. The panel of 19 citizens serve a term of one year and conduct work in closed sessions. All deliberations and testimony are confidential.

Do you have a concern about your county government or elected officials? 707-476-2475

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

Office of Education Annex 901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka CA 95501 (707) 366-0587

Email: humboldt.jjdpcc@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.jjdpchc.org/>

The commission meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. It consists of 15 members appointed by the presiding judge of the Superior Court. The Commission conducts an annual inspection of the Juvenile Hall and formal and informal hearings regarding the administration of juvenile justice; issues subpoenas with the consent of the Juvenile Court Judge and actively assists in the county's effort toward preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency.

Intergovernmental Bodies

Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG)

Beth Burks, Executive Director

611 I St., Suite B, Eureka 95501 (707) 444-8208

Website: <https://www.hcaog.net>

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm at Eureka City Hall, 531 K St., Eureka. The HCAOG board is the final authority for all the decisions generated in the region's transportation planning and programming arena. The board is composed of the mayors of the seven incorporated cities and the chair of the Board of Supervisors or their designee. HCAOG is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE). The RTPA is largely responsible for programming state and local road improvements, public transportation resources, and roadside call boxes. HCAOG also bears responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA)

Greg Pratt, General Manager

133 V St., Eureka 95501 (707) 443-0826

Website: <https://hta.org/>

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am in February, May, June, September, and December. HTA is made up of seven members of indefinite term (five members chosen from participating cities and two members from the Board of Supervisors). It serves as governing board for the Redwood Transit System, supervises maintenance and operation of the buses, and provides support for Dial-A-Ride.

Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA)

Eric Keller-Heckman, Executive Director

1059 West Hawthorne, Eureka 95501 (707) 268-8680

Household Hazardous Waste Collections,

Reuse and Disposal: (707) 441-2005

Website: <http://www.hwma.net/>

Board of Directors Meets: 2nd Thursday, 6:30 P.M. at Eureka City Hall, 531 K St., Eureka

A joint powers authority composed of Humboldt County and the cities of: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale and Rio Dell. HWMA owns and operates the Hawthorne Street transfer station and accepts garbage and green waste drop off, operates a recycling center, household hazardous waste collection facility and is responsible for the closure/post-closure maintenance and management of the Cummings Road Landfill. HWMA also accepts appliances, carpet, electronic waste, mattresses, used oil, used paint and tires. HWMA works with local garbage collection companies, recycling centers and others to reduce, reuse, recycle and safely dispose of the waste generated in Humboldt. HWMA does not provide or oversee any curbside collection services or bin rentals.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

1125 16th Street, Suite 202, Arcata 95501 (707) 445-7508

Website: <https://humboldtlafo.org/>

Meets bimonthly beginning January on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9 am. Humboldt LAFCo is an independent agency created to encourage orderly growth and development of local agencies, facilitate changes in local governmental structure and boundaries, promote efficient delivery of services and encourage the preservation of open space and agricultural lands. It reviews proposals for the formation of new local governmental agencies and changes of organization in existing agencies; coordinates change in local governmental boundaries, conducts special studies that review ways to organize, simplify and streamline governmental structure. Works to protect agricultural and open-space lands by guiding development toward urban infill.

North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

Brian Wilson, Air Pollution Control Officer

707 L St., Eureka 95501 (707) 443-3093

Air Quality Complaint Hotline: (707) 444-2233

Burn Day Information toll-free: (866) BURN-DAY (866) 287-6329
Residential Burn Permits for Humboldt County (707) 443-3093
Website: <https://www.ncuaqmd.org>

Formed in 1982 by agreement between Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity Counties, the AQMD was created to achieve and maintain federal and state ambient air quality standards. A five-member board of directors, made up of four county supervisors and one member from an incorporated city, appoints the air pollution control officer and adopts the budget, air quality rules and regulations, and policies. The air pollution control officer monitors air quality; enforces county, state, and federal air pollution laws.

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA)

Eileen Verbeck, Interim Executive Director
633 3rd St., Eureka 95501 (707) 269-1700
Website: <https://redwoodenergy.org/>

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm at HBMWD Offices, 828 7th St., Eureka. A joint powers agency formed in 2003 comprised of the seven incorporated cities and the county, governed by representatives from each of these jurisdictions. The RCEA's purpose is to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources. RCEA is funded completely from contracts and grants.

Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC)

Gregg Foster, Executive Director
Redwood Region Economic Development Commission
520 E Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 445-9652
Email: gregg@rredc.com
Websites: www.rredc.com

Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. RREDC is a countywide joint powers authority created in 1977. Governed by elected officials of 19 member agencies, it coordinates regional economic development projects, operates a \$10.5 million loan fund for small businesses, and sponsors "Fly Humboldt." It has 3.5 FTE staff and is the host agency for the "Prosperity Center for Business," that includes the Small Business Eureka Development Center, the Humboldt County Office of Economic Development, the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board, and the Humboldt/Del Norte Film Commission.

Other Elected Offices

Special Districts

Special districts provide services outside of incorporated cities. There are 60 special districts in Humboldt County: 13 governed by the county, and 47 governed by elected boards. In practice, many elected board members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors because of a lack of candidates. Special districts can be financed by property taxes, bonds, or

fees for services. Many receive homeowner's exemption tax loss reimbursement from the state. Some districts receive state and federal grants and private donations. Examples of large self-governed districts follow:

Arcata Fire Protection District

2149 Central Avenue, McKinleyville 95519 (707) 825-2000

Website: <https://www.arcatafire.org>

Board Members by Division:

1	Blaine Maynor	next election 2024
2	Nicole Johnson	next election 2026
3	Randy Mendosa	next election 2024
4	Eric Loudenslager	next election 2026
5	Jason Akana	next election 2026

The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Arcata Downtown Station, located at 631 9th Street in Arcata. The Arcata Fire District exists to protect the lives, environment, and property of the communities served. To this end, the District invests its personnel in the education of the public and the maintenance of a safe environment.

Humboldt Bay Fire

533 C Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 441-4000 Email: info@hbfire.org

Website: <http://www.hbfire.org/>

The Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 4:00pm at the Rob Bode Training Classroom at 3030 L Street Eureka, CA 95501. Humboldt Bay Fire JPA Board of Directors is a four-member board with two representatives from Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District and the City of Eureka.

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

601 Startare Dr., Eureka 95501 (P.O. Box 1030, Eureka 95501) (707) 443-0801

Website: <http://humboldtby.org>

Harbor Commissioners by Division:

1	Aaron Newman	next election 2024
2	Greg Dale	next election 2024
3	Stephen Kullmann	next election 2026
4	Craig Benson	next election 2026
5	Patrick Higgins	next election 2024

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Charged with the oversight and development of the harbors and ports of Humboldt County and the development and the protection of the county's natural resources for "multiple purpose use and for the benefit of the people." The HBHRCD is a countywide agency empowered to grant permits, franchises and leases over all tide, submerged and other lands granted to the district, including all of Humboldt Bay. The commission divisions share the same boundary lines as the supervisorial districts. Funded by: a small portion of Humboldt County property taxes; grants; tideland leases from dock operators and mariculture operations; rents and leases from sources such as Woodley Island marina and the Fields Landing boat yard; the Harbor Improvement Surcharge levied on deep draft

vessels.

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

828 7th St., Eureka 95501 (707) 443-5018

Website: <https://www.hbmwd.com>

Board Members by Division:

1	Neal Latt	next election 2024
2	Sheri Woo	next election 2024
3	David Lindberg	next election 2024
4	Bruce Rupp	next election 2026
5	Michelle Fuller	next election 2026

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. The HBMWD's mission is to reliably deliver high quality drinking water to the communities and customers in the greater Humboldt Bay area at a reasonable cost; reliably deliver untreated water to our wholesale industrial customer(s) at a reasonable cost; and protect the environment of the Mad River watershed to preserve water rights, water supply and water quality interests of the District. It makes decisions on the wholesale distribution of industrial and drinking water, power generation and recreation from Mad River and the Ruth Lake Reservoir.

Humboldt Community Services District

5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka 95503 (P.O. Box 158, Cutten 95534), (707) 443-4550

Website: <https://humboldtcsd.org/>

Board Members:

Heidi Benzonelli	next election 2024	hbenzonelli@humboldtcsd.org
Julie Ryan	next election 2026	julie4hcsd@gmail.com
Gregg Gardiner	next election 2026	gregg@101things.com
Michael Hansen	next election 2024	hansen4hcsd@gmail.com
Joe Matteoli	next election 2024	joematteoli@gmail.com

Paid \$50 per board and committee meeting and medical insurance. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm. The function of the HCSD is to provide essential services to the community. Services include quality water, sewage collection and street lighting.

McKinleyville Community Services District

1656 Sutter Rd., McKinleyville 95519 (707) 839-3251

Website: <https://www.mckinleyvillecsd.com/>

Board Members:

Scott Binder	next election 2024
James Biteman	next election 2026
David Couch	next election 2026
Dennis Mayo	next election 2026
Gregory Orsini	next election 2024

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm. At Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. MCSD is responsible for the district's water and sewer systems, streetlights, recreational facilities, and library. To place an item on the agenda, call 839-3251, 4 days before the next meeting. Receive the agenda and board packet each month for free via email; call (707) 839-3251 to sign up.

Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District

Governing Board, SHCHD, 733 Cedar St., Garberville 95542 (707) 923-3921

Website: <https://sohumhealth.org/services/clinic/>

The Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District provides high quality local medical services, engages community members with education, activities and lifestyle opportunities which promote optimal health, and assists patients in navigating access to services throughout the healthcare system.

School Governing Boards

Humboldt County Office of Education

901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka 95501 (707) 445-7000

Website: <https://hcoe.org>

Board of Education

The Board of Education adopts rules and regulations governing the office of education; sets the county superintendent’s salary; approves the office of education budget; approves educational films and videos for school districts; acts as the governing board for county-operated schools and programs; functions as an appellate body for student expulsions.

Meeting agendas are posted at the office of education, and at each school site. An item to be considered for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools at least two weeks in advance. Discussion is limited to school business; confidential matters regarding individual students and personnel will not be discussed during public meetings. Each agenda item has time allotted for public comment. If you wish to address an agenda item, you may do so by signing in at the beginning of the meeting, or by raising your hand to be recognized and then coming forward to speak. There is no set time limit for public comment.

Board of Education Members

by Trustee Area

Serve 4-year terms

Monthly stipend: \$217

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| 1 | Mary Scott | next election 2026 |
| 2 | Robert Siekmann | next election 2024 |
| 3 | Thom McMahon | next election 2026 |
| 4 | Loretta Eckenrode | next election 2026 |
| 5 | Rene Quintana | next election 2024 |

The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm. Call (707) 445-7031 to confirm. Meetings are held at the Office of Education Board Room.

Other School Boards

The role of each local district board is to establish a vision for the district, set policies for how the district is run, oversee district operations, and hire the district superintendent. Meeting agendas are posted at each school site. Discussion is limited to school business. Confidential matters regarding individual students and personnel will not be discussed during public meetings. School board meetings may vary slightly, but each will allow public comment and time to address an agenda item. You may do so by signing in at the beginning of the meeting, or by raising your hand to be recognized. **It's always a good idea to call and verify that a meeting has not been canceled or changed.**

<u>School District</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Meets</u>
Arcata School District	(707) 822-0351	2nd Monday, 7:00 pm
Big Lagoon Union	(707) 677-3688	2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm
Blue Lake Union	(707) 668-5674	2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm
Bridgeville Elementary	(707) 777-3311	2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm
College of the Redwoods	(707) 476-4100	1st Tuesday, time and locale vary
Cuddeback Union	(707) 768-3372	2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Cutten	(707) 441-3930	2nd Monday, 6:30 pm
Eureka City Schools	(707) 441-2400	1st & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Ferndale Unified	(707) 786-5900	2nd Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Fieldbrook	(707) 839-3201	2nd Monday, 5:30 pm
Fortuna Elementary	(707) 725-2293	2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Fortuna Union High	(707) 725-4461	1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Freshwater	(707) 442-2969	2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Garfield Elementary	(707) 442-5471	2nd Thursday, 4:00 pm
Green Point	(707) 668-5921	1st Thursday, 5:30 pm
Hydesville	(707) 768-3610	2nd Monday, 6:30 pm
Jacoby Creek Elementary	(707) 822-4896	2nd Wednesday, 7:15 pm
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified	(530) 625-5600	2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm
Kneeland Elementary	(707) 442-5472	2nd Monday, 6:00 pm
Loleta Union	(707) 733-5705	3rd Thursday, 5:30 pm
Maple Creek Elementary	(707) 668-5596	2nd Friday, 1:30 pm
Mattole Unified	(707) 629-3311	Last Tuesday, 5:00 pm
McKinleyville Union	(707) 839-1549	2nd Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Northern Humboldt Union High	(707) 839-6470	2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Orick Elementary	(707) 488-2821	2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm
Pacific Union	(707) 822-4619	2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm
Peninsula Union	(707) 443-2731	2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm
Rio Dell	(707) 764-5694	2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Scotia Union	(707) 764-2212	2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
South Bay Union	(707) 476-8549	2nd Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Southern Humboldt Unified	(707) 943-1789	2nd Thursday, 4:30 pm
Southern Trinity Joint Unified	(707) 574-6237	3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Trinidad Union	(707) 677-3631	2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm

City Councils

City councils oversee, set policy and provide direction in the consideration of ordinances and resolutions pertinent to the city. By law, citizens have the right to speak during any public hearing that was noticed or advertised to the public. The public is allotted time to speak at city council meetings in two different places. Incorporated Cities in Humboldt County include: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, and Trinidad.

Public comment: Time is specifically set aside for public input on items not found on the agenda. Speaking to an item on the agenda: Normally, the chair of the council will ask for public input on an agenda item either before or after discussion by the council, but before a vote. These segments are identified on the meeting agenda, which may be viewed prior to the meetings at the posted locations. The time allowed for public input varies from two minutes to no limit. The chair will normally tell the audience what the limit is and stop a speaker who has gone over that limit.

Arcata City Council

736 F St., Arcata 95521 (707) 822-5953
Website: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/405/City-Council>
Sarah Schaefer, Mayor
Salary: \$12,191-13,456

Council Members

Mayor Meredith Matthews next election 2026 MMatthews@CityofArcata.org
Vice Mayor Alexandra Stillman next election 2024 AStillman@CityofArcata.org
Stacy Atkins-Salazar next election 2024 SATkinsSalazar@CityofArcata.org
Sarah Schaefer next election 2024 SSchaefer@CityofArcata.org
Kimberly White next election 2026 KWhite@CityofArcata.org

Arcata City Council meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 pm. Agendas are posted in the City Manager's Office at Arcata City Hall the Friday before each council meeting. To place an item on the agenda, contact the city manager's office at (707) 822-5953 at least 15 business days prior to the meeting. Citizens are allowed three minutes per person to address a non-agenda item during the public comment section of the meeting by approaching the podium to be recognized. Citizens are also allowed three minutes per person to speak on agenda items, before discussion by city council members by approaching the podium to be recognized. Meetings are televised live and re-broadcasted by Access Humboldt on Channel 10. The members of the City Council elect one of its members as Mayor and one of its members as Vice-Mayor.

Blue Lake City Council

111 Greenwood St. (P.O. Box 458, Blue Lake 95525), (707) 668-5655
Website: <https://bluelake.co.gov/city-council/>
Stipend: \$50 per month

Council Members

Mayor Adelene Jones next election 2024 ajones@bluelake.ca.gov
Mayor Pro Tem Angela Shull next election 2024 ashull@bluelake.ca.gov
Chris Edgar next election 2024 cedgar@bluelake.ca.gov

Elizabeth McKay next election 2026 emckay@bluelake.ca.gov

Elise Scafani next election 2026 escafani@bluelake.ca.gov

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. Agendas are posted at the Blue Lake City Hall and the post office. To place an item on the agenda, call by noon the Wednesday before the next meeting. Public comments are limited to three minutes per person. Citizens may address an agenda or non-agenda items. Annually, the Council selects one of its members to serve as mayor and another to serve as mayor pro tem.

Eureka City Council

531 K Street, Eureka 95501 (707) 441-4144

Website: <https://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/>

Mayor

Kim Bergel next election 2026 kbergel@ci.eureka.ca.gov

Salary: \$625 per month or \$7,500 annually, plus expenses

Council Members

Ward 1: Leslie Castellano next election 2026 lcastellano@eurekaca.gov

Ward 2: Kati Moulton next election 2024 kmoulton@eurekaca.gov

Ward 3: G. Mario Fernandez next election 2026 gmfernandez@eurekaca.gov

Ward 4: Scott Bauer next election 2024 sbauer@eurekaca.gov

Ward 5: Renee Contreras-DeLoach next election 2026 rcontreras@eurakaca.gov

Salary: \$500 per month or \$6,000 annually, plus expenses

Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm. Agendas are posted at Eureka City Hall the Friday before each council meeting. To place an item on the agenda, call by 5:00 pm the Wednesday before the next meeting. Public comments are limited to three minutes; citizens may address agenda and non-agenda items during the public comment section of the meeting by approaching the podium to speak. Meetings are televised live and rebroadcast by Access Humboldt on Channel 10. The Mayor presides over the City Council meetings. The City Council is a five-member governmental body that is elected from the geographic boundaries of each of their wards.

Ferndale City Council

834 Main Street (P.O. Box 1095), Ferndale 95536 (707) 786-4224

Website: <https://ci.ferndale.ca.us/departments/city-council>

No monetary compensation

Mayor

Randy Cady next election 2024

Council Members

Leonard Lund next election 2024

Phillip Ostler next election 2024

Skip Jorgensen next election 2026

Jenny Fisk-Becker next election 2026

Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Agendas are posted at Ferndale City Hall. To place an item on the agenda, call at least one week before the meeting. Citizens may address a non-agenda or agenda item during the public comment time of the meeting by raising their hand to be recognized and standing to speak. Public comments are limited to five minutes unless the mayor grants more time. The council appreciates speakers stating their name and address, but it is not required.

Fortuna City Council

621 11th St., Fortuna 95540 (707) 725-7600

Website -- City: <https://www.friendlyfortuna.com>

Website – Council:

https://www.friendlyfortuna.com/your_government/city_council/index.php

Stipend: \$300/month

Council Members

Mayor Tami Trent	next election 2024	ttrent@ci.fortuna.ca.us
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Johnson	next election 2026	mjohnson@ci.fortuna.ca.us
Kris Mobley	next election 2026	kmobley@ci.fortuna.ca.us
Kyle Conley	next election 2026	kconley@ci.fortuna.ca.us
Mike Losey	next election 2024	mlosey@ci.fortuna.ca.us

Fortuna City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00 pm. Agendas are posted at Fortuna City Hall. To place an item on the agenda, call at least ten days before the next scheduled meeting. Citizens are allowed to address a non-agenda item during the public comment time of the meeting. Citizens may address an agenda item during discussion of the item by raising their hand to be recognized. Meetings are televised live and rebroadcast by Access Humboldt on Suddenlink Channel 10.

Rio Dell City Council

675 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell 95562 (707) 764-3532

Website: <https://www.cityofriodell.ca.gov/city-council>

No monetary compensation

Mayor

Debra Garnes	next election 2026	dgarnes@cityofriodell.ca.gov
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Council Members

Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Carter	next election 2024	acarter@cityofriodell.ca.gov
Julie Woodall	next election 2026	jwoodall@cityofriodell.ca.gov
Robert Orr	next election 2026	rorr@cityofriodell.ca.gov
Frank Wilson	next election 2024	fwilson@cityofriodell.ca.gov

Rio Dell City Council meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

Trinidad City Council

409 Trinity St., Trinidad 95570 (707) 677-0223

Website: <https://trinidad.ca.gov/trinidad-city-council>

Stipend: \$50/month

Council Members

Mayor Cheryl Kelly	next election 2024	ckelly@trinidad.ca.gov
Mayor Pro Tem Jack West	next election 2024	jwest@trinidad.ca.gov
Steve Ladwig	next election 2024	sladwig@trinidad.ca.gov
Katie Breckenridge	next election 2026	kbreckenridge@trinidad.ca.gov
Jack Tuttle	next election 2026	jtuttle@trinidad.ca.gov

Trinidad City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Agendas are posted online. Anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda should call (707)677-0223 at least one week before the meeting. Citizens may address a non-agenda or agenda item during the public comment time of the meeting, either by signing or raising their hand and standing to be recognized.

Voter Registration Information

You are eligible to vote in this county if you are:

- a citizen of the United States
- a resident of Humboldt County
- at least 18 years old by Election Day
- not judged mentally incompetent by a court of law
- not in prison or on parole for a felony

To register to vote:

- Register online: <http://registertovote.ca.gov>
- Register by mail: Get a postcard registration form at any post office, library, city hall, or military recruiting office. You may also call the Humboldt County Registrar of Voters (707) 445-7481, or you may call toll-free (800) 345-VOTE anytime; leave your name and address, and a form will be sent to you. For help in Spanish call: toll-free (800) 232-VOTA
- Register at the DMV: Registration forms are also offered by agencies serving the disabled and to those applying in person for public assistance.

Re-register to vote if you:

- have never registered to vote in Humboldt County
- changed your place of residence and/or mailing address since last registering
- wish to change your political party
- changed your name since last registering
- have updated your signature since last registering

Have questions about voter registration and/or ballots?

Humboldt County Elections Office
2426 6th St., Eureka 95501
(707) 445-7481
Hours: 8-12, 1-5, Monday-Friday

