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The City of Eureka will be undertaking a comprehensive update of the City's 1997 General Plan, anticipated to begin in early 2013. In preparation for this multi-year update process, the City engaged Mintier Harnish, planning consultants who specialize in preparing general plans, to conduct a three-day comprehensive training and support program for updating general plans. The program, presented on October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, was designed to provide City of Eureka staff, and elected and appointed officials, with the tools and guidance necessary to update and implement the City of Eureka General Plan. The program, divided into ten sessions, covered every aspect of general plan preparation. Each session included lecture and course materials, interactive discussions, and templates and guides. The program provided information on key issues for the update process such as public outreach; establishing a vision for the City; preparing and selecting land use alternatives; preparing general plan goals, policies and programs; CEQA review; and organizing a general plan update program.

Over the next few months a consultant will be selected to work with the City on the General Plan Update. The City intends to complete the update of its General Plan in a manner that is as efficient and timely as possible, making community and agency involvement a priority and working to insure the updated General Plan represents sound yet innovative land use planning that addresses the needs and desires of the Eureka community. One of the initial tasks in the process will be to develop a website specific to the General Plan Update as a public information tool. A contact list for those interested in receiving information on the update will also be created. Information on how to be placed on a contact list will be provided once the update process begins.

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