



Lassen County General Plan Amendment Application

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The following provides an overview of the General Plan Amendment application process.

- 1). Complete the General Plan Amendment application, including all applicable supporting information.
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- 3). Attach a letter that includes a clear and concise statement of the proposed amendment.

If the proposal is to amend the General Plan land use map (for example, change the Grazing and Sagebrush Environment designation to Rural Residential) the application may need a map depicting the proposed changes. Some proposals may involve changes, deletions, or additions to policy statements in the General Plan. If so, the application should include a clear and concise statement of what the proposed policy is.

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A General Plan amendment will normally require environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The County has an application form for Environmental Review known as the "Initial Study, Application" which must be completed and submitted with the application.

The application fee for a General Plan amendment is \$2,885. The environmental review application (initial study) is \$3,085 and any associated rezone application is \$2,085. Additional fees would be required if an Environmental Impact Report is required as part of the environmental review, or if a rezoning application is necessary.

*In addition to the application fee the cost also includes either: (1) a preparation charge based on actual cost (time and materials) exceeding the application fee if the document is prepared and/or reviewed by county staff; or (2) an administration fee equal to ten percent of the total contract costs if the document is prepared under contract to the county.



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The application fee for a General Plan amendment is \$1,750.00. The environmental review application (initial study) is \$2000.00, any associated rezone application is \$1350.00, and the Environmental Health Department filing fee is \$85.00. Additional fees would be required if an Environmental Impact Report is required as part of the environmental review, or if a rezoning application is necessary.

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