



**CITY OF ARCATA  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**January 13, 2026, 5:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber  
736 F Street, Arcata**

Present: Commissioner Hamm, Commissioner Lehman, Chair Simmons, Vice-Chair Strickland, Commissioner Tangney

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Land Acknowledgement
- b. Roll Call

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Two members of the public spoke on items not on the agenda.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion by Commissioner Lehman and second by Commissioner Tangney, the Commission adopted the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Hamm, Lehman, Simmons, Strickland, Tangney

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Hickey

**Moved by:** Lehman

**Seconded by:** Tangney

**PASSED**

- a. Approve the Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of December 9, 2025

**4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Update on Downtown Fire**

Fire Chief Emmons, City Manager Perry, and Director Loya reported on the status of the downtown fire.

One member of the public spoke on this item.

**b. Update on RHNA Methodology**

Director Loya gave an update on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology.

One member of the public spoke on this item.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Loya mentioned that the Planning Commission Annual Report will be brought to the January 27 meeting and it will be presented to the City Council on February 4.

Director Loya noted that the Local Coastal Program hearing was continued to February 17 which is not a regularly scheduled meeting date. He requested that the Commissioners let him know if they are able to attend a special meeting on that date and that the meeting would be continued to the regular meeting on February 24 if they are unable to attend.

Director Loya stated that Commissioner Hickey's reappointment is scheduled for January 21.

Director Loya mentioned that the Historic Landmarks Committee Annual Report would be presented to the City Council on February 18.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 7:01 p.m.