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According to the U.S. Census, Eureka had a population of 693 in 2010. Based on Census growth rates, the estimated population in 2017 is 725. Population forecasts indicate that the number of people in Eureka will be approximately 727 by 2020, 770 by 2030, and 858 by 2040. If population growth follows these trends from 1990-2010, Eureka will grow by 6.3% of the 2010 census population (44 individuals) every 10 years. Annexation policy should therefore be enacted to accommodate future growth.

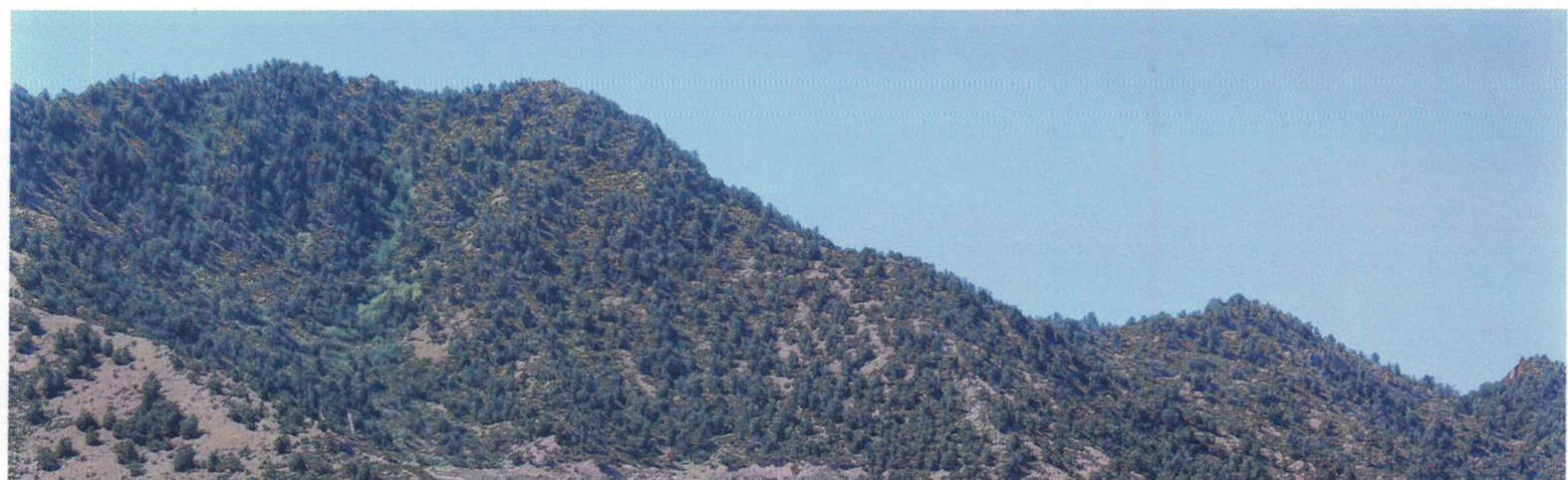
11.2 Guiding Principles and Community Input

Development within existing City boundaries should be given highest priority. Annexation should only be approved if it provides significant benefit to the entire community and the annexed area can be appropriately serviced by the City. In a community survey completed in 2017, residents were asked if they would be in favor of annexing adjacent areas to accommodate growth and what growth they would like to occur

within the annexed areas. In response, 73.1% of residents stated they would be in favor of annexing adjacent areas to accommodate growth and 81.5% were in favor of commercial and residential growth to occur within those annexed areas. (See Appendix B for further details).

The City should zone all future annexed properties to match the current use until there is a need to change the designation. Additionally, any adopted policy from this chapter should discourage annexation for purely speculative reasons.

The goals and strategies for this sections were developed from feedback received from Eureka residents and City officials. This involvement and discussion was necessary to fully understand where existing annexed areas were located, as well as desired areas for future annexation. During two public meetings, maps of the City and the surrounding area were examined and citizens were given the opportunity to highlight recently annexed areas and possible areas for eventual incorporation. These conversations helped to direct goal development in determining future land use needs.



Goals & Strategies:

Develop a strategic annexation plan that represents the needs of the City if it decides to grow

Design water and sewer lines, and other utility facilities for newly annexed areas

Planning Commission, Mayor, City Council, City Staff

Work with utility provider companies to implement and maintain designed utility systems

Utility Company Representatives, City Council, Mayor, City Staff, and Planning Commission

Clarify existing annexed areas

Planning Commission, City Council

Require adequate public facilities, including police and fire protection, before accepting annexations

Planning Commission, Mayor, City Council, City Staff

Discourage annexations of environmentally sensitive areas

Planning Commission, Mayor, City Council, City Staff