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### Butte County General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update Website

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**Welcome to the Official Butte County General Plan Update Website**

First Meeting Held April 13, 2006 - [Agenda with links to PowerPoints](#) | (142 people attended)



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[Reports prepared for the Planning Commission Meeting of 2006-04-27](#) - [Staff Report which includes a discussion about the formation of a Steering Committee](#) | [DRAFT Consultant Selection RFP](#) | [DRAFT Guiding Principles](#) (PLEASE NOTE: These reports are staff recommendations to date on these topics, your input is valued. These documents are subject to review and revisions through

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- 1) Butte County is REALLY going to do a General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update
- 2) Remember <http://www.buttegeneralplan.net>
- 3) Workshop held April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm, Speakers included DDS staff, Marin and Monterey Planning Managers, OPR, LGC
- 4) Keep an eye on the calendar for events/milestones AND Email List
- 5) eBinder to track ALL information produced during the process
- 6) Cities, County, BCAG & LAFCo are coordinating/communicating on GPs
- 7) Next Steps – RFP process, Guiding Principles, Steering Committee (PC on April 27<sup>th</sup> and BOS on May 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- 8) Other issues: Hiring new staff, New Permitting System, Document Management System, Deer Herd, Ag Conservation, Ag Element, Oak Tree Conservation, etc.

## **DRAFT Guiding Principles for Butte County General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update**

- 1. Principle: Agriculture** - Agriculture is an important aspect of Butte County's economy and lifestyle that must be maintained, protected and promoted.
- 2. Principle: Growth/Urban Development/Housing** - The County will determine where growth can be accommodated to fulfill the variety of housing needs of the next 20 years. Urban growth strategies should be directed to, and be supportive of, the LAFCO recognized city Spheres of Influence.
- 3. Principle: Rural Development** - The General Plan should identify areas suitable for rural development including a variety of lot sizes that meet the varying needs of rural lifestyles. Where possible, consideration should be given to the "conservation" subdivision approach that utilizes clustered development to minimize consumptive uses of land while protecting areas important for purposes of agriculture, grazing, and conservation.
- 4. Principle: Natural Resources and Environment** - While growth must accommodate the housing needs of the next 20 years, Butte County will act to identify areas that must be conserved and protected, including important watersheds, deer ranges, forests, grasslands, mineral resources, wetlands/riparian areas, scenic resources, and other environmentally sensitive areas.
- 5. Principle: Airport Land Use** - Determine equitable ways that the General Plan can protect the 4 county airports in coordination with the 2000 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.
- 6. Principle: Recreational Opportunities and Protection of Cultural Resources** - As Butte County's population grows over the next 20 years, additional recreational facilities will be necessary to serve both local and regional needs. Cultural resources that are significant to Butte County's history and past must be identified and protected under Butte County policy.
- 7. Principle: Transportation** - Butte County's plan for regional and local transportation needs must be coordinated with the California Department of Transportation, the Butte County Association of Governments, the cities, and the County's Capital Improvement Program.
- 8. Principle: Economic Development** - The General Plan must seek to provide incentives and policies to maintain existing job centers and businesses and attract new high quality employment centers that will create opportunities at various levels with the goal of keeping Butte County generated revenues circulating within Butte County, and enhancing the County's Jobs-housing Balance.
- 9. Principle: Public Health and Safety** - The General Plan must include policies that address the public safety issues important to Butte County, including seismic and fire hazards, appropriate circulation for emergency vehicles and evacuation routes in mountainous areas, areas prone to flood, clean air and water, and all other aspects of public safety.
- 10. Principle: Public Services** - The General Plan must address where and how essential public services and/or facilities will be provided to the varied and dispersed geography of the County; such as schools, sewer and water service, road construction and maintenance, fire and police protection, and garbage collection, and general governmental services. Inherent in providing such services is establishing funding mechanisms to maintain appropriate levels of service. The General Plan must recognize that the Neal Road Landfill is a valuable public asset. According to current estimates this landfill will reach capacity in 2033.
- 11. Principle: Cooperative Planning** - Several of the incorporated city jurisdictions within Butte County are poised to begin General Plan updates at this time or in the near future. The General Plan must coordinate both regional and city planning, especially concerning development within designated Spheres of Influence for the incorporated cities.
- 12. Principle: Sustainability** - The General Plan must support the use of natural resources in a way that provides a secure future for Butte County's residents. This shall include the exploration of alternative strategies for energy sources and conservation in agriculture, building, transportation and other appropriate areas.