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Last Update: 2006-06-06	
<p>NEXT MEETING: On June 13, 2006, the Board of Supervisors will have further discussion of the Working Draft Framework of Guiding Principles at the Butte County Board Chambers, 25 County Center Dr., Oroville, CA 95965. <posted 2006-06-06></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR CONSULTANTS: Information to respond to the Request for Proposals for Butte County's comprehensive General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update and EIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Citizens Advisory Committee (formerly called Steering Committee) Application Deadline - August 1, 2006</p>
Answers to Questions Asked at 04-13-2006 meeting (posted 2006-06-04)	
NOTE: Amended/Final documents from meetings are posted in the ebinder.	

What is a General Plan? A General Plan is a collection of county policies regarding long-term development in the form of maps and accompanying text. Under California Law, the General Plan is considered the "constitution" for land use and development and represents a jurisdiction's own vision and **policy** for the future. The General Plan is shaped by the citizens of Butte County and adopted by their elected representatives serving on the Board of Supervisors. The General Plan is considered a master "blueprint"; all other County regulations are required to be consistent with its instruction and policy.

A special subset of regulations, such as the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, Specific Plans, and Capital Improvement Plans, serve to **implement** the General Plan's **policies** and programs by providing more detailed and specific information not contained within the General Plan.

County General Plan: A County General Plan is more regionally connected and focused than a City General Plan, and for that reason interaction with a variety of local agencies and interests is required. The importance of Butte County's General Plan update cannot be overstated. This document will guide future development strategies until 2030. General Plan policy can have far reaching consequences in the area of the public's health, safety and welfare. Experience shows that a General Plan update is most successful when the General Plan's goals, policies and programs stem from the valuable input of local agencies and departments as well as the public.

A "blueprint" for the future: A General Plan sets the overall density and intensity for the various land use designations and guides where housing and other types of development will take place, while conserving lands devoted to agriculture, open space, and natural resources. Information provided in various background reports will be used to establish baseline information about the County. Using this information, staff and consultants will analyze long-term local and regional needs and trends. Opportunities and constraints will be identified to guide and ultimately decide future development and conservation decisions.

Required Elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Safety and Noise. In addition to these, Butte County also has the following elements – Agriculture, Parks & Recreation, Scenic Highway and Seismic. Through the update process, more may be added, the same kept or the existing consolidated. Making the General Plan readable, consistent and enjoyable are the goals.

Butte County General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update eBinder

This is the place where we'll keep track of ALL documents that are provided at meetings and workshops in ONE place. In case you miss a meeting and want to get a copy of the information that was provided, you will have this ONE place where you can check FOR SURE to get the handouts/info that was provided.

- **2006-05-27** [Email Update Sent to the General Plan Update List](#)
- **2006-05-23** Reports discussed at the Board of Supervisors Meeting - [Board Transmittal Sheet](#) | [Staff Report](#) | [DRAFT RFP](#) | [Staff Report presented to the Planning Commission on 2006-04-27](#) | [DRAFT Guiding Principles](#) | [DRAFT Steering Committee Resolution](#) | [DRAFT Steering Committee Application](#)
- **2006-05-19** [Email Update Sent to the General Plan Update List](#)
- **2006-04-27** Reports prepared for the Planning Commission on - [Staff Report](#) | [DRAFT RFP](#) | [DRAFT Guiding Principles](#)
- **2006-04-26** [Two Page Information overview](#) provided to the Resource Conservation District Board in a brief presentation by Tim Snellings, Director of Butte County Development Services
- **2006-04-20** [Email Update Sent to the General Plan Update List](#)
- **2006-04-20** [General Plan informational handout presented to the Butte County Department Heads meeting](#)
- **2006-04-13** [Meeting - Agenda with Links to all PowerPoints](#) | [Copy of Chico ER article of meeting](#)
- **2006-04-07** [Press Release](#) announcing April 13th Workshop
- [Newspaper Ad for April 13th Workshop](#) placed in the Chico ER, Paradise Post, Oroville Mercury-Register, Gridley Herald
- **2006-04-13** [1st Meeting - General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update Information Workshop - 1-5 pm, Southside Center, Oroville - [Map HERE](#) | [Agenda with links](#)

Calendar of Events/Meetings for General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update

[Documents for each meeting can be viewed in the ebinder - HERE](#)

- **2006-05-23** - 1st Board of Supervisors Meeting on the General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update
- **2006-04-27** - 1st Planning Commission Meeting on the General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update
- **2006-04-13** - 1st Meeting - General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update Information Workshop - 1-5 pm, Southside Center, Oroville - (142 people attended)

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