



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

**FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director**

**SUBJECT: January 9, 2007 Progress Report on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the third in a series of updates that will be provided to the Board of Supervisors at the beginning of each meeting to assist Board members in staying apprised of the progress on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process.

I have the following to report concerning progress on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process:

**1. January 27, 2007 County/City Summit Meeting**

On Saturday, January 27, 2007, Butte County will host a Summit meeting between the Butte County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission and the City Councils and Planning Commissions from the Cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, and the Town of Paradise. This meeting will focus on the following 4 goals:

- Goal 1: Begin the County General Plan update process in a manner that demonstrates the County's process is open and strives to be collaborative with the incorporated cities.
- Goal 2: Provide a general overview of the County General Plan update process and the on-going or planned General Plan update processes for the Cities/Town, so that everyone is aware of the approach and timing for each jurisdiction.
- Goal 3: Provide an open forum to allow decision makers to identify key issues that need to be addressed in the County General Plan, and where joint coordination is needed between the County, Cities, and Town.
- Goal 4: Lay the foundation for individual City/Town meetings with the County.

An Agenda for this meeting will be sent out to Board members prior to the end of this week. After this meeting staff will hold 5 individual City/Town meetings that will take place starting February and ending in July 2007. Participants in the Summit meeting will be asked to have each City/Town Council create a subcommittee who will represent their jurisdictions at these meetings. These individual “one-on-one” meetings will focus specifically on each city’s particular issues as they relate to the County’s General Plan Update process.

## **2. Status on General Plan Consultant Work Program**

The status report is provided from the General Plan 2030 Lead Consultant, Design Community & Environment (DC&E) on Tasks B – D of the Work Program:

### Task A: Project Initiation

Completed – All seven (7) sub tasks completed

### Task B: Existing Conditions Analysis

Consultant Team members (DC&E, Bay Area Economics, Fehr and Peers, Jones & Stokes, Questa Engineering) are approximately 40 percent completed with the preparation of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Background Report. An administrative draft of this document, for County Staff review, will be completed on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Task C: Issue Identification

Consultant DC&E has initiated preparation of the Existing Conditions Briefing Booklet. This Booklet will provide a summary of the existing conditions in Butte County for the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

### Task D: Butte County and City Cooperation and Outreach

DC&E and County staff laid the groundwork for the January 27<sup>th</sup>, County/City Summit, confirming the desired outcomes of the meeting, the meeting content and format and development of the agenda. A newspaper advertisement informing the public of this Summit will be published in all of the area newspapers in Butte County. Coordination with each of the City Clerks and Planning Staff has been completed by Butte County staff.

Bay Area Economics conducted initial assessment of Usability of BCAG projection data and plans to refine projections.

## **3. Citizen Advisory Committee Photos Posted to Website**

Photos showing member’s likes and dislikes were taken by members of Butte County’s General Plan 2030 Citizen Advisory Committee and were part of an exercise completed at the Committee’s second Kick-off meeting on December 7, 2006. The photos, and accompanying explanations, can be viewed on Butte County’s General Plan website at [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net) The purpose of this exercise was to begin the process necessary to comment on the Guiding

Principles, to learn more about the Committee's values, and to prepare the Committee and staff for discussions and decisions that will take place in future General Plan 2030 Public Workshops and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings.

**4. Draft Guiding Principles to be heard by Planning Commission on Thursday, January 11, 2007.**

The Draft Guiding Principles were reviewed by Butte County's General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee on December 7, 2006. The Committee's comments on the Draft Guiding Principles are scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on January 11, 2007. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the consensus changes the Committee made to the 12 Draft Guiding Principles of the Board, as well as Meeting Notes and individual comments from Committee members. Once the Planning Commission completes their review, the Draft Guiding Principles will be scheduled for final review by the Board of Supervisors on February 13, 2007. The Guiding Principles will then be used to guide the General Plan 2030 process until the new General Plan is adopted in September 2009.

**5. Additional Appointments and Updated Citizens Advisory Committee Resolution to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, January 23, 2007.**

The Citizens Advisory Committee was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 23, 2006. The Committee has completed its orientation phase with two kick-off meetings held on November 16, 2006 and December 7, 2006. The Board's Ad-Hoc General Plan Subcommittee reviewed additional applicants on November 7, 2006 and recommends the appointment of 4 additional members to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee. The four applicants were chosen from a group of 7 new applications.

The previous Resolution establishing the method for appointment of members and the Work Program for the Citizens Advisory Committee has been updated to reflect the total number of members (34) serving on the Committee and to better reflect the Committee's Work Program.

**6. Program 2.2 ( Ag. Buffer) of the Butte County General Plan Agricultural Element**

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution clarifying the applicability of the Agricultural Buffer requirement found in Program 2.2 of the Agricultural Element of the General Plan on December 12, 2006. Additionally, the Department of Development Services has been directed to prepare an implementing ordinance for consideration by the Board in less than 90 days. Staff has prepared an administrative draft version of the ordinance for internal review and has targeted the January 25, 2007 Planning Commission hearing for a recommendation to the Board. With that recommendation, we anticipate a February hearing by the Board of Supervisors. The administrative draft ordinance is an overlay type of zone that will be accompanied by an exhibit that will amend the zoning map

showing the applicability of the buffer requirement. Staff will work with several interested parties including the Cities/Town, Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, Users' Group and LAFCo on reviewing the draft version.

**7. North Valley Community Access Television Broadcast**

In order to expand outreach to the public, the first two Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings (held on November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006) will be broadcast on local Channel 11, North Valley Community Access Television on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Staff is also working with this station to tape the upcoming City/County Summit Meeting for later broadcast, and all future Public Workshops and Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings.

**8. Contract Incentives for General Plan Consultant, Design Community & Environment**

Staff is working to provide the Board with an amended Contract that will include the Incentive Program for completion of the General Plan Update ahead of schedule as described in the November 21, General Plan Progress Report. Staff anticipates that this revision will be provided to the Board at their February 27, 2007 hearing.