



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: January 23, 2007 Progress Report on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the fourth 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**

As of January 22, 2007 the Department of Development Services had over 75 confirmed City Councilpersons, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commissioners, and staff attending this historic meeting. More attendees are expected to confirm as the week progresses. Staff met with all City Planning Directors last Friday and reminded each of them about the Summit Meeting and the importance of having good representation from the cities at this meeting. Additionally, reminders about the Summit Meeting, and a copy of the Meeting's Agenda were sent out to all elected officials and City staff's in Butte County. The Oroville Mercury-Register and Chico Enterprise Record ran press releases on the Summit Meeting in their January 22, 2007 editions. Staff additionally ran display ads in all the local papers concerning the Summit Meeting.

**2. Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan (BC HCP/NCCP) Process**

Development Services staff met with Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) staff and received a status report on the Butte Regional HCP/NCCP process. A Draft Ecological Baseline Assessment Report will be made available after January 30, 2007 and will be posted on BCAG's website. Additionally, BCAG staff provided a Preliminary Covered Species list for the Butte Regional HCP/NCCP. This document presents the species proposed for coverage under the Butte Regional HCP/NCCP and the process used to select the proposed covered species. This baseline information and Preliminary Covered Species List will be provided to the County's General Plan Consultant for reference during

the Butte County General Plan 2030 process. Although the Butte Regional HCP/NCCP process is independent from the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, information and data will be shared from BCAG as the process continues.

**3. Development Services Director Tim Snellings Speaks to League of Women Voters on Butte County General Plan 2030**

On January 17, 2007 Tim Snellings gave a talk to the League of Women Voters about the Butte GP 2030 process. Mr. Snellings discussed the use of City Spheres of Influence in the planning process; the agricultural element buffer (Program 2.2); the City/County Summit Meeting; the County's public participation and outreach program; representation of environmental interests on the Citizens Advisory Committee; and the Draft Framework of Guiding Principles. The League is currently developing an Interview Program to help gauge the public's interest in land use planning. The Department of Development Services sees such outreach as beneficial to the General Plan process and will closely follow the results of these efforts and work to coordinate the efforts of groups with the County's Butte GP 2030 process.

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

The Citizens Advisory Committee's comments on the Draft Guiding Principles were reviewed by the Planning Commission on January 11, 2007. The Planning Commission reviewed the consensus changes the Committee made to the 12 Guiding Principles, as well as a 13<sup>th</sup> Guiding Principle added by the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding the protection and management of water resources. The Planning Commission discussed the use of design principles for developing areas of the County. A member of the public encouraged the Planning Commission to consider development principles that encouraged sustainable development practices. The Planning Commission determined that there would be more opportunities to discuss design and growth principles as the General Plan 2030 process progressed. The Planning Commission did not make any further changes to the Draft Guiding Principles as approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee. The minutes from the Planning Commission meeting and the Draft Guiding Principles will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration and final approval on February 13, 2007.

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

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. North Valley Community Access Television Broadcast**

Due to a technical problem, the planned airing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Advisory Committee Kick-off Meeting on local Channel 11, North Valley Community Access Television, was rescheduled from Monday, January 22, 2007 to Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 7:00 pm for the 1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (held November 16, 2007). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting will be aired on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 pm.