



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: March 13, 2007 Progress Report on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the seventh 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. Existing Conditions Briefing Book Completed

Development Services staff will be distributing copies of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Existing Conditions Briefing Book starting today with the first copies being distributed to members of the Board of Supervisors. Additional copies will be provided to the Planning Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee and public participants of the first Public Workshop (described below). The Briefing Books will be made available to all County Departments and Libraries, and they will be available for viewing or purchase at the Department of Development Services. The Briefing Books provide important summary information on the many different aspects of Butte County that are important to the General Plan 2030 process.

2. Important Upcoming Meeting Dates

The Existing Conditions and Issue Identification Workshop Series #1 is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 15. This is the first meeting of the first Workshop Series, which includes a Public Workshop, Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Planning Commission Study Session, and Board of Supervisors Study Session. In addition, the first individual "1 on 1" meeting dates have been set for Cities of Gridley and Biggs. These meetings are following up on the work completed at the January 27, 2007 City/County Summit Meeting. Dates, times, and locations for these meetings are provided as follows:

Existing Conditions and Issue Identification Workshop Series #1

- 1) Public Workshop –Thursday, March 15, 2007, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Southside Community Center, 2959 Wyandotte Avenue, Oroville
- 2) Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting –Thursday, March 29, 2007, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Butte College Cafeteria
- 3) Planning Commission Study Session –Friday, April 13, 2007, 1:30 pm, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville
- 4) Board of Supervisors Study Session –Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 1:30 pm, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville

Individual Meetings between the Cities and Butte County

- 1) City of Gridley –March 15, 2007, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 2) City of Biggs –March 29, 2007, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

3. Butte County General Plan 2030 Community Workshops

The Butte County General Plan 2030 update process will include community workshops that will be held to focus input from distinct geographic regions of the county. The Area-Wide Workshops listed below are designed to receive input from important unincorporated regions of the County. The Community Workshops listed below are designed to receive input from the smaller, unincorporated communities within the County. Information obtained from these workshops will be used throughout the update process, to help identify issues, formulate alternatives, and ultimately approve new policies and programs under the new General Plan. Meeting dates and places have not been set at this time but staff anticipates that all of these workshops will be taking place from April through July of this year.

Area-Wide Workshops

1. Central Buttes Area
2. Durham, Dayton, and Nelson Area
3. Unincorporated Gridley and Biggs Area
4. Lake Oroville Area
5. Unincorporated Paradise Area
6. Unincorporated Chico Area
7. Unincorporated Oroville Area
8. Economic Summit (County-Wide)

Community Workshops

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| 1. Bangor, Rackerby | 7. Forbestown, Clipper Mills, |
| 2. Berry Creek, Brush Creek | Feather Falls |
| 3. Butte Meadows, Jonesville | 8. Forest Ranch |
| 4. Cherokee | 9. Nord |
| 5. Cohasset | 10. Palermo, Honcut |
| 6. Concow, Yankee Hill, Jarbo Gap | 11. Richvale |
| | 12. Stirling City |

4. Outreach to Surrounding Counties

The Department of Development Services will be providing a letter to each of the six Counties that are adjacent to Butte County (Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba). Staff will send this letter as official correspondence to each of these County’s Board of Supervisors. The letter will provide information relative to the Butte County General Plan 2030 process and will request information on any projects being undertaken by these counties that may have an influence on Butte County’s General Plan. Copies of Butte County’s Existing Conditions Briefing Book will be included with the letter. Any information provided from these counties will be provided to the Board, Planning Commission, and Citizens Advisory Committee.

5. Butte County General Plan 2030 Background Report

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Background Report will provide an assessment on many different subject areas important to Butte County. The Background Report will also contain information that will be used to complete the Existing “Setting” Section of the Environmental Impact Report. Sections of the Background Report are being reviewed at this time. It is anticipated that the Background Report will be completed and available for review in April. The Background Report will also contain a “Development Trends Analysis” that will look at the last 20-25 years of development in Butte County and provide factual information about development trends and growth patterns. The following provides a list of 17 Chapters that the Background Report will contain:

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| 1. Land Use | 10. Aesthetics |
| 2. Population | 11. Mineral Resources |
| 3. Economics | 12. Water Resources |
| 4. Development Trend Analysis | 13. Biological Resources |
| 5. Transportation and Circulation | 14. Agricultural Resources |
| 6. Public Facilities and Utilities | 15. Energy |
| 7. Public Services | 16. Air Quality |
| 8. Recreation | 17. Hazards and Safety |
| 9. Cultural Resources | |

6. Butte County General Plan 2030 Discussion Forum on Website

The Department of Development Services has started a Discussion Forum on the General Plan 2030 Website (www.buttegeneralplan.net). The forum is designed to allow the public a place to provide comment on various aspects of the General Plan update. Currently, subject areas are provided that match the 17 chapters of the Background Report discussed above. The Discussion Forum's categories will be updated periodically as the General Plan 2030 process addresses new subject areas.