



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: March 27, 2007 Progress Report on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the eighth 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 and Issue Identification Workshop Series #1

The very first public workshop was held at the Southside Community Center in Oroville on March 15, 2007. This workshop focused on existing conditions and the identification of county-wide issues that needed to be addressed by the General Plan 2030 process. A total of 54 members of the public attended, along with 20 members of the Butte County Citizens Advisory Committee.

Development Services Director Tim Snellings opened the evening's meeting, which started with a presentation on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process by Michael Brilliot of Design, Community & Environment. Mr. Brilliot also provided an overview of the Existing Conditions Briefing Book, which was distributed at the meeting. DC&E Principal David Early facilitated the workshop's main event, an exercise involving the identification of Butte County's assets and issues that needed to be addressed by the Butte County General Plan 2030 process. Participants were divided into 10 groups and each group was assigned a staff facilitator. The assets and issues identified by group members were recorded by each group's facilitator.

At the conclusion of the exercise, each group selected a spokesperson that provided an overview of their group's assets and issues. Over 150 assets and over 200 issues were identified by the 10 groups involved in this exercise. The information provided by each group will be provided to the Citizens Advisory Committee at their meeting scheduled for March 29. This information, categorized by Guiding Principles, will also be provided

to the Planning Commission on April 13 and Board of Supervisors at their planned Study Session to be held on May 8.

Here are the remaining meetings and dates for Existing Conditions and Issues Identification Workshop Series #1:

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

2. Gridley City/County “1 on 1” Meeting

The first of five individual “1 on 1” meetings between County staff and staff of each of the incorporated cities was held on March 15, 2007 with the City of Gridley. This meeting was attended by City of Gridley Mayor Jerry Ann Fichter, Vice Mayor Frank Hall, City Administrator Jack Slota, City Planning Director Andrea Redomonti and Gridley’s General Plan consultant Jeff Goldman from EDAW. County staff included Tim Snellings and representatives from the Department of Development Services, County General Plan consultant Design, Community & Environment, and Chief Administrative Officer Paul McIntosh and Deputy Administrative Officer Greg Iturria. Staff from the Local Agency Formation Commission and the Butte County Association of Governments also provided presentations.

The meeting’s agenda was based upon information obtained during the City/County Summit held on January 27, 2007 and included discussion on Spheres of Influence, areas of anticipated growth, transportation, development standards, agricultural preservation, and the funding of government services. Because Gridley shares an Area of Concern with the City of Biggs, the City of Gridley was interested in further meetings with the County to facilitate coordination efforts.

The next City/County “1 on 1” Meeting is scheduled to take place with the City of Biggs on March 29, 2007. The City/County meetings are intended to help overall coordination and to facilitate the gathering of information and identification of issues pertinent to each incorporated city. The information obtained will be used throughout the General Plan 2030 process to enhance inter-jurisdictional coordination and to address issues identified by each city.

3. Sacramento Valley Water Awareness Workshop

Development Services Director Tim Snellings provided a presentation on water issues and the Butte County General Plan 2030 process on March 22, 2007. The Power Point presentation provided at this workshop is available in the “e-binder” located on the buttecountygencplan.net website.

4. Update on Butte County General Plan 2030 Provided to Butte County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

Development Services staff (Tim Snellings & Chuck Thistlethwaite) provided an update to the Airport Land Use Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting on the status of Butte County General Plan 2030. A copy of the Briefing Book was provided to each member of the Commission who was present. An explanation of the current and future meetings was covered.

A good discussion was held about how to connect the 2000 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (2000 ALUCP) and Butte County General Plan 2030. It appeared that the 2000 ALUCP needed to be revisited and possibly updated to reflect some changes/issues that have arisen in the last 7 years. Development Services staff will discuss this matter with the General Plan 2030 Consultant Team and report back to ALUC on a plan to make sure the efforts are coordinated.

5. Clarification of Butte County General Plan 2030 Timeline:

