

Question #	Question	Solution
1A	Should the County work with the cities to implement additional green lines or urban buffers? If so, for which cities or areas?	Create a green line around the Oroville/Thermalito area.
		Use greenlines and buffers to protect agricultural areas, bird migration routes and unique habitats.
1B	Should the County set a limit on the amount of growth and development that occurs throughout the unincorporated county, and if so, how?	Create green lines/buffers for the Gridley and Biggs area.
		Limit growth to where transportation infrastructure already exists, avoiding open space and agriculture.
		Limit growth in the unincorporated areas.
		Do not limit growth and development in general; instead use greenlines to protect resources.
1C	Are some locations in the unincorporated county more appropriate for greater development amounts or densities than others? If so, where?	Limit growth based on existing zoning and environmental and infrastructural constraints.
		Direct new development to Thermalito and other flat, arid, non-agricultural areas.
		Direct development to existing urban areas with services, such as Oroville, South Oroville and Chico.
		Do not increase densities in the foothills.
1D	What strategies, if any, should the County use to recover the increased costs of providing services to new development in rural areas?	Promote corridor development along major roadways.
		Use services districts in rural areas to recover the higher costs of new development.
		Implement development impact fees to recover costs of new development in rural areas.
1E	Should the County encourage different development types, such as mixed-use development, in some parts of the unincorporated county? If so, where?	Utilize a variety of mechanisms to recover the higher costs of rural development, such as taxes, grants, fee for use, municipal service associations, etc.
		Encourage Ahwahnee Principles for development between Biggs and Gridley.
		Encourage different development types that are appropriate for the surrounding environment.
1F	Are additional regulations needed to improve the design and architectural quality of new development in the county? If so, where, and/or to what kinds of development should they be applied?	Encourage mixed use development along primary corridors off Highway 70.
		Landscaping and architectural standards should apply countywide, particularly in at community entrances and in high traffic areas.
1G	What kind of affordable housing opportunities are needed in the county, and how should the County help to provide them? Where should such kinds of housing be built?	Create an architectural/design style unique to Butte County by emphasizing green/efficient building practices.
		The County should provide affordable housing opportunities through infill and high density development in the existing urban areas.
		Locate affordable housing near public transportation and services.
1H	How should the County provide for the housing needs of its senior population?	The County should not provide affordable housing opportunities; rather, the County should encourage employment options that pay above minimum wage.
		Direct senior residential housing to the cities in proximity to services and public transportation.
		Encourage senior neighborhood retirement homes and in-law units.

Question #	Question	Solution
1I	Should additional density or other development concessions be allowed in exchange for provision of affordable housing units? What other techniques should the County use to provide affordable housing opportunities?	Use density incentives, adjust standards and fast-track the review process to encourage affordable housing.
1J	Should the County encourage or require new rural development to incorporate clustering or other techniques that preserve larger, more continuous tracts of open space?	The County should encourage cluster development to protect contiguous open space.
1K	How should the County more effectively coordinate its planning efforts with those of the five incorporated cities?	The County should continue to communicate with the five incorporated cities to coordinate planning efforts.
1L	How should the County more effectively coordinate its planning with other Counties in the region?	The County should coordinate its planning with other counties in the region. The County should coordinate with other counties in the region and Caltrans to improve transportation and explore alternative transportation opportunities.
1M	Should the County more aggressively pursue new or revised revenue sharing agreements between the County and the Cities, to address revenue losses when lands are annexed?	The County should more aggressively pursue fair and equitable revenue sharing agreements between the County and the Cities.
2A	What, if any, modifications are needed to General Plan Program 2.2 (Agricultural Buffers policy)?	Do not modify Program 2.2. Expand Program 2.2 to all developed areas adjacent to agriculture. Maintain strict zoning for Program 2.2 and minimize variances. Buffers should be provided by the developers.
2B	What additional strategies should the County implement to conserve and enhance: Small family farms; orchards; larger scale crop farming; grazing; timber harvesting?	Provide "carbon credits" for maintaining agricultural land as a carbon sink. Incorporate timber harvesting into agricultural zone categories. Encourage and promote locally produced goods to be sold in local stores with incentives. Use zoning to regulate parcel sizes and parcel splits. Promote larger parcel sizes and eliminate ranchette development from agricultural areas.
2C	How can the County improve existing incentives to farmers to preserve land in agricultural uses, and what additional incentives are necessary?	Limit regulations on agricultural lands. Promote agriculture and include educational programs about agricultural careers in local schools. Preserve agricultural land by restricting subdivisions to orchards or other specific agricultural uses.
2D	Should larger minimum parcel sizes be required in some parts of the county, or for different types of agricultural lands? What should those minimum parcel sizes be?	Agricultural parcel size should be determined by soil type and type of agriculture. Implement 1-acre minimum parcel sizes in AR zones where infrastructure exists; implement higher minimum parcel sizes for larger parcels where no infrastructure exists. Restrict the creation of new 1 to 10 acre lots/ranchettes. Encourage cluster development for non-prime agricultural zones.

Question #	Question	Solution
		Allow smaller parcel sizes for land that is kept for grazing purposes.
2E	What, if any, additional regulations are needed concerning conversion of smaller agricultural parcels (5 and 10 acres) to non-agricultural uses? Should such regulations be applied everywhere, or only in certain parts of the County?	<p>Do not restrict equestrian uses.</p> <p>Only allow ranchettes on lower value/less productive agricultural land.</p> <p>Implement a minimum parcel size of 1 acre in AR zoned areas.</p>
2F	How should the County address the conflicts that can occur between agricultural and urban/agritourism land uses?	<p>Educate the public and new homeowners about agricultural uses and their effects on adjacent land uses.</p> <p>Minimize spraying adjacent to roads.</p>
2G	What strategies would be most effective in supporting the County's agricultural economic sector?	<p>Provide incentives to encourage local growers to process and sell their products locally.</p> <p>Utilize the Williamson Act to support the agricultural sector, and encourage the children of agricultural families to stay in the industry.</p> <p>Promote county "specialties," such as grass fed, organic beef; almonds; rice; water buffalo; cheese; olive oil.</p>
3A	How should the County best protect the visual quality of its scenic highway?	<p>Protect the visual quality of scenic highways by restricting billboards.</p> <p>Maintain the roadways, ensuring that they are free of debris and garbage.</p> <p>Establish consistent, accountable and predictable standards for designated scenic highways.</p>
3B	Should any additional roads or highways be designated as official County scenic routes?	<p>Consider all county roads for scenic route designations.</p> <p>New scenic highways should not be designated unless a means to maintain them and provide for infrastructure are available.</p> <p>Do not officially designate any additional scenic routes.</p> <p>Designate the Skyway as an official scenic route.</p>
3C	How can better linkages between open space areas be created? Where in the County are such	Use trails to establish better linkages between open space areas.
3D	How should the County best protect deer migration routes in the face of new development?	<p>Collaborate with the California Department of Fish and Game to identify migration corridors. Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to protect migration corridors, such as PG&E.</p> <p>Limit density and/or cluster development outside of migration corridors.</p> <p>Preserve deer habitat and minimize tree removal in greenbelt corridors.</p> <p>Allow development in these areas, but regulate the creation of impediments, such as high chain link fences.</p> <p>Use incentives to protect migration routes.</p>
3E	What strategies should the County use to protect important habitat areas, including riparian (river and stream) corridors and oak woodlands?	<p>Ensure appropriate mitigation value for loss of habitat.</p> <p>Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to protect habitat areas, such as River Partners.</p> <p>Provide incentives to encourage avoidance of developing habitat areas.</p> <p>Establish buffers along important habitat areas.</p>
3F	Where and what kind of trails facilities are most needed in the County?	Provide bike trail along Oro Dam Boulevard from Orange Avenue to the Oroville Dam.

Question #	Question	Solution
		<p>Provide safe equestrian access along roadways, hiking equestrian trails, unpaved multi-use trails, and equestrian parking and/or camping area for large events.</p> <p>Establish trails along riparian corridors.</p>
3G	What types of park facilities does the County lack, and in what parts of the County are they most lacking?	<p>Establish an equestrian arena and/or major event center.</p> <p>Establish regional parks that minimize concrete and maintain natural features.</p> <p>The County does not lack any park facilities.</p> <p>Provide off-leash dog parks.</p>
3H	Should the County acquire and manage new park facilities?	<p>Acquire land along West Branch Feather River for a new park.</p> <p>Develop put-in areas and bird watching areas along year-round streams.</p> <p>The County should not acquire and manage any new park facilities.</p> <p>Restrict development along rivers and Lake Oroville and put more parks there.</p>
3I	What strategies should the County use to protect its groundwater supplies and groundwater recharge areas?	<p>Working with other counties, conduct geologic tests to determine extent of the Tuscan Aquifer and its recharge areas.</p> <p>Utilize zoning to protect sensitive groundwater recharge areas.</p> <p>Eliminate construction of impervious surfaces in groundwater recharge areas; instead, develop these areas for parks and other natural features.</p> <p>Restrict water exportation and reclaim water for agriculture and other non-potable uses.</p>
3J	How should the County ensure that its long-term water supply needs are met?	<p>Prohibit farmers from selling water allotments.</p> <p>Eliminate water sale and export.</p> <p>Conduct additional research on the Tuscan Aquifer recharge basin.</p>
3K	How should the County ensure its historic and cultural resources, including historic and present-day Native American cultural sites, are preserved?	<p>Identify and map sensitive historic, prehistoric and cultural areas, and provide oversight by an archaeologist when working in these areas.</p>
4A	What priorities should the County have in planning and improving the roads it maintains? What places or aspects are in most need of improvement?	<p>Conduct road improvements on Highway 162.</p> <p>Do not improve some rural County roads, as they contribute to the county's rural character.</p> <p>Serve the greatest need, as well as considering the development and density goals of the General Plan.</p> <p>Provide road improvements on roads that the public already uses and has access to, such as Jordan Hill Road between Concow and Paradise Ridge.</p>
4B	Is a better connection to Interstate 5 needed, and if so, what would be the best route for the connection?	<p>Extend the four-lane road from Garner to the County line, followed by a three-lane road in Tehama. Reduce to two lanes at South Avenue, where traffic diverges in different directions.</p> <p>A better connection to Interstate 5 is not needed.</p> <p>Improve Highway 70 as a four-lane highway to Sacramento.</p>

Question #	Question	Solution
4C	What improvements are needed to the regional highway system, and how can the County coordinate better on a regional level to plan and fund such improvements?	Do not improve southern connection to Sacramento as a four-lane highway.
		Improve Highway 70 as a four-lane highway to Sacramento.
		Establish consistent road names along Highway 70 and improve the intersection at Foothill and Lower Wyandotte.
4D	Should new development be required to have a better connected roadway system, such as a grid- or modified grid street pattern? Should such a requirement be made throughout the County, or just in some places?	New development should be required to have a better connected roadway system, and it should include alternate transportation modes, such as bicycle, rail and bus transportation.
		Ensure that all new development provides easy, efficient access.
4E	What strategies should the County use to address fire evacuation/access issues for rural community areas?	Improve connection between Stirling City/Magalia and Forest Ranch to facilitate emergency access.
		Reopen CCC roads as legal access.
		Use modeling to plan evacuation routes, and provide capacity for evacuation routes prior to approving new development.
4F	How can the County help decrease reliance on automobile travel, especially for commuters?	Promote the development of rail passenger transportation.
		Coordinate with other counties to improve regional transportation connections.
		Impose a special tax on county commuters.
		Improve bus transportation options.
		Research the housing, employment and transportation decisions of county residents.
		Provide options for horse and buggy traffic in rural areas.
4G	What areas of the County and/or potential routes are least well-served by bicycle facilities, and, if bicycle routes are to be established, where should they go?	Establish off-street bike paths along powerline easements.
		Establish additional bike facilities in the rural areas of the county that are located along flat roads with adequate shoulders and visibility.
		Establish a bike route from Chico to Paradise along the Skyway.
		Establish a bike route along Oro Dam Boulevard, following the green line from Orange Avenue to the Dam.
4H	How can the County help to improve safety for bicycles and pedestrians?	Construct paved bikeways that are separated from the roads by 4 to 5 feet on the County roads in the flatland areas.
		Educate the public about bicycle safety and regulations.
4I	What specific priorities and improvements are needed for bus service in Butte County?	Coordinate bus service with surrounding counties.
		Improve bus services for seniors.
		Provide information about bus routes and schedules.
		Increase the frequency of bus service, and convert to natural gas buses.
4J	How should the County ensure that the infrastructure needs of new development are met?	Ensure infrastructure capacity exists prior to approving new development.
		Evaluate the impacts of new development on infrastructure, and assess impact fees to offset those impacts.
		Decrease infrastructure needs through mixed used zoning.
4K	Should the County work to reduce the reliance on-	Facilitate sewer district annexations.

Question #	Question	Solution
	site septic systems in the County, and if so, how?	Allow and promote alternative on-site systems.
4L	Should the County seek out and encourage alternative forms of onsite septic systems, and if so, how?	The County should finish and adopt its septic study and seek out and encourage alternative forms of on-site septic systems. Provide information about acceptable systems during the permitting process.
4M	Which areas of the county need additional police/sheriff or fire services? How should improved services be paid for?	All areas of the county need additional police/sheriff and fire services. The services should be paid for through the creation of service districts, fees for new development, and tax assistance.
5A	How can the County most effectively limit land use conflicts around its airports?	Limit land use conflicts around airports through appropriate zoning. Industrial, commercial and agricultural uses should be allowed near the airports, while residential uses should not be allowed.
5E	Should any of the County's airports be expanded?	The County's airports should be expanded. Shuttle service to Sacramento or the Bay Area airports should be provided. The Chico airport should be allowed to moderately expand. The County's airports should not be expanded.
5F	How should the County try and attract better quality/higher wage jobs to Butte County?	Provide electricity for businesses at a lower cost from landfill-generated gas/electricity. Provide additional housing to support employment needs. Expand and promote services that create diverse employee pools, such as arts facilities, community centers and libraries.
5G	What changes might be needed to land use or policies in butte County to make it more attractive to new and existing businesses?	Facilitate quick and easy permitting processes for businesses.
5H	Should the County encourage more sustainable or green building practices, and if so, how?	The County should not encourage more sustainable building practices. Encourage the use of stormwater management techniques, such as permeable concrete, drainage swales, minimization of impervious surfaces, and the use of solar, hydro-electric and wind power facilities for new development. The County should promote the use of alternative building techniques through appropriate review techniques for building permit applications. In collaboration with the green building industry, educate the public about green building policies. Establish a lighting ordinance to address light pollution. The County should mandate minimum LEED standards for all county structures and create incentives for private developers to build to these standards.
5I	How should the County continue to promote solar power?	Encourage solar power with State and local government incentives. Continue the development of energy efficient public buildings and promote the development of energy efficient private buildings.

Question #	Question	Solution
		Require shading for all new parking lots and allow solar shade structures in lieu of tree shading. Encourage building orientations and other design elements that provide passive solar heating opportunities.
5J	In what specific ways could the County, and county residents, help to minimize contributions to global warming and depletion of natural resources?	Require light colored roofs. Promote and educate about conservation and recycling throughout the County. Limit recreational use of water, such as for golf courses. Promote the development of a methane producing dump. Incrementally reduce trash and recycling volumes. Require on-site stormwater treatment for development upstream of agricultural lands. Increase the amount of solid waste that is recycled. Provide information about where to find local products.