

STATION 1: COOPERATIVE PLANNING, GROWTH, URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING

Guiding Principles Addressed

- # 1: Cooperative Planning
- # 3: Growth, Urban Development & Housing
- # 9: Rural Development

Policy Questions:

- A. Should the County work with the cities to implement additional greenlines or urban buffers? If so, for which cities or areas?
- B. Should the County set a limit on the amount of growth and development that occurs throughout the unincorporated county, and if so, how?
- C. Are some locations in the unincorporated county more appropriate for greater development amounts or densities than others? If so, where?
- D. What strategies, if any, should the County use to recover the increased costs of providing services to new development in rural areas?
- E. Should the County encourage different development types, such as mixed use development, in some parts of the unincorporated county? If so, where?
- F. 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?
- G. Should the County encourage or require new rural development to incorporate clustering or other techniques that preserve larger, more continuous tracts of open space?
- H. 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?
- I. How should the County provide for the housing needs of its senior population?
- J. 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?
- K. How should the County more effectively coordinate its planning efforts with those of the five incorporated cities?
- L. How should the County more effectively coordinate its planning with other Counties in the Region?
- M. 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?

STATION 2: AGRICULTURE

Guiding Principles Addressed:

#8: Agriculture

Policy Questions:

- A. What, if any modifications are needed to General Plan Program 2.2 (Agricultural Buffers policy)?
- B. What additional strategies should the County implement to conserve and enhance:
 - Small family farms?
 - Orchards?
 - Larger scale crop farming?
 - Grazing?
 - Timber harvesting?
- C. How can the County improve existing incentives to farmers to preserve land in agricultural uses, and what additional incentives are necessary?
- D. 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?
- E. 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?
- F. How should the County address the conflicts that can occur between agricultural and urban/agritourism land uses?
- G. What strategies would be most effective in supporting the County's agricultural economic sector?

STATION 3: NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, RECREATION, AND WATER RESOURCES

Guiding Principles Addressed:

- #5: Natural Resources and Environment
- #6: Public Health and Safety
- #10: Recreational Opportunities and Protection of Cultural Resources
- #13: Water Resources

Policy Questions:

- A. How should the County best protect the visual quality of its scenic highways?
- B. Should any additional roads or highways should be designated as official County scenic routes?
- C. How can better linkages between open space areas be created? Where in the County are such connection most needed?
- D. How should the County best protect deer migration routes in the face of new development?
- E. What strategies should the County use to protect important habitat areas, including riparian (river and stream) corridors and oak woodlands?
- F. Where and what kind of trails facilities are most needed in the County?
- G. What types of park facilities does the County lack, and in what parts of the County are they most lacking?
- H. Should the County acquire and manage new park facilities?
- I. What strategies should the County use to protect its groundwater supplies and groundwater recharge areas?
- J. How should the County ensure that its long-term water supply needs are met?
- K. How should the County ensure its historic and cultural resources, including historic and present-day Native American cultural sites, are preserved?

STATION 4: TRAFFIC, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Guiding Principles Addressed:

- #2: Circulation
- #6: Public Health and Safety
- #12: Public Services

Policy Questions:

Circulation

- A. What priorities should the County have in planning and improving the roads it maintains? What places or aspects are in most need of improvement?
- B. Is a better connection to Interstate 5 needed, and if so, what would be the best route for the connection?
- C. 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?
- D. 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?
- E. What strategies should the County use to address fire evacuation/access issues for rural community areas?
- F. How can the County help decrease reliance on automobile travel, especially for commuters?
- G. 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?
- H. How can the County help to improve safety for bicycles and pedestrians?
- I. What specific priorities and improvements are needed for bus service in Butte County?

Utilities and Public Services

- J. How should the County ensure that the infrastructure needs of new development are met?
- K. Should the County work to reduce the reliance on-site septic systems in the County, and if so, how?
- L. Should the County seek out and encourage alternative forms of onsite septic systems, and if so, how?
- M. Which areas of the county need additional police/sheriff or fire services? How should improved services be paid for?

STATION 5: AIRPORTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Guiding Principles Addressed:

- #4: Airport Land Use Planning
- #7: Economic Development
- #11: Sustainability

Policy Questions:

- A. How can the County most effectively limit land use conflicts around its airports?
- E. Should any of the County's airports be expanded?
- F. How should the County try and attract better quality/higher wage jobs to Butte County?
- G. What changes might be needed to land use or policies in Butte County to make it more attractive to new and existing businesses?
- H. Should the County encourage more sustainable or green building practices, and if so, how?
- I. How should the County continue to promote solar power?
- J. In what specific ways could the County, and county residents, help to minimize contributions to global warming and depletion of natural resources?