



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: June 12, 2007 Progress Report on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the thirteenth 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. Area-Wide Workshops – Meetings held in the Lake Oroville Area and Paradise/Magalia**



Lake Oroville Area Meeting



Paradise/Magalia Area Meeting

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Area-Wide Workshop for the Lake Oroville Area was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the Kelly Ridge Country Club. About 29 people attended the workshop. County Administrative Officer Paul McIntosh provided an overview of the Oroville Facilities Re-Licensing Project. Issues discussed included traffic on State Highway 162, the development of alternative transportation routes in the area and the importance of tourism and recreational development to this area of the County.

The Area-Wide Workshop for the Unincorporated Paradise Area was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Paradise Veterans Hall. About 66 people attended the workshop. At the meeting, there was an emphasis on fire and emergency access issues in the Paradise area, especially for the area north of Paradise where access is constrained by the Magalia Reservoir Dam and the intersection of three major roadways (the Skyway, Pentz Road and Clark Road).

Concerns were raised about one-lane cul-de-sac developments in which there are too many houses than can be supported by the roadway, especially in the case of a fire evacuation. Another key issue at this meeting was wastewater and water infrastructure.

The next Area-Wide Workshop will be held for the unincorporated Chico area on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 9:00 am to 12:00pm at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Center. The final Area-Wide Workshop will be held for the unincorporated Oroville area on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Southside Community Center.

A summary of each of the area-wide workshops is available on the General Plan 2030 website.

## 2. Special Districts Association Meeting Presentation

Development Services Director Tim Snellings made a presentation to the Butte County Special Districts Association on the General Plan 2030 process at their general meeting on June 5, 2007. Coordination of with the County's special districts in the General Plan development process was emphasized.

## 3. Citizen's Advisory Committee Workshop (#2-2A) on Alternatives Development held May 31, 2007



A Citizen's Advisory Committee Public Meeting was held at the University of Phoenix in Chico. The evening consisted of presentations and two exercises, one devoted to various Policy Questions and the other devoted to a discussion of various alternatives for differing geographic areas. The Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting also reviewed responses from the Public Workshop held on May 17, 2007 held in Oroville. This is the first of two Committee meetings to help define alternatives for further analysis. The next meeting will be August 2, 2007 followed by a Planning Commission on August 17<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Supervisors on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. Community Meetings Update – Meetings held in Richvale and Stirling City



Richvale Community Meeting



Stirling City Community Meeting

Two additional General Plan 2030 Community Meetings have been held: 1) Richvale on June 5, 2007 and 2) Stirling City on June 11, 2007. These meetings are designed to receive input directly from citizens on what they believe to be their community's assets, issues and future vision.

The Richvale Community meeting was attended by approximately 25 people and was held at the Richvale Café. Assets identified included the community's ability to work together to solve problems, Volunteer Fire Station, Elementary School (K-8), a Parks and Recreation District, Sewer District, the Richvale Community Church and the Café. Key issues included mosquitoes, drainage, and irrigation. These latter two issues are particularly important in light of state and federal endangered species regulation. The future vision for the community would be to retain the small community feel with no residential expansion into productive agricultural lands.

The Stirling City meeting had about 25 people in attendance. Issues raised during this meeting include code enforcement, abandoned vehicles and the lack of a commercial facility, such as a general store, in the community. There is interest in improving the Skyway connection to Butte Meadows to encourage tourism. In addition, there was interest in having a small visitor area with public restrooms with informational kiosks. This would help visitors learn about the area, including information for off-highway vehicle users and appropriate areas to ride. The community is not interested in being a growth area. Assets include its beautiful setting, the history of the community, a museum and a library.

Detailed meeting summaries for the four additionally completed meetings are available on the General Plan 2030 website.

## **5. Butte County General Plan 2030 Setting and Trends Report**

Work continues on the preparation of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Background Report. Administrative drafts of each chapter have been completed and are undergoing final review by County staff. The Draft is expected to be released in late July or early August.

## **6. Upcoming City of Chico and Town of Paradise one-on-one meetings.**

The next City/County "1 on 1" Meetings are scheduled to take place with the City of Chico on June 19, 2007 and the Town of Paradise on June 27, 2007. These 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.