



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: June 26, 2007 Progress Report #14 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the Fourteenth in a series of updates 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 Update – Meetings held for the Unincorporated Chico Area



Unincorporated Chico Area Workshop

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Community Workshop for the Unincorporated Chico Area was held on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Center. About 77 people attended this Workshop. Also in attendance were seven members of Butte County's Citizens Advisory Committee. County and DC&E staff facilitated seven breakout discussion groups, which focused on different neighborhoods (North Chico, West Chico, East Chico, and the Bell Muir Area) in the Unincorporated Chico Area, discussing the area's assets, issues, and areas for potential future change. A summary of this meeting and other area-wide workshops that have been held is available on the General Plan 2030 website. The next Area-Wide Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday at 6:00 pm for the Unincorporated Oroville Area, and will be held at the Southside Community Center.

2. Community Meetings Update – Bangor/Rackerby Community Meeting and Butte Meadows/Jonesville Community Meeting



Bangor-Rackerby Meeting



Butte Meadows/Jonesville Meeting

Two additional General Plan 2030 Community Meetings have been held: 1) Bangor/Rackerby on Monday, June 18, 2007 and 2) Butte Meadows/Jonesville on Saturday June 23, 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 Bangor/Rackerby Community Meeting was attended by approximately 42 people and four members of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee. The Meeting was held at the newly re-built Bangor Community Hall.

The Butte Meadows/Jonesville Community Meeting was attended by approximately 51 people and two members of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting was held at Butte County Fire Station #10.

Detailed meeting summaries for these Community Meetings are available on the General Plan 2030 website.

3. General Plan Alternatives –Combining Meeting Series #2 and 3

As originally planned, a total of three Meeting Series (each of which includes a Public Workshop, a Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, a Planning Commission Study Session, and a Board of Supervisor Study Session) would be devoted to the selection of the General Plan Alternatives. In coordination with the General Plan consultant, Design, Community & Environment, staff has restructured this phase of the General Plan 2030 update to combine Meeting Series #2 and #3. This change will result in the combined Meeting Series #2/3 being devoted to the creation and finalization of the three General Plan Alternatives.

The reason for this change is due, in part, to the success of Meeting Series #1, which was devoted to the creation of a comprehensive list of county-wide issues. Meeting Series #1 effectively replaced the need for further information gathering, which was proposed for Meeting Series #2. In addition to the success of Meeting Series #1, the Area-Wide Workshops and Community Meetings that have taken place throughout the County during this time have garnered large amounts of valuable information that will help to shape the alternative selection process.

Meeting Series #2/3 will conclude with a Planning Commission Study Session on August 17, 2007, and a Board of Supervisors Study Session on September 18, 2007, during which further discussion and comment on the three chosen alternatives will take place. This Meeting Series will result in the finalization of three General Plan Alternatives that will be studied and used to create a Preferred Alternative during Meeting Series #4.

Staff believes that this change will keep participants engaged and focused on the development of General Plan Alternatives, while increasing the efficiency of the General Plan 2030 process overall.

4. Butte County General Plan 2030 Setting and Trends Report

Work continues on the preparation of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Setting and Trends Report. Administrative drafts of each chapter have been completed and are undergoing final review by County staff. The Draft is expected to be released at the August 2, 2007 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, and will also be available on the General Plan website.

5. Individual City/County General Plan 2030 “1-on-1” Meetings

The fourth of the five planned individual “1 on 1” meetings between County staff and staff of each of the incorporated cities was held on June 19, 2007 with the City of Chico. Two members of the Chico City Council were present along with City staff. County Supervisors Jane Dolan and Maureen Kirk represented the County along with staff representation from Administration and Development Services. 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 meeting held on January 27, 2007 and included discussion on Spheres of Influence, areas of anticipated growth, and the funding of government services.

The fifth and final City/County "1 on 1" Meeting is scheduled to take place with the Town of Paradise on June 27, 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.