

## **Butte County to think globally on general plan**

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OROVILLE — Butte County planners are preparing to think globally as they labor to produce a new General Plan.

That became an important issue when California Attorney General Jerry Brown began filing suits against counties and municipalities that, according to him, hadn't adequately addressed global warming concerns in their general plans.

Butte County, which is about a year into the process of renovating its General Plan, hasn't heard from the attorney general as yet. However, it is following what's going on.

Dan Breedon, principal planner with the county Department of Development Services, said, "We are going to consider it very carefully."

"We are going to be looking at that, because there have been these lawsuits that are causing problems in some jurisdictions," continued Breedon.

He explained the county's General Plan consultant, Design Community and Environment of Berkeley, "have their ear very close to the rail" on this topic.

Breedon predicted it won't be until sometime next year that the General Plan process will begin to focus on elements related to this sort of environmental impact.

He said the General Plan will address such topics in "broad brush" policy statements that will later be translated into more concrete regulations relating to zoning and construction.

"We definitely have noticed what is going on. We definitely will be considering it on the staff level when we get to that point in the process," said the planner.