



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: August 28, 2007 Progress Report #17 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the seventeenth 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. Butte County General Plan 2030 “REVs Up” at the Butte County Fair



Butte County Fair General Plan 2030 Booth

Butte County Department of Development Services staff, in cooperation with the Butte County Board of Supervisors, set-up and maintained an information booth for Butte County General Plan 2030 during the Butte County Fair held in Gridley from August 22 -26, 2007. The booth provided General Plan 2030 literature and information including the Existing Conditions Briefing Book, brochures on the General Plan 2030 process, and copies of the Setting and Trends Report on CD. Visitors were also encouraged to sign-up for automatic email updates on the process and to provide suggestions. Development Services staff additionally thanks County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Candace Grubbs for help in acquiring booth space at the fair.

2. Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Update

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be losing 1 member and gaining another. April Grossberger accepted a position on the Town of Paradise Planning Commission and has therefore resigned from the CAC. Ms. Grossberger has served on the CAC since its inception on November 16, 2006. The Board's General Plan Ad-Hoc Subcommittee recommends that Donna Bayles be appointed to the CAC. Ms. Bayles owns and operates a farm in Biggs, and has already attended several CAC meetings. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee also recommended that the CAC Roster be increased to 35 members, which will require the recruitment of 1 additional member to serve on the CAC. These recommendations will be considered by the full Board of Supervisors today (Agenda Item 4.03). Citizens interested in serving on the CAC are encouraged to contact the Butte County Department of Development Services.

3. Butte County General Plan 2030 "1 on 1" Meetings between the County and Cities

Cooperative Planning is one of the 13 Guiding Principles intended to guide the General Plan 2030 process. As the Board is aware, the General Plan 2030 City/County Summit Meeting held on January 27, 2006 was followed by individual "1 on 1" meetings with each the 5 incorporated cities located within Butte County. All of the individual "1 on 1" meetings between the County and the cities have now been completed and notes from all of these meetings have been posted to the General Plan 2030 website for public viewing. Development Services staff is scheduling additional follow-up meetings on issues that have been brought up through this process, such as coordination on City Spheres of Influence, future growth areas, and revenue sharing for areas considered for future annexation. Because many of these jurisdictions are updating their own General Plans it is critical for the County to work with each city as new information becomes available.

4. Butte Regional Conservation Plan and Butte County General Plan 2030 Update

Through the bi-monthly meetings between the Planning Directors, LAFCO and the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), the Department of Development Services has been kept informed on the progress of the Butte Regional Conservation Plan. The Butte Regional Conservation Plan (previously known as the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan) will provide important biological background data that will help the General Plan 2030 environmental review process. Two workshops on the Butte Regional Conservation Plan, hosted by BCAG are scheduled, one in Chico on September 5, 2007 from 6:00-8:30pm at the Chico Masonic Family Center, and another in Oroville on September 12, 2007 from 6:00-8:30pm at the Southside Community Center. More information can be obtained by visiting www.buttehcp.com. All members of the Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee have been invited to attend either of these workshops.

5. September 6, 2007 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

As discussed in the last Board of Supervisors General Plan 2030 Progress Report, the Citizens Advisory Committee requested an additional meeting to finish up the creation of the General Plan 2030 alternatives. Additionally, close to 18,500 acres of change areas had been submitted by Loafer Creek, LLC, for six areas of the County. After discussions with staff this area was reduced to approximately 8,900 acres. Since that time, another 2 change areas have been submitted, one by Hall and Isom Investments for approximately 4,200 acres of land east of Chico, and another by Mark Habib for approximately 880 acres north of Butte Valley. These change areas were considered by Development Services Staff and the General Plan Consultant Design, Community & Environment (DC&E). DC&E incorporated these additional change areas into the Alternatives for consideration by the Citizens Advisory Committee on September 6, 2007 at the Little Chico Creek Elementary School, 2090 Amanda Way, Chico from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. The CAC will also be continuing with their review of the Transportation and Bicycle Alternatives, and the Policy Alternatives Document that will be used during the Alternatives Selection process, Meeting Series #4.

6. Meeting Series #2/3 Alternatives Creation, and Series #4 Alternatives Selection Schedules

For the Board's convenience, the following provides an overview of important dates and meetings for Meeting Series #2/3, Alternative Creation:

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| 1. May 17, 2007 | Public Workshop |
| 2. May 31, 2007 | 1 st CAC Meeting |
| 3. August 2, 2007 | 2 nd CAC Meeting |
| 4. September 6, 2007 5-9pm, Little Chico Creek School | 3 rd CAC Meeting |
| 5. September 28, 2007 9am – 3pm, Oroville | Planning Commission Study Session |
| 6. October 16, 2007, 9am – 3pm, Oroville | Board of Supervisors Study Session |

Meeting Series #4, which will be devoted to the Selection of a Preferred Alternative, is expected to begin in January 2008 and conclude at the Board of Supervisors in April 2008. Staff will apprise the Board of Supervisors of scheduled dates and times for Meeting Series #4 as soon as they are formally established.