

Question #	Question	Solution
1A	Should the County work with the cities to implement additional greenlines or urban buffers? If so, for which cities or areas? 1A	Use sphere lines to better define growth areas 1A Incorporate green lines and ag buffers in southeast Oroville, northeast Chico. 1A
1B	Should the County set a limit on the amount of growth and development that occurs throughout the unincorporated county, and if so, how? 1B	Limit development based on soil type, ag potential and potential for revenue generation. 1B Limit development based on access to roads and infrastructure for public safety. 1B
1C	Are some locations in the unincorporated county more appropriate for greater development amounts or densities than others? If so, where? 1C	Promote development along mid and major trans corridors, Hwy 32 (west), 70 (south). 1C Direct development to South Oroville, southeast Chico, Butte Valley, Hwy 70/99 corridors. 1C Dependent on soil types and infrastructure. 1C Yes -- see 1B comment. 1C
1D	What strategies, if any, should the County use to recover the increased costs of providing services to new development in rural areas? 1D	Require infrastructure to be funded and completed prior to commencing development. 1D

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IE	Should the County encourage different development types, such as mixed use development, in some parts of the unincorporated county? If so, where? IE	<p>Mixed use, and new projects in small communities get incentive to solve an area problem. IE</p> <p>"In all areas" should be the default approach to rural and urban development, i.e., Meriam park for urban sphere of influence; new crossroads store near Butte College. IE</p> <p>I am not sure that the County has a consistent comprehensive policy of land value assessment. This would be a very desirable document to development. IE</p> <p>Yes! East of 99 along D.P. Road around Butte College. IE</p> <p>Yes - S. Oro and City sphere. W. Oro and City sphere. IE</p> <p>Forest stand improvements should be included in tax based in inc???ation And periodic review of leased land for residential use. IE</p>

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IF	<p>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? IF</p>	<p>Yes. Architecture can make or break an area. We need new concepts and ideas that fit our area, not reproductions of others. Architecture is what draws people in. All areas. IF</p> <hr/> <p>Establish an ARB (Architecture Review Board) for Butte County. IF</p> <hr/> <p>Palermo and other areas of South County were settled by Italians -- the Lands of Northern Italy and Southern France ARE BUTTE County! This look would be a memory forever. IF</p> <hr/> <p>Absolutely! This is the Big Difference that makes Butte County and lovely "Bucholic" (spelling off). Memory - Have building codes defining the parameters of tasteful design. IF</p> <hr/> <p>The County needs architectural guidelines as well as site development guidelines including landscaping, site orientation, etc. IF</p> <hr/> <p>Possibly -- need incentives for use of green solar etc. until technology catches up and costs lower. IF</p>

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IG	Should the County encourage or require new rural development to incorporate clustering or other techniques that preserve larger, more continuous tracts of open space? IG	<p>Constraint-based design gets faster reviews. IG</p> <p>Developed along with mixed use. Incentives for low-mod income housing. Cluster or "smart" development is conducive to that. IG</p> <p>CSA (community service act) or other past creations and melo-roos formation that city's can assume in future. IG</p>
IH	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? IH	<p>Senior villages with credits for green and affordability. IH</p> <p>Conform with min. state standard. IH</p> <p>More affordable housing to minimize commute from out of area where more affordable housing exists. IH</p> <p>Resource: Affordable housing. South County housing headquarters Gilroy, CA. Santa Clara County. IH</p>

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II	How should the County provide for the housing needs of its senior population? II	Cluster. II Encourage and incentivize age restricted development. II
IJ	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? IJ	Multi- mix- studios over garages. IJ Absolutely. IJ Yes! And looking at projected age growth within State population growth we see that the elderly and youth will be largest and they would be most likely to utilize this type of development. IJ Absolutely! IJ CSA (community service act) or other past creations and melo-roos formation that city's can assume in future. IJ
IK	How should the County more effectively coordinate its planning efforts with those of the five incorporated cities? IK	Grow together. IK
IL	How should the County more effectively coordinate its planning with other Counties in the Region? IL	Communicate. Co-op w/ out of county projects. Regional planning BCAG, etc. IL

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IM	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? IM	<p>Did county bring business with incentives, etc? Then yes! % Did county bring business with regional planning \$\$'s? Yes % IM</p> <p>Sharing revenues between jurisdictions will be a big breakthrough but needs to be emphasized in campaigns for accountability. IM</p> <p>Develop a "North Valley" region policy! IM</p>
2A	What, if any modifications are needed to General Plan Program 2.2 (Agricultural Buffers policy)? 2A	<p>Redo and reduce/increase buffer in appropriate applicable areas. 2A</p> <p>Put 300' S.B. on G.O.L. side due to larger parcels. 2A</p> <p>Allow no major commercial development near green line. 2A</p>

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2B	<p>What additional strategies should the County implement to conserve and enhance: Small family farms? Orchards? Large scale crop farming? Grazing? Timber harvesting? 2B</p>	<p>1. Reduce taxes on small farms. 2. Make selling farm products directly to consumers easier. 3 Give "credits" to local direct marketers that support eco/ag tourism. 2B</p> <hr/> <p>1. Keep taxes where they are. 2. Keep Williamson Act. 2B</p> <hr/> <p>In Pennsylvania there is a state-wide organization encouraging city and counties to implement land use planning to set aside so many acres of ag. Land/residential units to be sure that the state is ag. Sustainable . I have a contact name at home. 2B</p> <hr/> <p>Foster "small-scale" ag as well as "industrial ag." 2B</p>
2C	<p>How can the County improve existing incentives to farmers to preserve land in agricultural uses, and what additional incentives are necessary? 2C</p>	<p>Property tax break with sliding scale based on ac. 2C</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer density incentives. 2C</p> <hr/> <p>Assist RCD to lobby for additional Farm Bill funding (conservation title). 2C</p> <hr/> <p>Incentives for fire protection allow property owners to provide the fire protection to their property. 2C</p> <hr/> <p>Keep Williamson Act. Conservation easements for agriculture. Mitigation for development geared towards agriculture. 2C</p> <hr/> <p>Agriculture easements for small family farms -- C.S.A.'s -- Community Support Agriculture. (SCU Chico - Danville Baker - Courd) 2C</p>

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2D	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? 2D	<p>5 acres is too small to farm -- too big to garden! 2D</p> <p>Possibly depending on soil type and crop type. 20-40 ? in rice area? 2D</p> <p>Same size or smaller to allow more land to be developed into different agricultural uses (family gardens). 2D</p> <p>Cluster homes and create open space, agricultural reserve on perimeter. 2D</p>
2E	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? 2E	<p>Should be/can be done with an Overview Plan! 2E</p> <p>Preserve agricultural land with planning for growth in urban areas -- no small acre conversions, they break up the landscape. 2E</p>
2F	How should the County address the conflicts that can occur between agricultural and urban/agritourism land uses? 2F	<p>Have agriculture and urban tourism work together. Example: urban residents sign up for agricultural tours and buy local agricultural products. 2F</p> <p>Trespass problems. 2F</p>

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2G	What strategies would be most effective in supporting the County's agricultural economic sector? 2G	<p>Understanding how the commodities are marketed for export -- cannot all be organic or sold at farmers markets. 2G</p> <p>Support local small scale agricultural products through farmers markets, local and chain stores and buying networks, and agricultural tours and festivals. 2G</p> <p>Keeping the restrictions down on the agricultural property with buffers not 100% on the agricultural property. 2G</p> <p>Promote more agriculturally sustainable business/sales for them to commercially, locally to sell their products. 2G</p> <p>Understanding food safety issues for commodities. Almonds need fumigation for commercial markets (USDA) -- can't go organic. 2G</p> <p>Relive restriction in non-agriculture, non-productive areas. Increase restriction (larger parcels) in productive areas depending on soil and crop type. 2G</p>

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3A	How should the County best protect the visual quality of its scenic highways? 3A	<p>Make them a priority -- over development.3A</p> <hr/> <p>Caution and limitation of billboards. Attractive landscape plans consistent with habitat, conservation. Have a policy for this attractive signage (when required) or for advertising.3A</p> <hr/> <p>Mix use corridors with architectural and landscaping requirements.3A</p> <hr/> <p>Declare more older-historic roadways as legal access and keep open, improve road quality with benefit districts.3A</p>
3B	Should any additional roads or highways should be designated as official County scenic routes? 3B	<p>Pents Road and Neal (historic purpose) and Skyway. 3B</p> <hr/> <p>Yes, Highway 99. Table mountain trail to Cherokee. To Madrone from Oro Dam. Larkin Road. 3B</p> <hr/> <p>Rest stops -- signage on crops and orchards. 3B</p> <hr/> <p>How about STATE Scenic Highway - brings economic benefit - outweighing local objections. 2B</p>

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3C	How can better linkages between open space areas be created? Where in the County are such connection most needed? 3C	<p>1) Voluntary conservation easements, 2) zoning, 3) less fences, 4) more sustainable agricultural land protected grass lands. 3C</p> <p>See article in Chico paper dated Sunday, May 6th, 07, 90 miles of the federal created Ponderosa Road runs through Butte county. I've driven it and it's a real asset, beautiful views and history. Also a way out in case of fire. It is blocked by a locked gate in Chico Creek Canyon. Why? Its a federal right-of-way. 3C</p>
3D	How should the County best protect deer migration routes in the face of new development? 3D	<p>Deer migration studies are not up to date and need to be updated. 3D</p> <p>First, prove they are needed and get public support. 3D</p> <p>Study the deer patterns and know they change cluster development. 3D</p> <p>Overlay cluster growth. 3D</p> <p>Support conservation easements through grants/incentives. 3D</p>
3E	What strategies should the County use to protect important habitat areas, including riparian (river and stream) corridors and oak woodlands? 3E	<p>Voluntary conservation easements. 3E</p> <p>Education workshops for landowners. 3E</p> <p>Setbacks - 100 feet. Recorded? Easement of Annie Bidwell on north side of Big Chico Creek right side of Nord Avenue Bridge to Sacramento River. 3E</p> <p>Benefits for cooperation by land owner such as bonus density in cluster designs. 3E</p> <p>Setbacks. All riparian corridors to have recorded access easements. 3E</p>

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3F	Where and what kind of trails facilities are most needed in the County? 3F	<p>Agriculture tasting trails. Native American trails. All of which may be accessible by bike, foot, equestrian. Train transport, as Napa, Sonoma. 3F</p> <p>Trail on north side of Big Chico Creek to Sacramento River. 3F</p>
3G	What types of park facilities does the County lack, and in what parts of the County are they most lacking? 3G	<p>Chico has many parks planned but only has developed a few. This process should be speeded up. 3G</p> <p>Lake Oroville facilities. 3G</p> <p>Promote fairness. Paradise is grand. Concow is a disgrace. 3G</p> <p>We shouldn't add costs to the County for maintaining more parks until we can figure out the funding source. 3G</p> <p>Make parks out of open space easements, incorporate with recharge areas. 3G</p>
3H	Should the County acquire and manage new park facilities? 3H	<p>We shouldn't add costs to the County for maintaining more parks until we can figure out the funding source.3H</p> <p>How many parks can we afford to maintain?3H</p> <p>Yes. Sacramento River, Bald Rock, Feather Falls.3H</p>

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3I	What strategies should the County use to protect its groundwater supplies and groundwater recharge areas? 3I	<p>First consider agriculture needs and then restrict growth so that it matches water use and distribution. Do not over-plan growth without considering the useable water available. 3I</p> <p>Encourage storm drain and grey water recycling. Reduces use by reuse. 3I</p> <p>Meters on wells. 3I</p> <p>Restrict new wells where treated water can be extended. 3I</p> <p>Map fractured zones using current electromagnetic tools. 3I</p> <p>No water export by ag. 3I</p>
3J	How should the County ensure that its long-term water supply needs are met? 3J	<p>Consider Butte County before committing to needs of others. 3J</p> <p>Lake Oroville 270,500 acre-feet of water is Butte county's by agreement and part of the State Water Project. Build a countywide distribution system to send this water to any area of county as needed! 3J</p> <p>Education about watersheds for school kids and adults on TV and radio -- creating understanding of where their watershed is and goes. Support the resource conservation district. 3J</p> <p>Resident education and incentives such as low flow toilets, shower heads, water collection sites from roofs for lawn water and workshops and resources on recycling and using water. 3J</p> <p>1. Limit water intensive residential growth to certain areas -- such as the recharge area. 2. Find and map the recharge area!! 3J</p> <p>Use our state water entitlement. 3J</p> <p>First - find out our water rights and availability of the resource. 3J</p>

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3K	How should the County ensure its historic and cultural resources, including historic and present-day Native American cultural sites, are preserved? 3K	<p>The County needs to work with the Native Americans to preserve all of the designated pre-historic and historic sites. They are all over Chico, Oroville, Paradise foothill areas and are presently being destroyed in the name of progress and growth. 3K</p> <p>Hire experts who know this area of expertise and who have lived here for decades with Native American Heritage and who know grant writing. 3K</p>
4A	What priorities should the County have in planning and improving the roads it maintains? What places or aspects are in most need of improvement? 4A	<p>Highway 99 between 149 and Gridley -- passing lanes or four lanes. 4A</p> <p>All of the roads in Butte County are in need of repairing and enlarging the roads. More money needs to be dedicated to this. 4A</p>
4B	Is a better connection to Interstate 5 needed, and if so, what would be the best route for the connection?4B	<p>Highway 162, ditto.4B</p> <p>Highway 162 through Butte City.4B</p> <p>Improve Highway 162 safety through Oroville on Oro Dam funded by State grants.4B</p> <p>The County and Chico should plan for Highway 99 from Chico to the new CA/149 overpass. Solve a poor sight line and intersection at Neal Road and 99. 4B</p> <p>You improve the connection to Highway 5 and you will no longer be rural. I am opposed to that.4B</p>
4C	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? 4C	[NO COMMENTS SUBMITTED] 4C

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4D	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?4D	<p>Yes to grid or modified grid.4D</p> <p>Should the road system recognize the volcanic nature of the county in terms of its radical character and efficient construction with a few major loops joining to Cohasset, forest range, Magalia.... ?4D</p>
4E	What strategies should the County use to address fire evacuation/access issues for rural community areas?4E	<p>Put a highway in on the upper ridge that allows the people fire access/escape. The road to Butte Meadows improved so that is accessible to the upper ridge because of fire/snow. Is Highway 17 actually being done? Where's the money?4E</p> <p>Emergency route maps and educate public.4E</p> <p>Continue to support funding for wildfire evacuation plans and education through fire State Councils.4E</p> <p>Build a second way out of Pines. Tall Expressway to Bruce Road. Chico - from Ponderosa Way, Magalia.4E</p> <p>Ensure that there is more than one way in/out! Provide adequate access for (in particular mountain communities) public safety.4E</p> <p>Declare more older, historical roadways as legal access and ???, improve road quality with benefit districts.4E</p>
4F	How can the County help decrease reliance on automobile travel, especially for commuters? 4F	<p>Building smart communities with paths to commercial and trails to town. 4F</p> <p>Provide additional public transportation to the outlying areas (other than just the developed cities). 4F</p> <p>Walkable communities with services and commercial on a neighborhood basis. 4F</p>

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4G	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? 4G	More facilities in the urban area of Oroville and connecting to Palermo and Thermalito. 4G Chico - Paradise. Chico - Butte College. 4G
4H	How can the County help to improve safety for bicycles and pedestrians? 4H	Bike trail lanes along county roads. Utilize levy roads and work with irrigation districts to access these beautiful trails. 4H Off-road paths. Safer. Utilize powerline easements. 4H More Class I bike lanes along major arteries. 4H
4I	What specific priorities and improvements are needed for bus service in Butte County? 4I	Smaller buses/more routes. Alternative powered vehicles. 4I
4J	How should the County ensure that the infrastructure needs of new development are met? 4J	Plan how to provide excess capacity so we have options. 4J Create affordable housing with resale restrictions, such as 25% of resale value goes to County for infrastructure. 4J Yes impact fees -. Yes impact fees -. 4J
4K	Should the County work to reduce the reliance on-site septic systems in the County, and if so, how? 4K	Engineered systems are used all over the county. Why not here? 4K No. 4K Evaporative new designs. New technology now! 4K Yes. We will have to develop a new waste water treatment plant adjacent to an existing outlet (Chico, Oroville).4K Engineered systems, now! 4K

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4L	Should the County seek out and encourage alternative forms of onsite septic systems, and if so, how? 4L	<p>Yes to proposed new technologies. 4L</p> <p>Absolutely. 4L</p> <p>Yes. Isn't this in the works. Ultimately it will need to be resolved between the State and the County though. 4L</p> <p>Inventory technologies and list the best one's for private choice! 4L</p> <p>Butte County should embrace alternative technologies and systems. On-site systems can truly be considered sustainable. All of the water goes back into the environment. The county should embrace beneficial re-use alternatives. But, these systems must be managed properly. You cannot trust the homeowner to maintain their system. 4L</p> <p>Yes . On-site wastewater. 4L</p> <p>Assign areas in which composting toilets are allowable. 4L</p> <p>Composting toilets with proper training. 4L</p> <p>Yes. 4L</p> <p>Don't just force septic down. Yes - new systems. 4L</p>
4M	Which areas of the county need additional police/sheriff or fire services? How should improved services be paid for? 4M	<p>County support on volunteers - important! 4M</p> <p>Fire services should include education for wildfire prevention in foothills. 4M</p> <p>Biggs -- needs police. Not enough money to pay for the service. 4M</p> <p>Every small community needs services. County to participate with tax dollars now benefit districts by seeding it, then new development fees, incentives and existing residents pay too! 4M</p>

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5A	How can the County most effectively limit land use conflicts around its airports? 5A	<p>Continue the meeting and talking. Start drawing solutions. 5A</p> <p>Create specific areas within LAFCO to facilitate this coordination on a more regular schedule of communication. 5A</p> <p>Focus on the benefits. Enter into agreements? 5A</p> <p>Draw on "Grey" line around airports. 5A</p>
5E	Should any of the County's airports be expanded? 5E	<p>No just protected.5E</p> <p>Protect the agricultural airstrips -- rice growers depend on them!!5E</p> <p>We should allow room for Chico and Oroville to expand within next 30 years. Keep housing away from airports.5E</p>
5F	How should the County try and attract better quality/higher wage jobs to Butte County? 5F	<p>Can we foster knowledge based work communities in rural areas? Improved communication -- cluster communities with common goals. 5F</p> <p>Finish the GP and Zoning, publicize this and get adequate housing stock info to potential businesses. 5F</p> <p>The County should focus on preserving and protecting existing companies with high paying jobs. It's easier to grow the ones we have rather than importing new ones. Protect them with land use policies that allow businesses to expand, change, remodel. 5F</p> <p>A niche of innovative green businesses (e.g. solar installations). 5F</p>

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5G	What changes might be needed to land use or policies in Butte County to make it more attractive to new and existing businesses? 5G	<p>Spend \$\$ on ad campaign like Michigan and Boston -- we have room for you! 5G</p> <p>Complete the GP/Zoning updates and say "yes" to projects that comply quickly. 5G</p> <p>Cities need to annex islands. Cities need to annex land in manufacturing/ industrial zones. Cities and county need good tax-sharing agreement so they will work together to help businesses expand facilities or move to town. Land needs to be ready-to-go to build industrial/manufacturing. Sewer, electricity, roads. Zoning must be flexible enough for industries of the future. 5G</p> <p>Cluster homes. Smart growth. Open spaces with agriculture buffers. Certified organic agriculture next to homes. 5G</p>

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5H	Should the County encourage more sustainable or green building practices, and if so, how? 5H	If there is no additional cost to build "sustainable" or "green" -- fine. The County should not mandate more expensive building methods. The State Building Codes, fire marshal, water resources, etc. have already added enough. On top of higher building fees. 5H
		Promote rice straw building "Adobe" from rice fields. LEED Building. 5H
		Yes, through building policy (i.e. sustainable resources) and hosting workshops and attracting businesses to support green building. 5H
		Reduce development fees and building material price breaks. 5H
		The County can encourage sustainability by making changes to their development standards. The LEED certification system relies on "points." You get points by embracing energy and environmental building items in many categories. But Butte county's development standards don't know or aren't variable enough to allow all possible points to be obtained so they should be amended. General Plan policies should be matched to specific LEED points. 5H
		Give reduction of fees for green points. 5H
		Yes, fast track sustainable building. 5H

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		Yes, development fee credits. 5H
5I	How should the County continue to promote solar power? 5I	<p>The County already promotes solar power through sunshine and supply and demand. 5I</p> <p>By setting an example and making it easy to incorporate into construction. 5I</p> <p>Work with power companies to make selling energy profitable on a small scale (i.e. on apartment complex providing its own electricity and selling some to the grid). 5I</p> <p>Establish over the counter building permits for solar systems. 5I</p> <p>Establish a rebate program, tax incentive, property tax credit, reduce building fees. 5I</p> <p>Build a solar collector with PGE, City, private cap. 5I</p>
5J	In what specific ways could the County, and county residents, help to minimize contributions to global warming and depletion of natural resources? 5J	<p>Develop cogeneration plants with sequestered carbon facilities. 5J</p> <p>Countywide recycling and green waste with trash service. 5J</p> <p>Plan for long forest production cycles to sequester carbon maximally spaced to minimize stand replacement fires 5J</p> <p>Have specific guided requirements within the General Plan. 5J</p>