



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: December 11, 2007 Progress Report #23 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 23rd 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 Board of Supervisors Special Study Session
November 27, 2007, 2:00 pm – 10:30 pm, Meeting Series #2/3-4
Finalization of Alternatives**



November 27, 2007 Butte County Board of Supervisors Study Session

Approximately 65 people attended the Board of Supervisors Study Session held on November 27, 2007 from 2:00 pm – 10:30 pm. Several Citizens Advisory Committee members were also in attendance. This Study Session was the final meeting of Butte County General Plan 2030 Series #2/3 devoted to the development of General Plan 2030 Alternatives for Land Use, Transportation and Policies. An overview of the General Plan 2030 progress and process was provided by Development Services Director Tim Snellings and General Plan consultant David Early of Design, Community & Environment.

The Policy Alternatives, consisting of 14 topic areas and 27 policy questions were then individually reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. The Policy Alternatives included recommendations made by the Planning Commission and Citizens Advisory Committee. The Board provided staff with numerous substantive comments concerning each of the 27 policy questions and answers. The Policy Document will be updated by staff to include the Board's changes and comments. The Policy Document will be used to set the framework for the more extensive and detailed goals and policies development that will take place during Meeting Series #5, scheduled to take place in the later half of 2008.

The Land Use Alternatives, consisting of 43 individual Study Areas that are grouped into three major Alternatives were then individually reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Input from the Planning Commission was also highlighted for the Board's consideration. The Board made a number of substantive changes to individual Study Areas. The Board also removed 8 of the 43 Study Areas from the Alternatives. The 8 Study Areas removed included: 1) Study Area A North Chico Highway 99, 2) Study Area B North Chico, 3) Study Area #4 Chico Growth Area #1, 4) Study Area #5 Chico Growth Area #2, 5) Study Area #6 Chico Growth Area #3, 6) Study Area D North Butte Valley, 7) Study Area F Bangor Extension and, 8) Study Area I East Gridley Road.

The Board's final approval of the Alternatives sets the stage for the next phase of the General Plan 2030 process, the Selection of a Preferred Alternative (Meeting Series #4), tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2008. Prior to Meeting Series #4, an extensive evaluation will take place for each of the three alternatives and the County as a whole. This evaluation will examine many different factors such Transportation and Circulation, Fiscal Impacts, Agricultural Impacts, Water Supply, Wastewater Infrastructure, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Public Services, and Safety/Hazards that will help identify areas suitable for growth and conservation.

A more detailed summary of all of the Board of Supervisors actions will be available soon at www.buttegeneralplan.net.

2. December 6, 2007 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting



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The December 6, 2007 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Butte College Main Campus Cafeteria was attended by 26 Citizens Advisory Committee members and 8

members of the public. The meeting started with Director of Development Services Tim Snellings providing an overview concerning accomplishments of the General Plan 2030 process. He also discussed the role, procedures and guidelines for the Citizens Advisory Committee and the functioning of future Public Workshops and Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings. He then introduced Butte County Board of Supervisors Chair Jane Dolan (District 2) and Supervisor Curt Josiassen (District 4). Supervisors Dolan and Josiassen discussed the role and value of the Citizens Advisory Committee and then took questions from Committee members.

Principal Planner Dan Breedon provided a brief overview of the Board of Supervisors actions at their Study Session held on November 27, 2007 concerning the finalization of the Land Use and Transportation Alternatives. He also provided a summary of General Plan 2030 Contract Modification #1, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 6, 2007, allowing for more evaluation of the alternatives and providing funds for additional General Plan 2030 meetings.

A Panel Discussion on local government funding and land use planning was facilitated by Assistant Development Services Director Pete Calarco, which included representatives from several local jurisdictions (Greg Iturria, Deputy Administrative Officer, Butte County Administration, Andrea Redamonti, Planning Director, City of Gridley, and Steve Peterson, Planning Director, City of Chico). This panel covered a number of questions and took questions from Committee members. Planning Manager Chuck Thistlethwaite then provided a basic overview of legislation surrounding the topics of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, including the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

In closing, Tim Snellings announced that Meeting Series #4, the Selection of a Preferred Alternative is expected to begin with a Public Workshop in March, 2008 and Citizens Advisory Committee meetings beginning in April, 2008. Another Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January, 17, 2008, which will include presentations on groundwater recharge from the Department of Water Resources, and the Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan from the Butte County Association of Governments.

3. Second City of Chico Individual General Plan 2030 “One-on-One” meeting with Butte County

County and City decision makers and staffs met for the second time on November 29, 2007. The meeting was attended by Chico Mayor Andy Holcombe and Vice Mayor Ann Schwab. County Supervisors Jane Dolan (District 2) and Maureen Kirk (District 3) represented Butte County. Chico City Administrator David Burkland and Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Brian Haddix were also in attendance. These meetings are intended to facilitate City/County interjurisdictional cooperation and to help identify issues for both the City's and County's General Plan update processes. This collaborative process was initiated by the City/County Summit Meeting held on January 27, 2007. Chico Planning Director Steve Peterson and Butte County Development Services Director Tim Snellings facilitated discussion during the meeting. City and County staff covered the status of their respective General Plan updates and County staff additionally discussed the actions of the Board of

Supervisors in finalizing the General Plan 2030 Alternatives at their November 27, 2007 Study Session. A number of other topics were also discussed concerning areas of mutual concern. Detailed notes of this meeting will be posted to the Butte County General Plan 2030 website soon.

4. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting on January 17, 2008 at the Butte College Main Campus Cafeteria. Agenda Items will include a discussion by the Department of Water Resources on Groundwater Recharge, and the Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) by the Butte County Association of Governments.

The Evaluation of the Alternatives has started in anticipation of Meeting Series #4 –Selection of a Preferred Alternative. This Meeting Series is scheduled to begin with a Public Workshop in March of 2008 and conclude in June of 2008 with a Board of Supervisors Study Session. The schedule for Meeting Series #4 will be provided to the Board as soon as it is finalized.