



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: February 12, 2008 Progress Report #26 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 26th 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. City/County General Plan 2030 “1 on 1” Meetings Continue

The City/County “1 on 1” meeting process is intended to provide individual follow-ups with each city and build upon outreach efforts established at the City/County Summit meeting held on January 27, 2006. The “1 on 1” meetings help overall coordination and 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.

The third “1 on 1” meeting was held between the City of Chico and the County on January 31, 2008. This meeting concentrated primarily on several of the County General Plan 2030 Land Use Alternatives and Study Areas in the vicinity of Chico, North Chico Specific Plan (Study Area #15), South Chico (City of Chico potential growth area), Nance Canyon/SR-99 (Study Area #14), Oroville Chico Highway/SR-99 (Study Area #16).

The second “1 on 1” meeting was held between the City of Gridley and the County on February 5, 2008. The meeting concentrated on Land Use Alternatives and Study Areas in the LAFCO designated Area of Concern (AOC), which is located between Gridley and Biggs. A suggestion was made to hold a joint meeting between both city councils and the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Area of Concern. A joint meeting date has been proposed for either February 26th or 27th in the evening.

Detailed Notes from both of these meetings will be posted to the General Plan website soon. Notes from all previous meetings held with all of the cities are also available on the website.

2. February 28, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm at the Butte College Campus Center Cafeteria. The meeting is open to the public. It is one of a series of meetings being conducted by the County as part of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process.

Presentations are planned on several key topics related to Butte County General Plan 2030:

- ◆ Balanced Planning for Sustainable Communities: Dr. LaDona Knigge, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, CSU Chico
- ◆ Butte County Deer Herds and Ranges: Henry Lomeli, Associate Biologist, California Department of Fish & Game
- ◆ Butte County Deer Range Mapping: Kevin Sevier, Project Manager, Gallaway Consulting
- ◆ Wildfire Safety Planning and the General Plan: Cali-Jane Burch, Executive Director, Butte County Fire Safe Council, Jim Broshears, Board member, Butte County Fire Safe Council

This information is being provided to assist the Citizens Advisory Committee and members of the public in commenting during the next phase of the General Plan 2030 process, the Selection of a Preferred Alternative, scheduled to begin in March 2008 (Meeting Series #4 of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process).

3. Butte County General Plan 2030 Outreach to the Butte County Office of Education

Butte County Department of Development Services staff will present information to the Butte County Office of Education on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at the BCOE Board Room at 1859 Bird Street AT 10:00 AM, in Oroville. Superintendants from all 14 Butte County School Districts will be present at this meeting. Development Services wants to ensure coordination and identify the best way the General Plan 2030 process can work with BCOE on county-wide strategies for new/existing schools, future growth, and other issues that may be relevant to the General Plan 2030 update and area schools.

4. Butte County General Plan 2030 Newsletter

The first Butte County General Plan 2030 Newsletter will be sent out to approximately 73,000 individual Butte County households in the next two weeks. The Newsletter consists of 4 information-packed color pages that will apprise busy Butte County residents on the status of the General Plan 2030 process and how they can become involved and participate at future meetings and events. The Newsletter also details major accomplishments; the Land Use and Transportation Alternatives; the Policy Alternatives; and the next steps in the General Plan 2030 process. This newsletter is being provided to all residents within the unincorporated area of Butte County as well as those located within the 5 incorporated cities. Newsletters are also being translated into Spanish and Hmong. Translated copies of the newsletter will be made available through Development Services and community centers. (Photo: Newsletter pg. 3, August 2, 2007 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting)



5. Reminder: Meeting Series #4 –Selection of a Preferred Alternative

Meeting Series #4 will kick-off on Thursday, March 27, 2008, in Chico at the Little Chico Creek Elementary School Multi-purpose Room at 5:00 pm, with a Public Workshop devoted to the Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative. This meeting will focus on public participation and will provide the public with an opportunity to weigh-in on their preferences for a preferred alternative.

The entire schedule for Meeting Series #4 is provided as follows:

- ◆ Public Workshop -Thursday, 3/27/08
- ◆ 1st CAC Meeting -Thursday, 4/10/08
- ◆ 2nd CAC Meeting -Thursday, 4/17/08
- ◆ 3rd CAC Meeting -Thursday, 4/24/08
- ◆ Planning Commission Study Session -Friday, 5/9/08
- ◆ Board of Supervisors Study Session: -TBA