



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

**FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director**

**SUBJECT: March 25, 2008 Progress Report #29 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Special Meetings Concerning General Plan 2030 Organization**

As discussed in the General Plan 2030 Progress Report #28, staff is undertaking additional efforts to address public and Citizens Advisory Committee comments regarding the subject of an optional Water Resources Element and the overall organization of General Plan 2030. Towards this end the following two meetings have been scheduled:

- a. **April 14, 2008** Meeting at Chico City Hall (Conference Room #1) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to focus on water policy and the potential need for an optional water resources element. This meeting will focus on the concept of an optional water resources element and will be used to solicit ideas, feedback, and any suggestions that would help to shape the agenda for the June 5, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting concerning General Plan 2030 organization (see Item b. below). Representatives from the Butte County Planning Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee and Butte County Water Commission will be present to offer ideas and guidance. This meeting is open to the general public and all parties interested in Butte County's water policy and the Butte County General Plan 2030 process are invited to attend.
  
- b. **June 5, 2008** Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to focus on General Plan Organization, including discussion on optional elements. This meeting will consist of:

1. A special Citizens Advisory Committee meeting devoted to the discussion of structural options and opportunities for the format of General Plan 2030 including a discussion about optional elements and consolidated approaches to GP organization and the pros and cons of each approach.
2. Planning Directors from other jurisdictions that have experience with varying approaches of GP organization, and optional elements would provide presentations and information. The County's General Plan consultant David Early of DC&E would help to facilitate discussion and will provide information on General Plan organization. A representative from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research would be asked to talk about optional elements and consolidated approaches to GPs as discussed in the General Plan Guidelines
3. The goal of this meeting would be to strive for consensus from the Citizens Advisory Committee concerning GP organization and concerning whether any optional elements will be part of the organization of General Plan 2030 prior to beginning Meeting Series #5. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review/input. It will then be brought to the Board of Supervisors prior to the start of Workshop Series #5.

## **2. March 12, 2008 Butte County Office of Education Superintendent's Meeting**

On March 12, 2008 Development Services Director Tim Snellings and Principal Planner Dan Breedon presented information about Butte County General Plan 2030 to a gathering of 15 Butte County School District Superintendents at the Butte County Office of Education in Oroville. Each superintendent was provided a General Plan 2030 Briefing Book, General Plan 2030 Newsletter, and a Setting and Trends Report CD. Tim Snellings presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided a detailed overview on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process. Superintendents were interested in how schools fit into the General Plan 2030 process. Superintendents were encouraged to review the land use alternatives proposed within their district, and to follow the preferred alternative selection process currently underway.

At the conclusion of this presentation all superintendents were provided staff contact information for any comments or questions concerning the Butte County General Plan 2030 process. A complete meeting summary and PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the General Plan website.

## **3. Reminder: Public Workshop March 27, 2008 –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 is the KEY workshop members of the public should plan to attend if they wish to provide input on the development of a Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030. The meeting will include two OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS that provide members of the public an opportunity to comment directly on the Land Use Alternatives for any number of 34 specific Study Areas, located throughout Butte County.

Staff will be present from a variety of Butte County Departments to help answer questions and provide information on this process. Planning staff will provide guidance on how to participate in the workshop and will host a Town Hall Discussion on the Principles for a Preferred Land Use Alternative.

If for some reason members of the public cannot attend the entire meeting, they are encouraged to drop by and comment during one of the two OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS scheduled from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm and from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm.”

All of the information and comments received at the Public Workshop will next be provided to Citizens Advisory Committee for their meetings in April 2008 (see Item #4 below), then to the Planning Commission for their Special Study Session on May 9, 2008, culminating with the Butte County Board of Supervisors, who will be holding a Special Study Session on July 29, 2008, to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative. The Preferred Land Use Alternative, along with policies developed in a future Workshop Series, will be the basis of the County’s new General Plan.

**4. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings  
(Meeting Series #4, Evaluation and Selection of a Preferred Alternative)**

The three Citizens Advisory Committee meetings scheduled in April will be focused on the Evaluation and Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative (all meetings will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm, locations are being finalized at this time and will be provided to the Board and placed on the General Plan website soon). Each meeting will be focused on the Study Areas within 3 major geographic regions in Butte County, which are provided as follows:

**April 10, 2008 –Paradise/Magalia/Butte Valley Area**

- Study Area 5: Magalia/Paradise Pines
- Study Areas 7: Concow
- Study Area 10: Skyway/Neal Road
- Study Area 12: Southeast Paradise Specific Plan
- Study Area 13: South Paradise/Pentz Road
- Study Area 20: Highway 191 (Clark Road)/Durham Pentz

**April 17, 2008 –South County (Oroville/Biggs/Gridley Area)**

- Study Area 8: Berry Creek
- Study Area 21: Thermalito
- Study Area 22: Existing City of Oroville Limits
- Study Area 23: Eastern Oroville/Oroville Hills

- Study Area 24: Stringtown Mountain
- Study Area 25: Thermalito Afterbay Area
- Study Area 26: Las Plumas/Southside/Ophir Road
- Study Area 27: Pacific Heights Road/Highway 70
- Study Area 28: Sothern Oroville
- Study Area 29: Palermo
- Study Area 30: Bangor
- Study Area 31: Biggs Area
- Study Area 32: Existing City Biggs Limits
- Study Area 33: South of Biggs
- Study Area 34: North of Gridley

**April 24, 2008 –North County (Chico/Highway 99/Forest Ranch Area)**

- Study Area 1: Existing City of Chico Limit
- Study Area 2: North Chico Specific Plan
- Study Area 3: Bell Muir
- Study Area 4: Forest Ranch
- Study Area 6: Upper Stilson Canyon
- Study Area 9: Doe Mill/Honey Run
- Study Area 14: Nance Canyon/Highway 99
- Study Area 15: Hamlin Canyon/Highway 99
- Study Area 16: Oroville Chico Highway/Highway 99
- Study Area 17: Durham
- Study Area 18: Durham Dayton/Highway 99
- Study Area 19: Durham Pentz/Highway 99

**5. Citizens Advisory Committee Resolutions**

In coordination with the Board of Supervisors General Plan 2030 Subcommittee, Development Services staff will be consolidating the three Resolutions that the Board of Supervisors had previously approved concerning the Citizens Advisory Committee into 1 resolution. This will help to simplify the Citizens Advisory Committee resolution and update information where needed. The new Resolution will be scheduled for review by the Board of Supervisors on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.