



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: April 8, 2008 Progress Report #30 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 30<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. Public Workshop held March 27, 2008 (Meeting #4-1)**

The March 27, 2008 General Plan 2030 Public Workshop (Meeting Series #4, Meeting #1, Evaluation & Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative) was held at the Little Chico Creek Elementary School from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Approximately 120 people participated in this very successful and well attended event.

The Public Workshop was divided up into three main components: 1) Two Open House Sessions, during which participants visited Issue Stations concerning Transportation and Circulation, Fiscal Impacts, Agricultural Impacts, Water Supply, Wastewater Infrastructure, Biological Resources (including the Butte Regional Conservation Plan – HCP/NCCP and Updated Deer Range Maps), Cultural Resources, Public Services, and Safety/Hazards, and 34 Study Area Stations devoted to the Land Use Alternatives currently under consideration; 2) a presentation explaining the General Plan process as a whole and the Alternatives Evaluation process in particular; and, 3) a Town Hall Discussion in which participants shared ideas about policy issues that should be considered, resources that should be protected, and specific study areas.

Public input from this workshop was gathered by the following methods:

- Verbal comments made during the Town Hall discussion and recorded by facilitator Joanna Jansen of DC&E.

- Written comments submitted on comment cards, which were available throughout the workshop
- Written comments submitted on the large sheets of paper posted at each Study Area Station
- Written comments submitted to the County either before or after the workshop

The information gathered from this meeting has been transmitted to the Citizens Advisory Committee for use during their meetings of April 10, 17 and 24 concerning the Evaluation and Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative. This information along with a more detailed summary of this meeting will be posted to the Butte County General Plan website.

## **2. April 3, 2008 City of Chico/Butte County 1 on1 Meeting (fourth meeting)**

County and City decision makers and staffs met for the fourth time on April 3, 2008. 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 inter-jurisdictional 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 Principal Planner Dan Breedon facilitated discussion during the meeting.

City and County staff covered the status of their respective General Plan updates and Dan Breedon additionally reviewed Butte County's recently completed General Plan 2030 Alternatives Evaluation Report and covered the Butte County Land Use Alternatives and Study Areas located in the Chico vicinity. Detailed notes of this meeting will be posted to the Butte County General Plan 2030 website soon.

## **3. April 3, 2008 Workshop Hosted by the Office of the Attorney General: CEQA and Climate Change: Partnering with Local Agencies to Combat Global Warming**

With the approval of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change has become a high-profile issue in California. As previously discussed in Board Update #26, the Attorney General's Office, and the Local Government Commission, would be holding a series of workshops entitled: "CEQA and Climate Change: Partnering with Local Agencies to Combat Global Warming. Development Services Director Tim Snellings attended this workshop, which was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sacramento.

Director Snellings reports that Attorney General Jerry Brown introduced the Agenda and gave an overview of the Climate Change issue as it relates to California. Speakers throughout the day presented programs from their jurisdictions and businesses to address this issue. One speaker described their project in Sonoma County to reuse a former Hewlett-Packard property and develop a green community with the goal of having no net increase of

energy use. More information about this workshop is available on the Butte County General Plan 2030 website

Development Services staff will continue to track developments about State mandates concerning the subjects of Climate Change and Global Warming and will provide periodic updates to the Board of Supervisors about this subject as new information becomes available.

To address the current requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Development Services will bring a contract amendment to the Board of Supervisors in the coming weeks that will instruct General Plan 2030 sub-consultant Jones & Stokes to evaluate climate change impacts associated with Butte County General Plan 2030 (This will be performed in conjunction with the General Plan's Program Environmental Impact Report).

#### **4. Reminders: Special Meetings Concerning General Plan 2030 Organization**

**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. 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.

#### **5. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings Locations (Meeting Series #4, Evaluation & 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. Each meeting will be focused on the Study Areas within 3 major geographic regions in Butte County shown below. Locations and times are as follows:

**April 10, 2008 –Paradise/Magalia/Butte Valley Area/Concow  
Paradise High School Cafeteria - 5911 Maxwell Drive, Paradise, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

- Study Area 5: Magalia/Paradise Pines
- Study Area 7: Concow
- Study Area 10: Skyway/Neal Road
- Study Area 11: Paradise Urban Reserve
- 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)**

**Checkers Restaurant - 109 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

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)**

**Little Chico Creek Elementary School - 2090 Amanda Way, Chico**

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