



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: April 22, 2008 Progress Report #31 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 31st 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. April 10, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting



April 10 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting –Paradise

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held its meeting #4-2A on Thursday, April 10, 2008, the first of four CAC meetings in Meeting Series #4 (Selection of a Preferred Alternative). The meeting was held at the Paradise High School multi-purpose room in Paradise. Of the 59 attendees at the meeting, 24 were representatives of the Citizens Advisory Committee and 35 were members of the public.

This first CAC meeting in this series focused on two main topics: discussion of overall “principles for a preferred alternative” and identification of a preferred land use alternative for the following 7 Study Areas:

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

CAC members were presented with commentary collected at the March 27 public workshop, letters and reports submitted to the County by residents and landowners, and feedback from the General Plan 2030 web forum to assist their discussion and selection of a preferred alternative for each study area.

Summary notes from this meeting outlining the specific actions of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be available on the website today.

2. April 17, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting



April 17, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting –Oroville

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held its meeting #4-2B on Thursday, April 17, 2008, the second of four CAC meetings in Meeting Series #4 (Selection of a Preferred Alternative). The meeting was held at Checker's Restaurant in Oroville. Of the 93 attendees at the meeting, 28 were representatives of the Citizens Advisory Committee and 65 were members of the public.

This meeting focused on the identification of a preferred land use alternative for the following 13 Study Areas:

Study Area 8: Berry Creek
Study Area 21: Thermalito
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: Southern Oroville
Study Area 29: Palermo

Study Area 30: Bangor
Study Area 31: Biggs Area
Study Area 33: South of Biggs
Study Area 34: North of Gridley

CAC members were presented with commentary collected at the March 27 public workshop, letters and reports submitted to the County by residents and landowners, a summary memo concerning joint planning efforts with the Cities of Biggs, Gridley and Oroville, including information on the preferred General Plan for the cities of Gridley and Oroville, and feedback from the General Plan 2030 web forum to assist their discussion and selection of a preferred alternative for each study area.

The Citizens Advisory Committee also acted to approve a 4th Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to be held on May 1, 2008, from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, at the Butte College Cafeteria (main campus). The additional meeting will be held to allow the CAC to view the entire list of their recommendations, make adjustments as needed, and provide a final look at everything before their recommendations go to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Summary notes from the April 17, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee providing the specific actions of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be available on the website on April 30.

3. April 14, 2008 Meeting: Water Policy, Optional Elements, and the Format of the General Plan

On April 14, staff from the Departments of Development Services and Water and Resource Conservation hosted an open public meeting to discuss water resources, optional elements, and the format of the General Plan. The meeting was organized in order to learn more about public interest in policies and optional elements to be potentially included in the General Plan, and to help organize the June 5 CAC preliminary meeting on the format and organization of the General Plan.

Approximately 40 people attended the meeting, which was held at the Chico City Council Chambers building in downtown Chico. Participants included five members of the General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee, Harrel Wilson, Chair of the Butte County Planning Commission, and Susan Strachan of the Butte County Water Commission. County Supervisor Jane Dolan was also present at the meeting.

Development Services Director Tim Snellings opened the discussion with an overview of the meeting goals, as well as information about state Office of Planning and Research guidelines regarding general plan format, content, and organization. Paul Gosselin, Director, and Vickie Newlin, Assistant Director of the Department of Water and Resource Conservation, summarized the County's approach to water resource management and information development. Principal Planner Dan Breedon then outlined how the General Plan 2030 process has addressed water-related issues through the present, and how upcoming steps in the process will continue to address water issues.

Principal Planner Claudia Stuart facilitated the second half of the meeting, which provided an opportunity for members of the public to bring up questions, issues, policies, and optional elements of concern to them. A majority of meeting participants expressed support for a water element, and for the continued development of data and modeling appropriate to manage water resources. Several others identified the need for youth-oriented policies in the General Plan, to address needs and opportunities relevant to the County's youth population. Interest in an agricultural element was also brought up. Participants provided suggestions for speakers at the June 5 meeting, as well as specific issues and potential policies to be addressed during the General Plan update. Tim Snellings closed the meeting with an overview of preparations for the June 5 CAC meeting.

This summary and additional information concerning this meeting will be posted to the General Plan 2030 website under: 2008-04-14 Special Meeting

4. April 24, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting –North County (Chico/Highway 99/Durham/Forest Ranch Area)

A 3rd Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting devoted to the Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative will take place the Thursday, April 24th at the Little Chico Creek Elementary School - 2090 Amanda Way, Chico from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. This meeting will focus on the following 11 Study Areas:

- 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. May 1, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

At their April 17, 2008 meeting the Citizens Advisory Committee chose to hold a 4th Citizens Advisory Committee meeting devoted to the Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative. This additional meeting will be held to allow the CAC to view the entire list of their recommendations, make adjustments as needed, and provide a final look at everything before their recommendations go to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. This will also provide an opportunity for staff to provide the Citizens Advisory Committee an overview showing totals for housing and acres for all of the land use designations recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee through their actions.

6. May 9, 2008 Planning Commission Special Study Session

The Planning Commission will hold two Special Study Sessions to accept all information and recommendations from the March 27, 2008 Public Workshop and the 4 Citizens Advisory Committee meetings devoted to the Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative on May 9, 2008 at 25 County Center Drive from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This Study Session will be informational in nature, and will be used to educate Planning Commissioners on all of the information generated to date and to provide an opportunity for questions and comments prior to focusing on recommendations for a Preferred Land Use Alternative. An additional Planning Commission Study Session will be scheduled later in May or June during which the Planning Commission will review the 31 Study Areas and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

7. April 9, 2008 General Plan 2030 Presentation to Public Works Employees

On April 9, 2008, Development Services Principal Planner Dan Breedon provided an overview of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process to a gathering of all Butte County Public Works employees at their Spring Conference (Public Works Training, Longevity & Safety Awards Presentation) held at the Southside Center in Oroville. Mr. Breedon covered the major milestones of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process to date, and discussed the Land Use and Transportation Alternatives currently under consideration