

Butte County General Plan 2030
COMMENT CARD – Workshop Series #4 – CAC Meeting #4

May 1, 2008

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My Comments:

PLEASE RESPECT THE CITY OF GRIDLEY'S GENERAL
PLAN PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR OVER
1 YEAR. AREA 34 SHOULD BE DESIGNATED URBAN
RESERVE TO PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CITY'S VISION AS ILLUSTRATED IN THEIR ADOPTED
LAND USE MAP!

PLEASE REMOVE THE AGRICULTURAL SETBACK
REQUIREMENTS OF THE AG ELEMENT FROM THE
AREA OF CONCERN, SINCE THIS AREA IS
DESIGNATED

Presentation to the May 1st 2008 Citizens Advisory Council meeting

Catie and Jim Bishop, Mt. Ida Road, Oroville, CA
for entry into the public record.

Quoting Principle #8: "The General Plan shall address agriculture as an important aspect of Butte County's economy that will be protected, maintained, promoted and enhanced."

Area 23 farmlands are long-established, very productive orchards, vineyards, and vegetable gardens, with historic farm buildings and many small commercial operations. They are unique in our region.

They are important to our economy, not only for food production, but for encouraging tourism and enhancing community quality.

The next 20 years will bring much higher transportation costs—favoring retention of local food production, while focusing population where it can be better served by public transportation. It is short-sighted to sacrifice irreplaceable local farmlands to intense subdivision.

The farmland represents a small fraction of the total area. To diminish that valuable farmland can add at most a small %-age to the potential number of residences, and is a bad trade. (For example, losing half of the unique farmlands would only add a few percent to the number of homes.)

The right balance favors retention of the limited but valuable area of agricultural lands.

Please follow the principle to "protect, maintain, promote, and enhance" the agricultural lands, especially the unique farmlands, in Area 23, designating them ^{fully} as such in all of the Alternatives, regardless of arbitrary lines such as the Oroville Influence Boundary (which cuts through important farmlands).

And choose a final Alternative that ^{preserves} is ~~compatible with~~ the agriculture.

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Name: JEANNE CECCHI

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My Comments:

Owner of small family vineyard & winery in Area 23. Been there over 10 years developing vineyard & building winery business. Every weekend we get people visiting saying they never knew Oroville had such beautiful areas. Our concern is that the agric lands have been ignored & unrecognized in the Plan Alternative. This oversight opens a door to drastic change and/or destruction of these lands to potential high density development. This year Butte County ~~hosting~~ farms hosting 3rd Annual Sierra Oro Farm Trail promoting unique farms while educating families to the importance of local food sources. I attach a copy of the press release highlighting these unique farms. The event brings income to the County while maintaining the agricultural rural nature of the area. Once these areas start being ignored rather than protected for their uniqueness and value to our community, they will be lost forever & all we will have ~~left~~ left to promote is another high density housing opportunity.

lifetime
We can't just think of our own generations
but must consider what we are leaving future generations

Request Committee correct oversight & change the guide.



SIERRA ORO FARM TRAIL ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCE

2008 "PASSPORT WEEKEND" DATES

Butte County Specialty Farms Prepare for Open House Tours and Tastings October 11-12, 2008

CHICO, CALIF. – (April 29, 2008) – Local farmers will host a weekend of wine tasting and farm-fresh food sampling at the 3rd Annual Sierra Oro Farm Trail Passport Weekend on October 11-12, 2008 in Butte County. The Passport Weekend showcases the 25 farms currently on the Sierra Oro Farm Trail Map for the price of one ticket.

"The Sierra Oro Farm Trail Passport Weekend is unique because all of the farms on the map will open their doors on the same weekend," said Heather Quilici, who co-founded the map with Jamie Johansson of Lodestar Farms. "Additionally, everyone will have something special taking place at their farm. Many of our members will be harvesting, it will be a great time to see the farmers in action."

In addition to a hard copy of the map, visitors can plan their own tour by visiting www.sierraoro.org. The website includes additional details about each farm and the ability to plan your own interactive tour through Google Maps. Visitors who would like to pre-plan their tour can map a route from farm to farm directly from www.sierraoro.org without using a hard copy of the map.

The Sierra Oro Farm Trail Map and Passport Weekend destinations include 19 specialty farms: *Book Family Farm, Butte View Olive Company, California Harvest Shop, California Olive Ranch, Canyon Creek Nursery, Chaffin Orchards, Feather River Alpaca Farm, Golden West Nuts, Harvest Hill Heirloom Pumpkins, Lodestar Farms, Lundberg Rice, Maisie Jane's Sunshine Products, Massa's Organic Rice, Mountain View Christmas Tree Farm, Noble Orchards, Ord Bend Pistachios, Pedrozo Cheese, Tri-L Mandarins and Wagon Wheel Market*

And six wineries:

Grey Fox Winery, LaRocca Vineyards, Long Creek Winery, New Clairvaux Winery, Odyssey Winery and Vineyards, Quilici Vineyards

For information on where to stay, visit our lodging partners:

Hotel Diamond and Johnnies Restaurant: www.diamondhotelchico.com

Goodman House B&B: www.goodmanhouse.net

Riverside B&B: www.riversidebandb.com

The Sierra Oro Farm Trail Map also highlights local tourist attractions, historic landmarks, hotels and fine dining. The map is easy to navigate and user friendly. For those who have less experience navigating country back roads, it offers a detailed view of directions to each individual farm.

Sierra Oro Passport Weekend tickets are \$20 per person and include free tasting at all farms on the map. All proceeds go to benefit the Sierra Oro Farm Trail Association to further develop agri-tourism in Butte County. Passport sales begin online in May, and will also be available at all farms on the Sierra Oro Farm Trail, at the Chico and Oroville Chambers of Commerce.

Sierra Oro Passport weekend is sponsored by the Butte County Farm Bureau, Chico Chamber of Commerce and Tri Counties Bank. For more information about the Sierra Oro Farm Trail and passport weekend, visit www.sierraoro.org, email info@sierraoro.org or call the Chico Chamber of Commerce at 530-891-5556 (800-852-8570)

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My Comments:

REGARDING STUDY AREA #9 (DOE MILL/HONEY RUN)
STAY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN - KEEP THE
AGRICULTURE DESIGNATION.

PLEASAS' * HIGH FIRE AREA (NO PROTECTION)

* SEWAGE TOWN OK - NO CAPACITY

* NO HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FUTURE -

CHECK WITH CHICO USD

* IMPACT ON WILDLIFE (LARGE + SMALL,

TERRESTRIAL + AQUATIC)

* IMPACT ON ROADS (CONGESTION)

* NO COVERAGE BY SHERIFF STATION

* NO WATER AVAILABLE (CRITICAL IS CLAIMED + NO
GROUNDWATER - ZONE OF DEPRESSION)

* TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON
BUTTE CREEK WATERSHED - HUGE
HABITAT LOSS

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Name: Nora Burnham

Affiliation: _____

Address: 3385 Clark Rd Butte Valley

Phone/Email: 345-3789

My Comments:

Area #14, #15, #18, #19

Keep agricultural please

Put development in town
Oroville is a great place
for the

★ Also, it seems overly weighted
on the Oroville side for MF
~~units~~ - balance the #
of MF to Chico side for
economic reasons - Oroville
is already viewed as
"less than Chico"

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April 24, 2008

Name: Nora Burnham

Affiliation: _____

Address: 3385 Clark Rd Butte Valley

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My Comments:

Study Area #5 - does not
need 3800 new homes, due to
water, fire, roads, etc. - Get real!

Study Area #3 - keep as is.

Study Area #13 - Keep Res. & Conv. -
watershed + lakeshed

Study Area #24 - too much traffic
if 2,700^{homes} & a resort
go in - opening up to
a 4-lane highway - don't
want more traffic
in Oroville

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April 24, 2008

Name: Nora Burnham

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My Comments:

Area #23 - Should not be developed -
Keep as is - do not plan for
18,000 new homes, we need
the oak woodland, not rangeland.
Drowitt voted to keep it rural
& develop on the flatter west
side.

* I think the committee is
over-reaching on the number of
new homes and the number
of new jobs projected for
the county.

Area #17 - no more than 50 homes -
Keep agricultural for obvious
reasons please!

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Name: Robert Friedman
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My Comments: Food prices and the environment are front page news!

- CAC has a great responsibility with regard to the oversight regarding Ag lands.
- Area 23 deserves additional consideration by the CAC regarding Ag lands.
- The majority of small farmers do not support the recommendation of the CAC for area 23 without further consideration of Ag lands and a specific recommendation regarding these lands.
- Zoning along Mt. Ida Road & surrounding roads where small farms exist (excluding Minor Ranch Rd.) should be zoned AR-1 at a minimum.
- Please consider the many voices of small farmers in Area 23.

Butte County General Plan 2030 CAC Meeting 5/1/2008

Dear CAC members; greetings. I'm here tonight as a former member of the CAC, and as a concerned fellow citizen. I think that we did a great job in the last three meetings as a whole, but would like you to consider the following slight modifications. Please reopen discussions on the following Study Areas:

SA 10: Please require the underlying designation of AG on the golf course – this would be consistent with what we came up with for many of the other areas at the last meeting.

SA 15: Please rethink the research park. Remote research parks DO NOT MAKE SENSE in a world of \$4/gallon gasoline. At the minimum, require the underlying designation of AG until the research park proposal comes before the planning commission as a bona fide plan.

SA 23: Please rethink this area with an eye towards preserving Ag land. See the letters on this subject.

SA 24: Please require the underlying designation of AG on the golf course – this would be consistent with what we came up with for many of the other areas at the last meeting.

Thank you – it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you, and I know that you will continue to represent me, and all of the citizens of Butte County, fairly and honestly.

Thanks again, Richard G. Coon