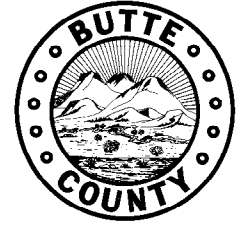


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## **AGENDA REPORT**

### **Butte County General Plan 2030**

#### **Planning Commission Study Session #1 (#4-3a)**

#### **Meeting Series #4 –Evaluation & Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative**

May 9, 2008

Butte County Planning Commission  
25 County Center Drive  
Oroville, CA 95965

**Subject: Butte County General Plan 2030  
Planning Commission Study Session #1, Meeting Series #4  
Evaluation & Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative**

#### ***Attachments:***

- 1. Alternatives Evaluation Report –Previously provided to the Planning Commission*
- 2. Errata to Alternatives Evaluation Report with Corrections*

#### **Summary**

This meeting is the first of two Study Sessions the Planning Commission will undertake in the process of evaluating and selecting a preferred land use alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030. This first Study Session will be informational in nature and devoted to orienting the Planning Commission to the Alternatives Evaluation Report; the Land Use Alternatives process; Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations, and will provide a time for the public to address the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will not be asked to make any recommendations at this first Study Session.

A Second Study Session will take place on May 30, 2008, and will be devoted to the review of the Citizens Advisory Committee's recommendations concerning the Preferred Land Use Alternative and to the formulation of the Planning Commission's own recommendation on the Preferred Alternative to the Board of Supervisors.

Because the Citizens Advisory Committee's deliberations on the alternative selection process were still taking place at the time this Agenda Report was written (i.e. May 1 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting), the Citizens Advisory Committee's final recommendations will be distributed to the Planning Commission at the May 9 Study Session. The Planning Commission will also then receive all of the public comment provided at the Public Workshop and each of the Citizens Advisory Committee meetings in anticipation of the May 30<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Study Session. The public comment will be organized by Study Area to allow Planning Commissioners the ability to refer to all the comments for a given Study Area in one location.

## **Background**

Butte County General Plan 2030 Meeting Series #2/3 concluded on November 27, 2007 with the Board of Supervisors acting to approve the final Land Use, Transportation, and Policy Alternatives for Butte County General Plan 2030. Over the prior 6 month period, 6 other meetings were held that were devoted to the development of the alternatives including two Planning Commission Study Sessions held on September 28, 2007 and October 11, 2007, three Citizens Advisory Committee meetings held on May 31, August 2 and September 6, 2007, and a Public Workshop held on May 17, 2007.

## Alternatives Evaluation Report

In anticipation of Meeting Series #4 the Butte County General Plan 2030 Alternatives Evaluation Report was released on March 13, 2008 and distributed to the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Citizens Advisory Committee. This report has been used as a source of valuable information throughout Meeting Series #4. The report provides detailed analysis about each of the 31 unincorporated Study Areas that make-up the 3 Land Use Alternatives, and includes an executive summary and user's guide that enables users to easily reference information and compare alternatives.

This extensive evaluation examines the Alternatives and the 31 Study Areas with respect to Transportation and Circulation, Fiscal Impacts, Agricultural Impacts, Water Supply, Wastewater Infrastructure, Biological Resources (including the Butte Regional Conservation Plan – HCP/NCCP and Deer Range Maps), Cultural Resources, Public Services, and Safety/Hazards.

#### Meeting Series #4 –Evaluation & Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative

General Plan 2030 Meeting Series #4, the Evaluation & Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative began with a Public Workshop that was held at the Little Chico Creek Elementary School from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm on March 27, 2008. Approximately 120 people participated in the workshop.

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 was transmitted to the Citizens Advisory Committee for use during their meetings concerning the Evaluation and Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative.

The Citizens Advisory Committee held a total of four meetings on the Evaluation and Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative on April 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 2008. The April 10 meeting was held in Paradise and focused on Study Areas located in the Paradise area. The April 17 meeting was held in Oroville and focused on Study Areas in the south county area. The April 24 meeting was held in Chico and focused on Study Areas located in the north county area. The May 1 meeting was held at Butte College and provided an opportunity for the Citizens Advisory Committee to review the decisions they had made and to discuss specific study areas that needed further attention.

The Citizens Advisory Committee has also held three Special Training Meetings (December 6, 2007 –Fiscalization of Land Use; Climate Change; January 17, 2008 –Water Resources, Butte Regional HCP; and, February 28, 2008 – Sustainability, Deer Herd and Range, and Wildfire Issues) that included presentations designed to equip the Citizens Advisory Committee for Meeting Series #4 –Selection & Evaluation of a Preferred Alternative. DVDs of these meetings were distributed to the Planning Commission for review.

Sincerely,

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