



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: July 22, 2008 Progress Report #36 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 36<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. Butte County General Plan 2030 Schedule**

The Department of Development Services is pleased to announce that the County has reached the halfway point for Butte County General Plan 2030. In order to reach this milestone more than 50 public workshops, Citizens Advisory Committee meetings, and Planning Commission and Board sessions have been held. Butte County General Plan 2030 will continue to incorporate numerous opportunities for public input and meaningful participation. To better reflect this inclusive process, the schedule for completing Butte County General Plan 2030 has been updated. Remaining meeting series and tasks are scheduled as follows:

<u>Meeting Series/Task</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Series #4: Land Use Alternatives Evaluation and Selection	Underway	July 2008
Series #5: Preliminary Goals and Policies Development	Sept 2008	Dec.2008
		-or-
		Jan. 2009
Series #6: Draft General Plan	June 2009	Nov. 2009
Series #7: Housing Element Update	Aug. 2008	July 2009
Series #8: Zoning Ordinance Update	Sept 2009	Feb. 2010
Draft Environmental Impact Report	Dec. 2008	July 2009
Final Review and Adoption	July 2009	May 2010

## **2. Meeting Series #5: Preliminary Goals and Policies Development**

With both a draft format and a preliminary land use alternative to be selected in July 2008 (see relevant updates below), the next phase of Butte County General Plan 2030 is poised to begin. This will be Meeting Series #5: Preliminary Goals and Policies Development. The meeting series will begin on Monday, September 8, 2008 with an evening public workshop at the Southside Community Center in Oroville. The public workshop will be followed by Citizens Advisory Committee meetings at Butte College on October 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Day-long Planning Commission sessions have been scheduled for November 7th and 14th. Potential dates for Board consideration of preliminary goals and policies are December 10 and 11, 2008; or January 13, 14, or 15, 2009.

Staff will work with the Board of Supervisors to finalize the meeting dates, and will provide detailed information on the meeting series in future Board updates and on the General Plan website.

## **3. July 9 Tribal Update Meeting**

Government Code Section 65352.3 requires local governments to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) on certain projects for the purpose of protecting and/or mitigating impacts to cultural places. Butte County General Plan 2030 is such a project, and tribal consultation is expected to play an important role. As part of the effort to invite and facilitate tribal consultation, the County held a meeting to update local tribes on the General Plan process on July 9th. Local tribes listed by NAHC were invited.

Supervisors Bill Connelly and Curt Josiassen attended the meeting, along with Department of Development Services Director Tim Snellings, Principal Planner Dan Breedon, and Principal Planner Claudia Stuart. Tribal Council members and staff representing the Mooretown Rancheria and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe participated.

Supervisors Connelly and Josiassen opened the meeting by describing the importance of the General Plan update and inviting tribes to consult on the process. Tim Snellings followed with an overview of the County's organizational structure. Representatives from each tribe then described their respective governmental structures and processes. Dan Breedon followed with a detailed overview of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process and the work products to date. These include a chapter on Cultural Resources in the *Setting and Trends Report*, and an evaluation of cultural resources as an environmental constraint in the *Land Use Alternatives Evaluation Report*. Open discussion followed.

A follow-up meeting has been set for Wednesday, October 22, 2008 to update local tribes about Meeting Series #5: Preliminary Goals and Policies Development. Information about the tribal meeting has been posted on the Butte County General

Plan 2030 website. For further information about tribal consultation as part of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, contact Principal Planner Claudia Stuart at 538-7604 or [cstuart@buttecounty.net](mailto:cstuart@buttecounty.net).

#### **4. Biggs-Gridley-Butte County Memorandum of Agreement**

On February 26, 2008 the Biggs and Gridley City Councils and the Butte County Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting to discuss planning for the Area of Concern located in the unincorporated area between the two cities. This area overlies several of the Butte County General Plan 2030 study areas. In follow up to the meeting, the Department of Development Services has worked with the staffs of the two cities to bring forward a draft agreement confirming the shared planning goals identified at the meeting. The result, a draft Memorandum of Agreement, describes the coordination effort between the three jurisdictions and lists the shared planning goals. The draft memorandum is scheduled for consideration by the Biggs City Council on July 21<sup>st</sup> and by the Gridley City Council on August 4<sup>th</sup>. A tentative date of Tuesday, September 9, 2008 has been set for Board consideration of the memorandum. For more information about the draft Memorandum of Agreement contact Principal Planner Claudia Stuart at 538-7604 or [cstuart@buttecounty.net](mailto:cstuart@buttecounty.net).

#### **5. June 26 City of Chico One-on-One Meeting**

As part of the ongoing effort to coordinate the General Plan 2030 process with incorporated jurisdictions within the County, Supervisors Jane Dolan and Maureen Kirk, Department of Development Services Director Tim Snellings and Principal Planner Dan Breedon met with City of Chico officials and staff on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Like the County, the City of Chico is in the process of completing a comprehensive General Plan update. The goal of the meeting was to identify planning issues of common concern, initiate discussion, and identify follow-up actions. Tim Snellings introduced the meeting, followed by presentations on the status of the two General Plan update efforts by Dan Breedon and City of Chico Principal Planner Holly Keeler. Growth alternatives for both the County and the City General Plans were presented and discussed. The next one-on-one meeting with the City of Chico has been set for Thursday, July 31, 2008.

#### **6. Joint Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission Meeting: Migratory Deer Range Technical Study – July 22, 2008**

The Butte County Board of Supervisors and the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting focusing on the Butte County Migratory Deer Range Technical Study and GIS modeling effort. The meeting will take place Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Southside Community Center, 2959 Wyandotte Ave, Oroville.

The Migratory Deer Range Technical Study was completed in February 2008 as part of the Butte County General Plan 2030 effort. Information from the report was used in the *Land Use Alternatives Evaluation Report* to assess deer range constraints for the land use alternatives and study areas. The joint workshop is being held to inform both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission about the technical study and how it will be used during the Butte County General Plan 2030 process. Henry Lomeli, Associate Biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game; and Kevin Sevier, Project Manager with Gallaway Consulting, will present the deer herd information. For further information about the meeting contact Assistant Director Pete Calarco at 538-2167 or [pcalarco@buttecounty.net](mailto:pcalarco@buttecounty.net).

## **7. Organizational Structure of the General Plan: Board Consideration August 19, 2008**

As reported in a previous update, on June 5, 2008 the Citizens Advisory Committee met to develop a recommended organizational structure for the draft General Plan. The format recommended by the Committee is as follows:

- I. Executive Summary
- II. Introduction and Overview
- III. County Character Element
- IV. Land Use Element
- V. Water Element
- VI. Agricultural Element
- VII. Circulation Element
- VIII. Housing Element
- IX. Conservation, Open Space, and Recreation Element
- X. Health & Safety Element (to incorporate the Noise Element)
- XI. Economic Development Element
- XII. Public Facilities and Services Element
- XIII. Action Plan

The Committee's recommendations, along with other relevant information, are being brought forward for Planning Commission consideration on Thursday, July 24, 2008. The topic has been tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. For more information about the Planning Commission workshop, contact Planning Manager Chuck Thistlethwaite at 538-6572 or [cthistlethwaite@buttecounty.net](mailto:cthistlethwaite@buttecounty.net).

**8. Reminder: Board of Supervisors July 29 and 30, 2008 Study Sessions: Meeting Series #4, Evaluation and Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative**

The Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold special Study Sessions on two consecutive days concerning the Selection of the Preliminary Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030:

- Tuesday, July 29, 2008
- Wednesday, July 30, 2008.

These final two meetings of Meeting Series #4 are very important steps in the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, during which the Board of Supervisors will choose a preliminary preferred land use alternative that will identify areas for both growth and conservation. Each Study Session will start at 9:00 am and end at approximately 4:30 pm and will take place at the Butte County Board of Supervisors Board Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. The Board of Supervisors' Study Sessions are open to members of the public, who are encouraged to come and speak to the Board of Supervisors concerning the evaluation and selection of the preliminary preferred land use alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030.