



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: August 5, 2008 Progress Report #37 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 37th 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. July 29 and 30 - Board of Supervisors Special Study Sessions: Selection of a Preliminary Preferred Land Use Alternative

During two days of Special Study Sessions last week, the Board of Supervisors achieved a major milestone by selecting a Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030. This action was the culmination of a process begun in May 2007 to formulate and evaluate land use alternatives for study areas across the County.

Department of Development Services Director Tim Snellings introduced the July 29th and 30th Special Study Sessions with an overview of Butte County General Plan 2030, highlighting how the 31 study areas and land use alternatives were formulated. David Early and Tanya Sundberg of lead consultant firm Design, Community and Environment followed with a review of the Citizens Advisory Committee and Planning Commission recommendations for each study area. Before considering each group of study areas, the Board of Supervisors also heard comment from members of the public, as well as the Town of Paradise and the cities of Gridley, Biggs, and Chico.

After thorough deliberation, the Board of Supervisors selected a preferred alternative for each of the 31 study areas within the unincorporated County. The Preferred Land Use Alternative may be further modified as goals and policies are

developed for Butte County General Plan 2030 during Meeting Series 5: Preliminary Goals and Policies Development. This step of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process will begin on September 8th with a public workshop at the Southside Community Center in Oroville. All interested members of the public are invited to participate.

2. July 22 - Joint Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission Meeting: Migratory Deer Range Technical Study

The Butte County Board of Supervisors and the Butte County Planning Commission held a joint meeting focusing on the Butte County Migratory Deer Range Technical Study and GIS modeling effort on July 22nd at the Southside Community Center in 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 was held to inform both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission about the technical study. Henry Lomeli, Associate Biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game; and Kevin Sevier, Project Manager with Gallaway Consulting, presented the deer herd information. The presentations were followed by a general discussion of how the information will be used in the development of land use goals, policies, and standards as part of upcoming steps in the Butte County General Plan 2030 process.

3. July 24 - Planning Commission Meeting: Organization and Format of the General Plan

On July 24th the Planning Commission met regarding the organization and format of the draft General Plan. Planning Manager Chuck Thistlethwaite presented the results of the June 5th Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on this topic to the Planning Commission. After extensive discussion, the Planning Commission concurred with the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations regarding the draft General Plan format, and forwarded this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board is scheduled to consider the organizational structure of the draft General Plan at its next meeting on August 19, 2008.

4. July 31 - 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 planning staff met with City of Chico representatives and staff on July 31st.

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 brief City representatives

regarding the Board of Supervisors' selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030, and to discuss the implications of the decision for City-County coordination.

City staff provided an update on the City's General Plan conceptual alternatives and the City's schedule for developing a preferred land use alternative. County staff then reviewed the Board of Supervisors' actions on July 29th and 30th to select a Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030. The presentations were followed by a general discussion of the need to work together on economic development strategies and cooperation.

The next one-on-one meeting with the City of Chico has been set for Thursday September 11, 2008.