



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: August 19, 2008 Progress Report #38 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 38th 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 Development Services Staff Meets with City of Oroville Staff

General Plan staffs with the Butte County Department of Development Services and the City of Oroville met on August 14, 2008. Both the City and the County reviewed the status of their on-going General Plan efforts. City staff pointed out that in response to comments from the County and BCAG, they are going to take back to their Council for consideration a revision to their growth projections. The current plan includes 13,800 new dwelling units to be added in the next 20 years. City staff is proposing a reduction to 8,700 dwelling units. This would modify their Draft General Plan for several areas, including Land Use, Traffic and Noise. It is likely that after revisions are made, if the Council so directs, that the City would need to re-circulate their EIR. This process is likely to take several months.

There are many other issues to work on with the City of Oroville and the County of Butte. A City/County one on one meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 10th to address these issues.

2. Butte County General Plan 2030 at the Butte County Fair

The Butte County Board of Supervisors fair booth will also play host to a display on Butte County General Plan 2030, during the Butte County Fair from August 20 – 24. The display will provide the public an opportunity to review material and information, pick-up a Butte

County General Plan 2030 Newsletter, and learn more about upcoming events. The booth will be in Farmer's Hall, Space #45, at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley.

3. Goals and Policy Development Phase of Butte County General Plan 2030

Goals and Policy Development (Meeting Series #5) is scheduled to begin with a Public Workshop on Monday, September 8, 2008. The following shows the schedule of meetings associated with this Meeting Series:

1. September 8, 2008 -Public Workshop at Southside Center (5-9pm)
2. October 2, 2008 -Citizens Advisory Committee at Butte College (5-9pm)
3. October 9, 2008 -Citizens Advisory Committee at Butte College (5-9pm)
4. October 16, 2008 -Citizens Advisory Committee at Butte College (5-9pm)
5. November 7, 2008 -Planning Commission Study Session (9-5pm)
6. November 14, 2008 -Planning Commission Study Session (9-5pm)
7. January 21, 2008 -Board of Supervisors Study Session (9-5pm)
8. January 22, 2008 -Board of Supervisors Study Session (9-5pm)

County staff and the DC&E team will present the preliminary policy issues at the Public Workshop scheduled for September 8, 2008. The Policy Alternatives Document, finalized by the Board of Supervisors on November 27, 2007, will be used to begin discussions on Goals and Policy development. The Draft Outline of the General Plan developed at the June 5, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee will also be used to organize goals and policy during this Meeting Series. The Transportation Alternatives, developed during Meeting Series #2/3 will be integrated into the policy discussion for recommendations and ultimate approval by the Board of Supervisors of a preferred transportation alternative.

Staff and the consultant will lead an interactive exercise to help refine the policy issues and identify potential trade-offs that may arise from potentially inconsistent policies. Some policies may be carried over from existing General Plan documents, while others will be new policies developed through the General Plan 2030 process. All policies will comply with the Guiding Principles and will be intended to implement the selected preferred alternative.

4. Board of Supervisors Preferred Land Use Plan

At this time, staff is busy analyzing the Board of Supervisor's decision on the Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030. We hope to have additional information available and posted to the website soon that will show the overall jobs/housing balance for all of the Study Areas and a Preferred Land Use Alternative Map for Butte County showing the Board of Supervisors decisions.

A fiscal analysis for the Preferred Land Use Alternative will also be prepared by the consultant for use during the Goals and Policy Development Phase of the Butte County

General Plan 2030 update. This will suggest financing strategies to help ensure the County's fiscal sustainability over the General Plan time horizon, focusing on the General Fund. This may include actions such as establishing new revenue sources, adjusting General Plan land use mixes, or adjusting service standards. In consultation with County Administration Office staff, the consultant will also review the County's existing system of financing its capital facilities requirements and determine the County's ability to provide for the needs associated with the build-out of the General Plan.