



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: September 23, 2008 Progress Report #40 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 40<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. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee will hold three meetings in October that will be dedicated to Goals and Policy Development (Meeting Series #5). All meeting will be held at the Butte College Main Campus Cafeteria, 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm on the following Thursdays (the policy areas that will be discussed are listed for each meeting):

October 2, 2008

- ◆ Urban Growth Boundaries
- ◆ County Character, New Development & Housing
- ◆ Regional & Local Coordination
- ◆ Cultural Resources & Tribal Coordination
- ◆ Community Health & Safety
- ◆ Noise

October 9, 2008

- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Water Resources
- ◆ Economic Development

October 16, 2008

- ◆ Transportation, Circulation & Scenic Highways
- ◆ Utilities, Services & Airports
- ◆ Parks, Recreation & Trails
- ◆ Habitat Conservation
- ◆ Green Building, Greenhouse Gases & Energy

The Citizens Advisory Committee will be reviewing input garnered from the public regarding Goals and Policy Development at the Public Workshop held on September 8, 2008 for each of these policy areas. They will also be reviewing the Policy Alternatives Document and Transportation Alternatives. The public is welcome to attend and observe the Citizens Advisory Committee's proceedings. There will also be opportunities for the public to address the Citizens Advisory Committee with comments. The Citizens Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Agenda's for the CAC meetings will be made available at Development Services and will be posted to the General Plan 2030 website soon.

## **2. Notice of Preparation for Butte County General Plan 2030 Environmental Impact Report**

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Butte County General Plan 2030 Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was circulated to over 150 State, Federal and local agencies, as well as the State Clearinghouse, on September 16, 2008. A 30 day review period is provided for any Responsible or Trustee Agency or individual wishing to comment on the NOP, which concludes on October 18, 2008.

A public scoping meeting, hosted by the Department of Development Services, will take place on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 1:00 pm at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. This meeting provides an opportunity for reviewing agencies and the public to become more familiar with the Butte County General Plan 2030 project and to ask questions of staff prior to submitting comments on the NOP.

The NOP is a requirement of State Law under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082). The review period provides the opportunity to Responsible or Trustee Agency's to comment with specific detail about the scope and content of the environmental information related to the area of statutory responsibility that must be included in the draft EIR.

### **3. Butte County – City of Oroville Individual 1 on 1 Meeting**

County and City of Oroville decision makers and staffs met for the second time on September 15, 2008. The meeting was attended by Oroville Council member and Mayor Steve Jernigan and Council member Jack Berry. Butte County Board Chairman Curt Josiassen (District 4) and Supervisor Bill Connelly (District 1) represented Butte County. Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Brian Haddix was also in attendance.

These meetings are intended to facilitate City/County inter-jurisdictional cooperation and to help identify issues for both the City's and County's General Plan update processes. This collaborative process was initiated by the City/County Summit Meeting held on January 27, 2007. Oroville Community Development and Public Works Director Eric Teitelman and Butte County Development Services Director Tim Snellings facilitated discussion during the meeting.

City and County staff covered the status of their respective General Plan updates and those present discussed areas of coordination between the two jurisdictions. Detailed notes of this meeting will be posted to the Butte County General Plan 2030 website soon.

### **4. League of Women Voters Meeting –Watersheds & General Plans**

The Butte County League of Women Voters is hosting a workshop on Watersheds & General Plans co-sponsored by the Butte County Departments of Development Services and Water and Resource Conservation. This workshop will take place this Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Masonic Family Center 1110 W. East Avenue, Chico. Butte County General Plan 2030 staff and Water and Resource Conservation staff will be on hand to present information and answer questions.