



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: October 7, 2008 Progress Report #41 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 41st 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. October 2, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee (Meeting #5-2A, Goals and Policy Development)**



October 2, 2008 CAC Meeting on Goals and Policy

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee kicked-off the first of three planned meetings devoted to Goals and Policy Development on October 2, 2008 at Butte College. The meeting was attended by 18 members of the CAC and 10 members of the public. The CAC discussed goals and policy and made recommendations for the following areas:

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

Presentations were provided by Butte County General Plan consultant Design, Community & Environment staff on the Preferred Land Use Alternative, the Outline of the Draft General Plan, and a review of the comments and findings from the September 8, 2008 Public Workshop on Goals and Policy Development. DC&E Principal David Early facilitated a large group discussion on the policy areas listed above. Official Notes of this meeting, that will include the CAC's findings and recommendations for these policy areas, will be posted to the General Plan website soon. The CAC will hold two additional meetings on Goals and Policy Development at the Butte College Campus Main Cafeteria from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm as follows:

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

2. Watersheds & General Plans: September 25, 2008 Workshop Hosted by League of Women Voters



September 25, 2008 Watersheds & General Plans Workshop

The Butte County League of Women Voters hosted a workshop on Watersheds & General Plans co-sponsored by the Butte County Departments of Development Services and Water and Resource Conservation. This workshop took place on September 25, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Masonic Family Center in Chico and approximately 50 members of the public including watershed groups from throughout the county attended. Butte County General Plan 2030 and a number of Watershed Groups staffed information stations for visitors to obtain information and answer questions.

Tony St. Amant with the League opened the workshop and welcomed participants. Paul Gosselin, Director of the Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation provided an overview on his department's role in land use planning and managing water resources. Presentations were provided by Butte County Principal Planner Dan Breedon on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process as well as Don Chase on the City of Chico's General Plan update. The evening's key-note speaker was Jeff Loux, Director, Land Use and Natural Resources UC Extension at Davis who spoke on planning for water-wise development in the Sierra. Patricia Hickson, with the Sierra Nevada Alliance, distributed copies of an August 2008 publication, "Water and Land Use Policy Guide for Water-Wise Development in the Sierra" (available at www.sierranevadaalliance.org).

The evening also included small study groups that organized around several of Butte County's watersheds. Notes from these meetings were transcribed and will be available on the General Plan website soon. The notes will be shared with Butte County's incorporated cities as well as the Citizens Advisory Committee, staff and decision makers involved in the Butte County General Plan 2030 and Chico General Plan 2030 updates.

3. City of Chico's 2030 General Plan

The City of Chico's City Council will be reviewing recommendations from their staff on the land use alternatives for their General Plan process, and will be considering the Planning Commission's preferred land use alternative this evening at 6:30 pm, October 7, 2008. Development Services Director Tim Snellings will be providing a brief overview of Butte County's General Plan 2030 process, focusing in particular on the Board of Supervisors Preferred Land Use Alternative for the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of Chico, such as Bell Muir, the North Chico Specific Plan, and the Honey Run/Doe Mill property east of the city limits. The City Council is expected to take action on a preferred land use alternative which will then receive more analysis and review through their process.

4. Great Valley Center Annual Conference, Thursday, October 23, 2008

The Great Valley Center will hold its 8th annual Sacramento Valley Forum on Thursday October 23, 2008 at the Sierra Nevada Big Room in Chico. The forum will engage experts, stakeholders and citizens to learn about the planning and mapping processes taking place within the Sacramento Valley region and beyond. The event will bring together business and community leaders, governmental officials, farmers, environmentalists and individuals who have an interest in the future of the Sacramento Valley. Development Services Director Tim Snellings will also provide a brief overview of Butte County's General Plan 2030 process. This forum is open to all interested parties. Registration may be handled through the Great Valley Center (www.greatvalley.org).