

BUTTE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2030

Meeting Series #5-2b – Citizens Advisory Committee
Goals and Policies Development



Butte County

October 9, 2008



OVERVIEW OF TONIGHT'S MEETING


- ◆ Presentations (5:00 to 5:45)
 - Review of September 8th Public Workshop
 - Agricultural Land Protection in Butte County
 - Questions & Answers
- ◆ Public Comment (5:45 to 6:15)



OVERVIEW OF TONIGHT'S MEETING

- ◆ Large Group Discussion (6:15 to 8:45)
 - Economic Development
 - Agriculture
 - Water Resources
- ◆ Summary of Meeting Outcomes (8:45 to 8:55)
- ◆ Next Steps & Closing Comments (8:55 to 9:00)





PUBLIC WORKSHOP OVERVIEW



REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 8TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Economic Development

- Countywide Economic Development Strategy
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- County-level economic development function
- Promotion of tourism and recreation
- Flexible Research & Development and incubator space
- Sustainable business promotion
- Fiscal incentives for business
- Historic site redevelopment for tourist destinations



REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 8TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Economic Development (continued)

- Promotion of Butte County as a destination
- Infrastructure improvements to support tourism and business
- High-quality tourist amenities promotion
- “Shovel-ready” land for industrial uses
- Professional and trade training support
- Small business and entrepreneur support
- Workforce housing
- Recognition of new and emerging technologies in Zoning Ordinance



REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 8TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Agriculture

- Buffers based on natural site features and in coordination with other entities
- Agricultural water supply
- Opposition to offsets to allow agricultural land conversion
- Agricultural employee housing
- Agricultural education and research
- Sustainable timber harvesting
- Minimum parcel size increases
- Specialty crops on 5-acre parcels



REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 8TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Agriculture (continued)

- Agricultural support uses
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- Agritourism support, limits to impacts on surrounding uses
- Mapping of unique agriculture are in Study Area 23
- Agricultural marketing and tourism program
- Special events in agricultural areas



REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 8TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Water Resources

- Groundwater resources and recharge area mapping
- Cooperation with other entities
- Development restrictions in areas without water supply
- Protection of areas with known groundwater depletion
- Consolidation of small water systems
- Parcelization impacts on distribution systems
- Construction of facilities to capture runoff
- Watershed management plan



REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 8TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Water Resources (continued)

- Septic monitoring committee
- Timber harvest erosion impacts
- New wastewater technologies
- Education and outreach
- Paradise model for high density and sensitive areas without sewer





LARGE GROUP POLICY DISCUSSION



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

21. How should the County seek to improve the local economy, attract higher wage jobs, and improve its fiscal health?
22. What strategies should the County use to support the local tourism economic sector?
23. What strategies should the County use to support the local manufacturing, office and commercial sectors?



AGRICULTURE

- I 0. What, if any, modifications are needed to General Plan Program 2.2?
- I 1. How should the County help to protect, maintain, promote and enhance its agricultural uses and resources?
- I 2. How should the County help to protect, maintain, promote and enhance its timber uses and resources?
- I 3. How should the county address the conversion of smaller agricultural parcels to non-agricultural uses?



AGRICULTURE

- I4. How should the County encourage and enhance niche and specialty agriculture, such as organic products, heritage livestock, and heirloom crops?
- I5. The Board of Supervisors recently approved changes to the Right to Farm Ordinance to address conflicts between agricultural and non-agriculture land uses. What other strategies should be pursued to address these conflicts, if any?
- I6. What strategies should the County use to support the local agricultural economic sector?



WATER RESOURCES

17. How should the General Plan protect and enhance Butte County's water supply?
18. How should the General Plan seek to maintain and enhance Butte County's water quality?
19. How should septic systems and package sewage treatment plants be regulated to support water quality?
20. How should the County minimize flood hazards?



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