



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: October 21, 2008 Progress Report #42 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 42nd 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 9, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee (Meeting #5-2B, Goals and Policy Development)

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee held the second of 4 meetings devoted to Goals and Policy Development on October 9, 2008 at Butte College. The meeting was attended by 20 members of the CAC and 28 members of the public. The CAC discussed goals and policy and made recommendations for the following areas:

- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Agriculture

Although the meeting's Agenda called for the discussion of Water Policies, this discussion was delayed until October 16, 2008, since discussion of Economic Development and Agriculture policies took up the majority of the evening.

Presentations were provided by Butte County General Plan consultant Design, Community & Environment staff on the comments and findings from the September 8, 2008 Public Workshop on Goals and Policy Development. DC&E Project Planner Joanna Jansen facilitated a large group discussion on the policy areas listed above. The CAC also heard a presentation on strategies to address the future of agriculture by Jamison Watts of the Northern California Regional Land Trust. 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 video of this meeting is available on our website and will also be broadcast on Channel 11 at 7 pm on October 29, 2008.

2. October 16, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee (Meeting #5-2C, Goals and Policy Development)



October 16, 2008 CAC Meeting

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee held the third of 4 meetings devoted to Goals and Policy Development on October 16, 2008 at Butte College. The meeting was attended by 19 members of the CAC and 20 members of the public. The CAC discussed goals and policy and made recommendations for the following areas:

- ◆ Water Resources
- ◆ Transportation, Circulation & Scenic Highways

Although the meeting's Agenda called for the discussion of Utilities, Services & Airports, this discussion was delayed until October 23, 2008, since discussion of Water Resource and Transportation policies took up the majority of the evening.

Presentations were provided by Butte County General Plan consultant Design, Community & Environment staff on the comments and findings from the September 8, 2008 Public Workshop on Goals and Policy Development. DC&E Project Planner Joanna Jansen facilitated a large group discussion on the policy areas listed above. The CAC also heard a presentation on Regional Transportation Issues provided by Jon Clark, Executive Director of the Butte County Association of Governments. Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation Director Paul Gosselin also provided information and answered questions regarding existing programs devoted to water resources and policy. 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 video of this meeting is available on our website and will also be broadcast on Channel 11 at 7 pm on November 3, 2008.

3. October 23, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee (Meeting #5-2D, Goals and Policy Development)

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee will hold their fourth and final meeting devoted to Goals and Policy Development this Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Butte College, Main Cafeteria; from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm (this meeting was added to the series to provide opportunity to cover all topics with adequate time). The following topic areas from the Policy Alternatives Document will be discussed:

- ◆ Utilities, Services & Airports
- ◆ Parks & Recreation, Trails
- ◆ Natural Resources & Habitat
- ◆ Green Building, Greenhouse Gases & Energy

This meeting will include a presentation on conservation issues relevant to Butte County from Pia Sevelius, District Manager, Butte County Resource Conservation District and Nate Key, District Conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

4. City of Chico's 2030 General Plan

The City of Chico's City Council reviewed recommendations from their staff on the land use alternatives for their General Plan process, and considering the Chico Planning Commission's preferred land use alternative this on October 7, 2008. At this meeting, Development Services Director Tim Snellings provided 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 continued discussion of Chico's Land Use Alternatives until Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 6:30 pm (this evening) and is expected to take action on a preferred land use alternative. The City Council's recommendation will then receive more analysis and review through their General Plan process.

5. Butte County Water Commission and Butte County General Plan 2030 Subcommittee

The Butte County Water Commission acted to form a subcommittee that will be devoted to the Goals and Policy discussion taking place for Butte County General Plan 2030. The subcommittee will work to provide comment on Goals and Policy development for water resources to be considered by the full Water Commission on November 4th. Recommendations from the Water Commission will be provided to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

6. Consultation Process with Local Tribes, October 22, 2008

A second meeting will be held to provide local Native American Indian Tribes a report on Butte County General Plan 2030 on October 22, 2008. These meetings are associated with the consultation process required between Butte County and local tribes by State law. Development Services staff will overview the Preferred Land Use Alternative, provide an update on the Goals and Policy process currently under review by the Citizens Advisory Committee, and solicit tribal input on the proposed policies.

7. Preferred Land Use Alternative: Study Areas Requiring Additional Coordination

Both Study Area #23, Eastern Oroville/Oroville Hills and Study Area #26, Las Plumas/Southside/Ophir Road have required additional coordination that will require further review by the Board of Supervisors. Staff is pursuing coordination in both these areas and may have additional recommendations for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at the Study Sessions scheduled for January. This work is summarized below for each of these two Study Areas:

Study Area #23: Eastern Oroville/Oroville Hills

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to explore possibilities for protecting specialty agricultural uses and to work with the City of Oroville on potential reductions to their Sphere of Influence. Staff is analyzing this study area to determine the appropriate boundary for the unique agriculture combining district. Factors that are being used in this assessment include existing land uses, soil types, and information provided by area landowners. The Spheres of Influence for the City of Oroville and the Lake Oroville Area Public Utilities District (LOAPUD) are also being considered for changes that may influence the Preferred Land Use Alternative for this area.

Study Area #26: Las Plumas/Southside/Ophir Road

Staff was preparing a Master Environmental Assessment and Fiscal Impact Analysis for seven development proposals totaling approximately 1,700 homes in the Las Plumas area before selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative for Butte County General Plan 2030. The original planning assumptions regarding traffic generation and future development in the area are being analyzed and refined to ensure consistency with the Preferred Land Use Alternative. This evaluation may in turn identify appropriate refinements to the Preferred Land Use Alternative.