



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: November 4, 2008 Progress Report #43 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 43<sup>rd</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. October 23, 2008 Citizens Advisory Committee (Meeting #5-2D, Goals and Policy Development)**

The Butte County General Plan 2030 Citizens Advisory Committee held their fourth and final meeting devoted to Goals and Policy Development on October 23, 2008 at Butte College. The meeting was attended by 18 members of the CAC and 16 members of the public. The CAC discussed goals and policy and made recommendations for the following areas:

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

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. Department of Development Services Principal Planner Dan Breedon facilitated a large group discussion on the policy areas listed above. The CAC also heard a presentation on conservation issues provided by Butte County Resource Conservation District Manager Pia Sevelius, and Nathan Key, District Manager for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. CAL-FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

Chief Henri Brachais was also on-hand to answer questions from the CAC. 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.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the CAC voted unanimously to forward all of their recommendations on to the Planning Commission (see Item #2 below) for consideration. Included in this action was a directive that wildfire hazard would be addressed and provided for in the Butte County General Plan 2030 Health & Safety Element.

The video of this meeting is available at [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net) and will also be broadcast on Channel 11 at 7:00 pm on November 11, 2008.

## **2. November 7 and 14, 2008 Planning Commission Study Sessions**

The Planning Commission will hold two Special Study Sessions devoted to Goals and Policy Development for Butte County General Plan 2030 on two consecutive Fridays, November 7, and November 14, 2008, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Butte County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville.

The Planning Commission will review recommendations made by the Citizens Advisory Committee as well as input garnered from the public regarding Goals and Policy development at the September 8, 2008 Public Workshop. In addition to providing direction and recommendations on all of the policy topics, the Planning Commission will provide recommendations on the Transportation Alternatives.

The Planning Commission will provide their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors who will make final decisions on Goals and Policy Development for Butte County General Plan 2030 in two Study Sessions scheduled for January 21 and 22, 2009.

Each Study Session will include morning and afternoon discussion periods with the Planning Commission facilitated by Joanna Jansen of Design, Community & Environment, the County's General Plan consultant. There will be an opportunity for the public to address the Planning Commission with comments at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session.

The Planning Commission's Agenda Report for the two Study Sessions has been distributed to the Board of Supervisors for reference. This Report is also available for public viewing at Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, or on the Butte County General Plan 2030 website, [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net).

The policy topics shown in the Planning Commission's schedule provided below are taken from the Policy Alternatives document (also available at Development Services or the website), which has formed the basis for goals and policy discussion throughout Meeting Series #5.

**November 7, 2008 Planning Commission Study Session:**

*Morning Session (9:00 am – Noon)*

*Policy Topics:*

- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Agriculture

*Afternoon Session (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)*

*Policy Topics:*

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

**November 14, 2008 Planning Commission Study Session:**

*Morning Session (9:00 am – Noon)*

*Policy Topics:*

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

*Afternoon Session (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)*

*Policy Topics:*

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

### **3. Development Services Staff Meets with Local Experts on Cultural and Historic Resources**

At the request of Amy Huberland with the Northeast Information Center (NEIC), CSU Chico, Development Services staff Dan Breedon and Claudia Stuart met with NEIC staff and a private group of local cultural and historic resource experts to discuss cultural resource & tribal coordination policy. The Northeast Information Center (NEIC) is one of 12 offices of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), established by the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) to maintain an inventory of the state's historical resources. The NEIC also provides a cultural resources clearinghouse for Butte County and surrounding regions.

During a discussion period facilitated by Principal Planner Claudia Stuart, the group made a number of substantive recommendations concerning these policy areas. This information is still being assembled at this time, but will be provided to the Planning Commission in time for their Study Session Scheduled for November 14, 2008. It is staff's recommendation that the Planning Commission refer to these recommendations during the discussion of cultural resources & tribal coordination.