

## *LARGE GROUP EXERCISE NOTES - CAC*

### **Butte County General Plan 2030 Goals and Policies Development (Meeting Series #5-2c) October 16, 2008**

#### Water Resources

*Question 17: How should the General Plan protect and enhance Butte County's water supply?*

- ◆ Recommend revised policy options in Tony St. Amant's handout.
- ◆ Votes: 12 support, 7 oppose, 0 abstain. Those opposed specifically objected to the suggested wording of policies (d), (i), and (p).

*Question 18: How should the General Plan seek to maintain and enhance Butte County's water quality?*

- ◆ New policy: Develop water quality protection policies based on strategies to preserve and restore natural infrastructure, reduce runoff, and encourage more efficient use of water supplies. These include, but are not limited to,
  - (a) through (h) from the original Policy Alternatives handout dated Sept. 22, 2008, with the following modifications: (b) strike "walkable"; (c) strike "from urban uses"
  - add a new (i): Support establishment of a system for pharmacies to accept expired medications for proper disposal;
  - and the policies listed under the heading Goal: Protect Water Quality on page 4 of the Water Policy Alternatives Discussion Paper dated Sept. 27, 2008.
- ◆ Votes: 18 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain

*Question 19: How should septic systems and package sewage treatment plants be regulated to support water quality?*

- ◆ Policies B, C, F, G and H.
- ◆ Strike Policies A, D and E.
- ◆ Votes: 15 support, 2 oppose, 2 abstain

*Question 20: How should the County minimize flood hazards?*

- ◆ Policies A through E, but modify A to replace "Prohibit" with "Discourage."
- ◆ Add the following new policies:
  - Address flood control problems in the Keefer Slough/Rock Creek area.
  - Ensure protection of existing flood control facilities.
  - Maintain watershed health by identifying and undertaking projects that reduce runoff, provide storage, and prevent catastrophic loss from wildfire.
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 1 oppose, 0 abstain

*Question 24: How should the County maintain and improve road conditions, and safe traffic flow?*

- ◆ Policies B, C (revised to strike “via Highway 162”), D (change “implement” to “continue”), and E.
- ◆ Add new policy: “Identify and maintain roadside fuels reduction on critical access roads.”
- ◆ Votes: 18 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain

*Question 25: How should the General Plan address bicycle issues?*

- ◆ Replace Policy A with “Support countywide master planning effort.”
- ◆ Policies B through G.
- ◆ Modify E to add: “provide appropriate bicycle...”
- ◆ Modify D to add “where appropriate.”
- ◆ Add new policy: “Support/promote creation of bike routes to facilitate commuting, and, where appropriate, for recreation purposes.”
- ◆ Add new policy: “Coordinate transit with bike routes and ensure adequate bike racks.”
- ◆ Votes: 18 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain

*Question 26: How can the County help decrease reliance on automobile travel?*

- ◆ Policies A through M
- ◆ Modify Policy D: change “require” to “encourage”
- ◆ Modify K to also encourage additional park ‘n ride lots and to support businesses that encourage cooperative transportation (e.g. bike and car-sharing)
- ◆ Modify H and I to say “Develop a plan to support improved connections to other regional..., and rail service “that would connect Butte County with other regions and Butte County communities with each other.”
- ◆ Add new policy: “Design new neighborhoods to provide bike and pedestrian connectivity between streets.”
- ◆ Votes: 14 support, 1 oppose, 2 abstain

*New Question: Should the County consider adopting a different level of service (LOS) standard?*

- ◆ Policy B
- ◆ Votes: 15 support, 1 oppose, 0 abstain

## **Scenic Highways**

*Question 27: How should the County protect and enhance its network of scenic highways and/or create additional scenic highways?*

- ◆ Policies A through I
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 0 oppose, 2 abstain

### Roadway Improvement Alternatives

- Issue (a): Already underway
- Issues B, C, D, E, F and G: Work with federal funding sources to create a funding plan to implement improvements for emergency access, fire protection, public safety, water quality protection, circulation and work with community wildfire protection plans to identify and prioritize projects. *17 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain*
- Issue H: Support all alternatives (21, 22, 23) – *unanimous support.*
- Issue I: Defer decision until city of Gridley addresses thru GPU – *unanimous support.*
- Issue J: Defer decision to town of Paradise – *unanimous support.*
- Issue K: Defer to City of Chico – *unanimous support.*
- Issue L: Longer-term project – *unanimous support.*
- Issue M: Already addressed in GP policy discussion.