

LARGE GROUP EXERCISE NOTES - CAC

**Butte County General Plan 2030
Goals and Policies Development (Meeting Series #5-2d)
October 23, 2008**

Utilities, Services and Airports

Question 28: How should the County ensure that the infrastructure needs of new development are met?

- ◆ Modify A: Change “and ensure it is adequate prior to approval of new development that the infrastructure is to serve” to “ensure that adequate infrastructure requirements are provided as conditions of project approval.”
- ◆ Modify B: Add “to provide for gradually increasing impact fees based upon the distance to existing infrastructure.”
- ◆ Modify D: Change “prior to approving” to “for”; and add “and consistent with master plans.”
- ◆ Modify E: Change “assessment... Community Service Agencies” to “special districts”
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Question 29: How should the General Plan address the provision of police and fire service in rural areas?

- ◆ Modify B: Change “Mello-Roos Districts and CSA’s,” to “special districts”
- ◆ Modify C: Change “Encourage” to “Require”
- ◆ Replace D with the following two policies: “Provide for increased impact fees further from existing services to provide funding for police services” and “Provide for increased impact fees further from existing services to provide funding for fire services.”
- ◆ Modify E: Change “CAL FIRE” to “Butte County Fire Department”
- ◆ Modify F: Change “Encourage” to “Require”
- ◆ Modify G: Change “Encourage” to “Require”
- ◆ Delete H (because it has already been accomplished)
- ◆ New policy: “Establish an advisory board to provide oversight and support for sheriff services.”
- ◆ New policy: “Create communities that are resistant to wildfire by reducing risks through the community wildfire protection plans and fire safe councils.”
- ◆ Vote: 18 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Question 30: How should the County work with schools to ensure adequate provision of schools and to minimize the impacts of new development on existing school facilities?

- ◆ Modify E and F: Add “To the extent allowed by law,”
- ◆ Votes: 18 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Question 31: How can the County most effectively limit land use conflicts around its airports?

- ◆ Keep Policy A only; delete all others
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain

Parks, Recreation and Trails

Question 32: How should the General Plan address parks and recreation issues?

- ◆ Delete A, B, C, D, E, F and G, and replace them with the following policy: “The County shall work with and support master plans adopted by park and recreation districts. In areas not presently served by park and recreation districts, the County will consider establishing similar policies as those announced in the applicable park district master plans.”
- ◆ Modify I: Add “zoning” between “Allow” and “density”
- ◆ Delete J
- ◆ New policy: “Institute Mello-Roos and/or lighting districts to fund ongoing maintenance and operation of parks and recreation facilities.”
- ◆ Votes: 18 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Question 33: How should the General Plan address recreational trails facilities, such as hiking, bicycle, equestrian and off-highway vehicle trails?

- ◆ Keep all policies
- ◆ New policy: “Provide for appropriate and adequate funding for the creation and ongoing maintenance of trails.”
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Habitat Conservation

Question 34: How should the General Plan address preservation of important habitat areas, including riparian (river and stream) corridors, vernal pools, oak woodlands and deer migration routes?

- ◆ All deer herd references should be clarified to refer to “migratory deer herds”
- ◆ Delete A, B, E, F, H, K and R.
- ◆ Modify D: Delete “deer migration areas”

- ◆ Modify G: Add “and other sensitive habitat areas”
- ◆ Modify I: Add “and maintain” between “preserve” and “important”
- ◆ Modify J: replace “deer herd” with “sensitive habitat area”; and include a funding mechanism through mitigation fees on new development.
- ◆ Modify N, O and P: Add “If and when adopted, defer to the HCP.”
- ◆ Modify Q: replace “rehabilitation” with “protection”
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Green Building, Greenhouse Gases and Energy

Question 35: How should the County encourage the development of sustainable communities and energy-efficient and cost-savings buildings?

- ◆ Modify C: Replace “solar paneling” with “renewable heat and power (e.g., solar and geothermal)”
- ◆ Replace D with the following: “Encourage renewable design and grid-neutral development.”
- ◆ Replace F with the following: “Comply with State green building standards, which are scheduled to be approved in 2010.”
- ◆ Modify G: Replace “Require” with “Encourage”
- ◆ Replace M with the following: “Encourage the use of building design and materials to promote groundwater recharge in development.”
- ◆ Delete O
- ◆ New policy: “Create fire-wise communities through building and landscape design standards.”
- ◆ New policy: “Work cooperatively with the cities to ensure consistent standards for green building codes and other methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the county.”
- ◆ Votes: 17 support, 0 oppose/abstain

Question 36: In response to Chapter 488 of the California Health and Safety Code (Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act), in what specific ways could the County, and county residents, help to minimize contributions to global warming and depletion of natural resources?

- ◆ Delete all policies and replace them with the following: “In response to Chapter 488 of the California Health and Safety Code (Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act), the County will develop a climate action plan that sets a goal with strategies to achieve it in cooperation with multiple partners.”
- ◆ Votes: 16 support, 1 oppose, 0 abstain

Final Recommendation

The CAC voted to recommend that their recommendations be forwarded to the Planning Commission as recorded in the voting summaries. The CAC unanimously supported this action, with the amendment that wildfire hazard will be addressed and provided for in the Health and Safety Element.