

LARGE GROUP EXERCISE NOTES - CAC

**Butte County General Plan 2030
Goals and Policies Development (Meeting Series #5-2b)
October 9, 2008**

Agriculture

Question 10: What, if any, modifications are needed to General Plan Program 2.2 (the Agricultural Buffers policy, which requires a buffer to be established on property proposed for residential development in order to protect, maintain, promote and enhance agricultural uses and resources)?

- ◆ Continue to encourage defensible buffers and defer modifications to Guidelines.
- ◆ Votes: *20 support, 0 oppose (0 abstain)*

Question 11: How should the County help to protect, maintain, promote and enhance its agricultural uses and resources?

- ◆ The CAC voted on two motions. The first motion included the following:
 - Recommend to BOS that they consider policies shown in the seven bullets of Jamison Watts' presentation from Stanislaus County.
 - Votes: *12 support, 4 oppose (1 abstain) (Two of the opposed votes were only because of bullet #1)*
- ◆ The second motion included the following:
 - Policies C, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M and N.
 - Votes: *15 support, 3 oppose, (0 abstain) (Note that some clean-up is needed (e.g. Policy L)*

Question 12: How should the County help to protect, maintain, promote and enhance its timber uses and resources?

- ◆ Revise A: "Encourage regulations and outreach practices that would ensure sustainable forest practices in the county."
- ◆ Replace B with the following: "The County should maintain and amend where appropriate existing requirements under the TPZ to conserve and enhance its timber resources, protect water quality and conservation, and improve fire safety."
- ◆ New policy: "Implement community wildfire protection plans and wildfire fuel load measures in coordination with the Butte County Fire Safe Council."
- ◆ Votes: *19 support, 0 oppose (1 abstain)*

Question 13: How should the county address the conversion of smaller agricultural parcels to non-agricultural uses?

- ◆ Adopt policies from Watts' presentation: "Policies to discourage ranchette development," with exception to moratorium policy. Also replace "ranchettes" with conversion of small parcels from ag to non-ag.
- ◆ Revise policy: where discouraged, permit residence, not parcelization.
- ◆ Also remove policy regarding clustering.
- ◆ Votes: *16 support, 2 oppose (2 abstain)*

Question 14: How should the County encourage and enhance niche and specialty agriculture, such as organic products, heritage livestock, and heirloom crops?

- ◆ The CAC voted on two motions. The first included the following:
 - Modify F: "Support agritourism uses..."
 - Include H
 - New policy: "Allow flexible zoning to encourage and enhance specialty agriculture."
 - Votes: *19 support, 0 oppose (1 abstain)*
- ◆ The second motion as follows:
 - Include A, B & C.
 - Votes: *17 support, 1 oppose (because of A) (1 abstain)*

Question 15: 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?

- ◆ No changes needed; no policies selected. (Don't forward A, B or D).
- ◆ Policy C should be moved to the Public Services section.
- ◆ Votes: *19 support, 0 oppose (0 abstain)*

Question 16: What strategies should the County use to support the local agricultural economic sector?

- ◆ The CAC voted on two motions. The first motion included the following:
 - Policies A-G
 - Delete H and I
 - Votes: *19 support, 0 oppose (0 abstain)*
- ◆ The second motion included the following:

- Policy I
- Votes: *17 support, 1 oppose (1 abstain)*

Economic Development

Question 21: How should the County seek to improve the local economy, attract higher wage jobs, and improve its fiscal health?

- ◆ Policy A, modified to include identification of lands for uses. Rest of policies should be included in the Strategy.
- ◆ Votes: *16 support, 0 oppose (1 abstain)*

Question 22: What strategies should the County use to support the local tourism economic sector?

- ◆ Create a countywide tourism development strategy, with policy options A through L as mandatory components. Also modification to option H to say that increase will be applied to tourism development. Also include additional components, as follows:
 - Consider recreation in determining water levels for Lake Oroville and the Afterbay.
 - Add signage on Interstate 5 encouraging travelers to visit Butte County.
 - Involve existing groups such as the Central Sacramento Valley Resource Conservation & Development Area Council and local Chambers of Commerce.
- ◆ Votes: *18 support, 0 oppose (0 abstain)*

Question 23: What strategies should the County use to support the local manufacturing, office and commercial sectors?

- ◆ Develop countywide strategy to support these sectors that shall include policies A through G.
 - Modify A: remove “shovel ready” reference.
 - Modify E: take out “small”
 - Delete F
 - Modify G to say “such as production/distribution of biofuels and other forms of alternative energy”
- ◆ Votes: *20 support, 0 oppose, (0 abstain)*