

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE NOTES

Butte County General Plan 2030 Goals and Policies Development (Meeting Series #5-1) September 8, 2008

Topic #1 – Urban Growth Boundaries

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Reasonable adjustment to Greenline – Mud Creek.
- ◆ Stricter boundary on southside of Pds facilitates services.
- ◆ Greenlines follow natural boundaries – 5-year mandatory review.
- ◆ Larger min. acreage required against lower Foster Road and Clark Road.
- ◆ Enforce acreage minimums in approving subdivision adjacent to GOL.
- ◆ Southeast edge of Pds needs growth boundaries.
- ◆ Voter initiative could result in disproportionate representation on agricultural land. BOS decisions more balances.
- ◆ Policy requiring review of each General Plan element at least each 5-10 years.
- ◆ “Sobrero”, BOS did not enforce 300-foot buffer.
- ◆ 300-foot buffer should be enforced adjacent to AR-LCA land.
- ◆ Move Greenline to Mud Creek.
- ◆ Could be renamed to Urban Boundary.
- ◆ Needs Greenline regular review and re-authorization/affirmation adjustment.

Landfill

- ◆ Establish ALUC-like zones around landfill.
- ◆ Open space grazing ok in buffer.
- ◆ Focus on infill to protect viewsheds. Tight urban boundaries around Pds along skyway. If growth allowed establish building envelopes and architectural standards.
- ◆ Periodically the Greenline should be reviewed and reconfirmed.
- ◆ Some areas inside the Greenline, parcel sizes is inconsistent with zoning. Create transitional zone. Use existing small parcels to protect larger viable agricultural parcels.
- ◆ Make zoning consistent with General Plan. If it's A-10, General Plan designation should allow division to 10 acres. If you've not going to allow that, better to up-zone.
- ◆ Allow physical boundaries (creeks, roads, drainages, etc.) to set urban boundaries.

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ No special/additional protections for LCA land (re: 300-foot buffer).
- ◆ BOS vote better than voter-based.

Discussion Group 3

None

Topic #1 Written Comments

(Bell Muir) Move Green Line to the northwest boundary of Study Area #3 and make all parcels within Study Area #3 zoned 1 acre. Apply the 300-foot ag buffer along the northwest boundary of Study Area #3.

Topic #2 – County Character, New Development and Housing

Discussion Group 1

None

Discussion Group 2

I. Goals

- ◆ Preserving a natural viewshed.
- ◆ Approaches to urban area – aesthetics, design review.
- ◆ Two types of design guidelines: urban and rural – depends upon size of development.
- ◆ General design guidelines are good, specific guidelines more difficult.
- ◆ Design guidelines should be consistent, but broad so a developer has flexibility to design for specific site.

II.

- ◆ Design guidelines single-family must be sensitive to area, but ok.
- ◆ Design guidelines more important, more specific for multi-family.
- ◆ Provide incentives for developer: tax breaks, relax fees, density transfers.
- ◆ Totally against inclusionary policies.
- ◆ Use completion bonds.
- ◆ Mixing affordable and market-rate doesn't work.

Discussion Group 3

I. Goals

- ◆ Finding balance between economic viability and good design.
- ◆ Distinguish between commercial and residential. Reluctant to impose guidelines on a personal choice like a house.
- ◆ Design guidelines appropriate for commercial.
- ◆ More supportive of guidelines for multi-family than single-family.

- ◆ Doesn't want design review board a la Chico.
- ◆ No design review board; doesn't preclude design review.
- ◆ What is viewshed? Preserving ridgeline important. Can mitigate for development impacts to viewsheds.

Housing

- ◆ Coordinate with cities; not next to agricultural land.
- ◆ Agricultural worker housing.
- ◆ Mixing affordable with market-rate doesn't work.
- ◆ Put affordable next to somewhat more expensive housing.
- ◆ Use redevelopment; utilize grants.
- ◆ Incentivize low-cost housing for developers.
- ◆ Affordable should be in spheres; joint-venturing with cities.
- ◆ County makes affordable housing viable for developer.

Topic #2 Written Comments

There are three general categories of constraints to development:

1. Constraints where human activity is at risk from natural conditions: fire, flood, etc. These are the type of items that are found on the Natural Hazard disclosure Statements required when selling property.
2. Constraints on the land use where human activity may cause harm to the natural environment: unwise development over recharge zones, interference with deer migratory areas, vernal pool and stream side protections, etc.
3. Constraints as a result of human activity: State-mandated Airport Land Use Planning Area which are restrictions relating to safety, noise and overflight, etc.

This map (with overlays) has focused on some of the Category #1 constraints and has been prepared by Judy Stolen of Chico Map Works. 33 Main Street, Suite 200, Chico, CA 95928, (530) 345-0755 jestolen@chicomapworks.com. Other overlays may be available if the CAC members or the Department of Development Services would like to have them built. This map has been donated to the CAC by B. Henningan & J. Stolen.

Topic #3 – Regional and Local Coordination

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Development standards
- ◆ Policy
- ◆ Minimize impact on environment
- ◆ Transition between uses
- ◆ Balance between uses and design
- ◆ Coordinate broad but appropriate design
- ◆ Work with local unincorporated comm.

- ◆ Facilitate discussion.
- ◆ Provide staff/resources to comm.
- ◆ Identify changes/ramifications.

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ Coordinate with incorporate comm.

Policies

- Policy: outreach (staff and resources) elected officials
- Policy: regional planning
- ◆ Coordinate with unincorporated comm.
 - Staff support re planning
 - Physical support (fire, water) etc.

Discussion Group 3

- ◆ Coordinate with incorporated comm.

Policies

- Meetings between staff regularly
- Resolves clear issues on a timely schedule
- Open communication lines
- Open meetings with public
- Concentrate resources to clearly defined issues
- Work to clearly define need of sphere of influence
- “C”
- ◆ Coordinate with unincorporated comm..
 - Recognize other “established” communities such as “Upper Ridge”

Topic #3 Written Comments

- ◆ Pg 7, Q9-a: why does “such as” not include the “Upper Ridge” which was the first community recognized at the Bd. of Supervisors?

Topic #4 – Agriculture

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Private water ski lakes?
- ◆ Area 23 needs to be adjusted to reflect small “unique” farming areas.

- ◆ Property rights – who “policies agricultural uses” when “natural disasters” occur? What policy maintains uses?
- ◆ Agricultural buffers need to reflect FIFRA – who should provide the buffer – development?
- ◆ If the County can’t (doesn’t) protect the water, they can’t require growers to stay in agricultural production. There needs to be different policies for “small farms” vs. large scale agricultural. Need definition “small farms” vs. “large scales”.
- ◆ \$, processing, “family farm”.
- ◆ “Farm animal” zoning policies, “recreational” animals”.
- ◆ Agricultural element policies apply countywide uniformly.
- ◆ Who enforces agricultural/planning policies?

Policy 2-2

- ◆ Cities won’t recognized – acknowledge 300’.
- ◆ LAFCO concerns sphere annexation.
- ◆ All entities buy off “buffer” design policies.
- ◆ “Buffer” is not an aesthetic policy, it’s a legal one.
- ◆ Agricultural and urban uses for buffers need to be used wisely – next to existing infrastructure.
- ◆ Have flexibility in ag. building code
 - farmworker housing
 - County Health visit 6 < workers
 - Not in favor of mitigation
 - Instead of paying an offset fee
- ◆ Need to establish criteria and/or review process for land use conversion of small parcels to non-ag. i.e., unique farmlands.
- ◆ “New zone” ... Barbara H.

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ Policies to promote and enhance/protect “small ag”.
- ◆ Area 23 map needs to be reviewed to “accurately” portray land use.
- ◆ Agricultural zoning needs to reflect land/soils and climatic conditions/historical agricultural use.
- ◆ Preserve large parcels of agricultural land – continue uses.
- ◆ No off-sets for development because you cannot retrieve “agricultural land” lost to development.
- ◆ Refine buffers/zoning to protect agricultural topography.
- ◆ Work on So. County to develop water distribution to “enhance/develop” agricultural production.
- ◆ Work on grants/funding sources for future use of current surface water to protect groundwater.

- ◆ Need more agricultural research to support “small” sustainable agricultural – support agri-tourism – on Sierra Oro Trail.
- ◆ Farm/agricultural education in Butte County schools.
- ◆ Support sustainable timber harvesting.
- ◆ Promote timber industry, local industry.
- ◆ Promote 5 acres for “specialty crops” only...
- ◆ Promote 5 acres for “specialty crops” only – have policies to maintain.
- ◆ Policies to discourage future development of 5-acre parcels.
- ◆ 14 a.c.d.e - -promote niche and specialty agricultural products for local sale.
- ◆ Do not use “boutique” term.

Discussion Group 3

- ◆ Area 23 map needs to be reviewed – change/concerns – unique farmland.
- ◆ Policies to protect water supplies to small farm lands.
- ◆ Policies to maintain 5 acres (10?) or larger – promote larger parcel sizes.
- ◆ Policies to promote “value added” products – allow processing on small parcels/agricultural building.
- ◆ Allow agricultural tourism with limits, i.e. access/traffic concerns – especially to small operations.
- ◆ Do we need to review winery ordinance?
- ◆ Provisions for limited special events? Non-profits.
- ◆ County needs support road “signing” for agricultural tourism.
- ◆ Amend zoning to allow agricultural tourism signage.
- ◆ Promote on-farm product sales.
- ◆ Oppose purchase of development easements – any policies that reduce available farmland.
- ◆ Promote agricultural education to the public -- especially children.
- ◆ Tours – all school buses – perhaps not large tour buses?
- ◆ Limit to certain hours for school tours.
- ◆ “Viable ag” is a very subjective term.
- ◆ Use zoning to protect specialty small crop production – special buffer policies.

Topic #4 Written Comments

- ◆ Promote agri-tourism – already unique farm areas and should be recognized and promoted and encourage future growth.

- ◆ Protect access to water to agriculture –specifically allow for at least minimum 5 acre lots so as not to break up existing ag water ditch system which provides affordable water to smaller scale farms.
- ◆ As well keep residential growth low to allow adequate fire protection and evacuation.
- ◆ Promote ag-tourism – county supported tourism signs designating ag tourism areas in Area 23, i.e. specialty farms / wineries – or promoting Sierra Farm Trail map.
- ◆ Create special zoning for unique small farm ag lands to designate as tourism area.

Topic #5 – Water Resources

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Ensure wastewater system are designed, constructed and maintained to assure water quality.
- ◆ Have a clear path to determine a proven system for evaluation and approval of new technologies.
- ◆ League of Women Voters has a four-page policy doc.
 - Strengthen basin management.
 - Establish safe and natural groundwater zones
 - Strengthen groundwater permitting policy
 - Establish long-term planning procedures
- ◆ Areas where water is known vulnerable special provision be developed to assure protection.
- ◆ Encourage LEED development of Flood Plan.
- ◆ Better use of County’s Water Allocation from Lake Oroville.
- ◆ Promote conservation and reuse of wastewater.
- ◆ Incentivize and encourage consolidation of small water systems.
- ◆ E&I stormwater runoff treatment.
- ◆ New retro or expansion require water reuse.
- ◆ Public education of wastewater for homeowners funded through the fee structure.
- ◆ Promote community designed wastewater TP as a means to prevent wastewater system failure.
- ◆ Promote appropriate management of wastewater systems.
- ◆ Provide infrastructure to promote the appropriate management and oversight of wastewater systems.
- ◆ Encourage the use and flexibility needed to promote the use of emerging technology.

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ What happened to our free water and power?
- ◆ Area of origin rights.
- ◆ Distribution plan written for State Water Project Allocation.

- ◆ Better mapping of recharge areas (and assessment).
- ◆ Protecting prime recharge areas.
- ◆ Better provision of water allocation for small farms.
- ◆ Prevent parcelization from disrupting water distribution.
- ◆ Discourage individual septic systems in high density areas.
- ◆ Institute a management system where there are high density or sensitive areas (Town of Paradise system). Magalia also needs it.
- ◆ Reinstate program to capture runoff water to promote groundwater recharge.
- ◆ County promote cooperation better Independent Water Districts.
- ◆ Create a wet year strategy for capturing runoff.
- ◆ Promote policies for water conservation.
- ◆ Irrigated land should get a price break on water since it provides a fire break.

Discussion Group 3

- ◆ There should be county coordination of water resources within the county, to maximize economic development, for agricultural use in the foothills.
- ◆ We must respect people's historic water rights. Ground and surface.
- ◆ Water districts need to be brought in at the beginning of the process to maximize water utilization.
- ◆ There needs to be a water availability map of the county. This map needs to come before development is allowed.
- ◆ Need infrastructure too to determine recharge rate.
- ◆ Need to look at water distribution in the foothills.
- ◆ Need to promote the sustainability of agricultural in the foothills.
- ◆ Better utilization of the County's allocation from the lake.
- ◆ County should not build in flood plain.
- ◆ County should pay attention to locals about flood areas not just the FEMA maps. Local knowledge is discounted.
- ◆ Use watersheds as overlays to protect water quality and quantity.
- ◆ County should move ahead to approve new septic technologies.
- ◆ Assessment for septic must include information that indicate where the effluent will go.

Topic #5 Written Comments

- ◆ 17.F The Upper Ridge needs this!
- ◆ 17.L Find a way for a distribution system to all areas of county.
- ◆ 17.M This system allows generous study and public input before the decisions are made.

- ◆ 17.N Again Distribution System.
- ◆ 18.A Septic monitoring committee is needed in Upper Ridge – much runoff into Lake Paradise and Magalia Res.
- ◆ 18.E Reg. for runoff in Timber Harvest area.
- ◆ 18.H Upper Ridge.

Topic #6 – Economic Development

Discussion Group 1

Issues for General Plan

- ◆ Business attraction
- ◆ Encourage agriculture tourism
- ◆ Viability of small-scale agriculture
- ◆ Economically sustainable and quality development
- ◆ Enhancing vocational training
- ◆ Improve water distribution system and coordination

How to Improve Economy

- ◆ 21-C, I, J
- ◆ 22-E, H, I
- ◆ 23-C, E, G

Discussion Group 2

Issues for General Plan

- ◆ Attract large and niche businesses
- ◆ County and cities coordinate economic development and fast-track development
- ◆ Create new green energy markets
- ◆ Respond to opportunities for new development and industries
- ◆ Improve and protect infrastructure (telecommunications, airports, industry parks)
- ◆ Improve vocational training

How to Improve Economy

- ◆ Incentives
- ◆ Use existing plans
- ◆ Economic development coordination
- ◆ Actively pursue opportunities

Discussion Group 3

Issues for General Plan

- ◆ Recreation infrastructure
- ◆ Business attraction
- ◆ Promotion of eco-tourism
- ◆ Green industry development
- ◆ Emphasize vocational education

How to Improve Economy

- ◆ 21-A, B, G, J and
 - Encourage vocational training
- ◆ 22-A, B, D, F, J and
 - Encourage tour bus visits to historical sites
 - Visitor center in each county library
- ◆ 23-A, C, D, E, F, G

Topic #6 Written Comments

- ◆ Countywide agency to push Butte County economic growth vs. Oroville or Chico or Paradise.
- ◆ Incentives (tax holidays) to attract industry.
- ◆ Go after high tech jobs – design centers, software/firmware design, tech support (hardware and software), specialized manufacturing.
- ◆ Partner with CSU with skill and training (high tech as well as vocational).
- ◆ Place job growth in all industry (not just agriculture) as a priority.
- ◆ Circled:
 - 21-A, B, G, J, plus vocational training
 - 22-A, B, D, F, J (in each library), K (bike, tour buses to visit historical locations)
 - 23-A, C, D, E, F, G.

Topic #7 – Transportation, Circulation and Scenic Highways

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Aware of growth in areas without needed road system.
- ◆ Traffic flow ensure people safety as people engage in physical activity (bike, walk, etc.)
- ◆ Good regional traffic plan -- General Plan 2030.

- ◆ Ensure adequate public transit that allows access for daily needs – especially seniors.
- ◆ Adequate funding for all of above.
- ◆ Seek second road from upper ridge into Chico.
- ◆ Create safe routes to school (walking and bike).
- ◆ See funding for safe routes.
- ◆ Improve access to Highway 5 via Highway 162.
- ◆ Improve existing sub-standard private roads (Fir Haven subdivision)

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ Improve safety (bike/pedestrian) on Midway.
- ◆ Assess road capacity for new development – if not there – impose impact fees to address.
- ◆ Improve public transit by providing better amenities (shelters) timing etc.
- ◆ Explore other sources of funding for transit, i.e. advertising.
- ◆ Encourage car pooling and telecommuting (using incentives).
- ◆ Ensure scenic highway designations are for truly scenic highways – not used to limit uses.

Discussion Group 3

- ◆ Provide amenities and services for existing communities (small rural, Concow, Kelly Ridge, etc.) to reduce vehicle trips.
- ◆ Consider/promote “better” rail service to other regions.
- ◆ Consider/investigate use of power corridors for bike and pedestrian routes (recreation).

Topic #7 Written Comments

- ◆ 24.A Check on Fir Haven area of Paradise Pines.
- ◆ 24.B\$ for road from Magalia to Chico.
- ◆ 24.E Curb growth until funds allow improvement.
- ◆ 24.F.i.e., the Upper Ridge.
- ◆ 27.A Skyway for Chico to Paradise.

Topic #8 – Utilities, Services and Airports

Discussion Group 1

None

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ Independent fiscal impact analysis for residential developments (100+ units).
 - Both residential and commercial/industrial timeframe.
- ◆ Land use plans shall drive development.
- ◆ Consider existing funding mechanisms.
- ◆ The County shall adopt, apply and enforce defensible space standards for fire hazard areas (4290/4291).
- ◆ Shall adopt fire safe building construction.

Airports

- ◆ General Plan and Zoning shall be brought into compliance with the BCALUCP.
- ◆ County shall coordinate with school districts to make sure existing facilities can adequately serve development.
How to fund additional development.
- ◆ Timing of requirements – before or after project approval.

Discussion Group 3

None

Topic #8 Written Comments

- ◆ It is not feasible to require services prior to project approval. Approval is needed to obtain funding.
- ◆ Allow the land use plan to manage development such that projects are approved subject to services.
- ◆ 28A is not realistic. Make “adequate prior to construction.”
- ◆ 28D is not realist. Reword – “available prior to construction.”
- ◆ Regulate noise levels from all properties.
- ◆ Allow temporary residential generator use i.e. power outages.
- ◆ Not allow generator noise to continue past property lines or sunset/6 pm nor before 8 am.
- ◆ Noise levels should not exceed 60 dcB.
- ◆ The County officials and deputies should enforce the noise ordinance!
- ◆ The County needs to purchase and train employees to use several decimeters and work nights and weekends to enforce standards.
- ◆ I came because of my neighbors setting up a motocross track – rallies – creating noise and dust. In the 2005 revised noise code I feel it is covered as a “no no”! also in the State California Noise codes. The problem seems to be implementation – enforcement of existing law. Lack of personnel – what? It would be best to specify “no motocross” in residential zones.
- ◆ 28.A Intent can be read two ways.
- ◆ 28.B-D Can’t be provided before \$
- ◆ 28.D Does capacity have to be in place prior to project approval?
- ◆ 30. Coordination issue – County needs to coordinate with school districts to determine capacity issues over time.

- ◆ 31.A *circled.*
- ◆ 31. Invite chair of ALUC to show his PowerPoint re: State Airport Land Use Law.

Also see two pages of typed material prepared by Tony St. Amant regarding Topic 8, Fiscal and Public Service Issues, and Fire Hazard Issues

Topic #9 – Parks, Recreation and Trails

Discussion Group 1

None

Discussion Group 2

Question 32

- ◆ Don't add more parks – who would pay? Need to develop (e) parks.
- ◆ Designate areas in (e) parks or underutilized county-owned areas for dog parks.
- ◆ “Encourage... collect impact fees” – should be assessed on new development only.

Question 33

- ◆ Need publicly-owned ice rink.
- ◆ Improve biking trails/maps. Designated bike routes. In these areas, need to be maintained (including sweeping). How to pay for it.
- ◆ Utilize railways for trails.

Discussion Group 3

- ◆ More regional parks needed. Butte Cr. Canyon connected to the creek could be one.
- ◆ Ecotourism needed in county.
- ◆ County rec. needs to improve.
- ◆ More bike lanes and trails needed as connectors.
- ◆ Use utility easements (active and abandoned) and creeks as trails.
- ◆ Need to publish maps of trails.
- ◆ Feather River Trail need south of Oroville.
- ◆ Address obesity (1 in 5 of low-income children are obese in B.C.)
- ◆ Need re c. opportunities distributed throughout county for low income youth to use – trails, program, parks, bike paths, swimming opportunities.
- ◆ Trails need to be safe for use.
- ◆ *Why is Butte Creek Canyon Park important?* Would protect creek environment. Butte Creek Canyon is a jewel of statewide importance. This could help address safety.

- ◆ Butte County should develop RV parks for recreation and jobs (see Monterey County as an example). South Feather River Public RV Park is opportunity.
- ◆ Make park policies clear.
- ◆ *Why ecotourism needed?* Increase revenue while maintaining open space and habitat.
- ◆ Policy: Sell City recreation more effectively because such great opportunities.
- ◆ *Why bike trails and lanes?* Needed on key arterials between residential areas and schools.
- ◆ Bike trail planning should be part of development approval.
- ◆ With high density multi-family approvals need recreation facility planning to be part of plan. Why? To provide recreation for low-income kids.
- ◆ The above should be expanded to all planning.
- ◆ Policy Alt 32-D is very important (H20 rec)
- ◆ Policy Alt 32-H is very important (Quimby)
- ◆ Establish more dog parks (Policy 32-C)
- ◆ Develop parks where they are most needed, not just in master-planned areas.
- ◆ Require parks where most needed.
- ◆ Ensure adequate supervision of parks and recreation facilities (for child/youth safety).
- ◆ Publicize park/recreation facilities better.
- ◆ Encourage national recreational events (like the Wildflower Race) in order to bring in visitors and revenues.
- ◆ Policy 32-G (overlapping parks jurisdictions) is important and should be maintained.
- ◆ Allow higher density development with small parks, use additional park funding from those developments in other areas, but ensure low-income kids in high density areas have enough recreation facilities.

Topic #9 Written Comments

- ◆ More development of trails for low impact recreation activities, walking, hiking, biking.
- ◆ Need an ice skating rink – hockey leagues.
- ◆ Alternative recreation programs.

Topic #10 – Habitat Conservation

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Regional considerations of habitat in study areas (watersheds).
- ◆ Deer herd migration oak and woodland.
- ◆ Establish: economics, equity and environment for development projects.
- ◆ Provide balanced approach to development, in conservation areas.

- ◆ Keep General Plan informed by HCP.
- ◆ Stewardship of resources/development.
- ◆ Flexible standards
 - Clustered development
 - Transfer of development credits
 - Mitigation banking
 - Provide connectivity (wildlife)
- ◆ Include policy to coordinate with General Plan and HCP/NCCP
- ◆ Predictability in standards
 - Directions regarding “U” zone (unclassified)

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ Wildlife management
 - Enforcement of existing laws – DFG
- ◆ Cluster development (less than 1 acre – as defined)
 - Wildlife corridors
 - Conservation easements
- ◆ Encourage rehabilitation of creeks and wetlands and other natural areas
- ◆ Develop passive recreation (wildflowers on Table Mtn. hiking etc.)

Discussion Group 3

None

Topic #11 – Green Building, Greenhouse Gases and Energy

No discussion groups

Topic #12 – Cultural Resources and Tribal Coordination

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Protect cultural heritage while allowing the community to grow.
- ◆ Enterprise working with Mooretown and Berry Creek to address issues.
- ◆ Tribe wants to participate more in consultation.
- ◆ Figure out how to grow while conserving quality of life.
- ◆ (Tribe): Preservation where possible, but also provide housing and allow community growth.

- ◆ Allow community to grow jobs and opportunities.
- ◆ Berry Creek, Mooretown and Enterprise have a Unity Council and may address common General Plan issues through that process.
- ◆ Enterprise will bring tonight's info back to Tribal Council on September 14 and provide written comments and attend October 22 tribal update.

Discussion Group 2

None

Discussion Group 3

None

Topic #13 – Community Health and Safety

Discussion Group 1

- ◆ Noise issues – Keefer area motocross noise – zoned residential. How could motocross be there? Economic suffering due to decline in property value motocross has impacted.
- ◆ South County – far east end of Cox at Honcut Creek – neighbors off the grid running loud generators for their homes. Over 60 db after 6 p.m. unacceptable.
- ◆ “Residences should not be allowed to run on generator all the time except for an emergency like a power outage.”
- ◆ Work has been done in August of 2005 regarding noise and suggestions re: work done already.
- ◆ Encourage community gardens.
- ◆ Developer parks with community gardens.
- ◆ Need more bike trails.
- ◆ Ice skating rink would be good exercise – also a hockey league.
- ◆ Encourage farmers markets and expand maybe add healthy cooking demos.
- ◆ Limit number of fast-food restaurants serving unhealthy food.
- ◆ Bus stops should be protected from elements.
- ◆ Bike racks should be available at County buildings.
- ◆ Bike racks, lockers at Park-n-Ride, public showers.
- ◆ Projects should include safe routes to schools.
- ◆ New buildings should have water fountains.
- ◆ More physical recreation events.

Discussion Group 2

- ◆ D08 violations → enforcement

- ◆ Safety with walking and bicycle:
 - D08 impacts
 - Sidewalks
 - Lanes
- ◆ Standardized noise levels.
- ◆ Ensure low income housing areas have access: markets, gardens, parks, transportation, incentives offered.
- ◆ Include youth in planning process, especially recreation, trail, bike.
- ◆ Address air quality impacts.

Discussion Group 3

- ◆ Generators running very noisy – need a noise ordinance in county for certain hours of the day. Ok during power outage/emergency should be allowed – residences should be required to hook to grid when completed or when PG&E established.
- ◆ Air quality #1 importance. Asthma is a concern. Pollutants in the air – particulate matter should be addressed.