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### **ADMINISTRATION \* BUILDING \* PLANNING**

March 16, 2009

Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians  
Jim Edwards, Chairperson  
#5 Tyme Way  
Oroville, CA 95966

#### **RE: Butte County General Plan 2030: Housing Element Update**

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This letter is to inform you that Butte County is embarking on the next stage of Butte County General Plan 2030: the Housing Element (Meeting Series #6). The County will hold a public workshop on developing the new Housing Element on Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Oroville Sports Club, 2600 Oro Dam Blvd E. in Oroville, CA (enclosure).

At the workshop, County staff and consultants will provide an overview of State Housing Element requirements and the process for updating the Housing Element. Our consultants will then make a presentation on the draft Housing Needs Assessment prepared to support the Housing Element Update process, as well as its implications for revisions to the existing Butte County Housing Element. The public and interested parties will be invited to provide comments on community housing needs, and on updated housing policies and programs recommended for incorporation into the Housing Element Update. The draft Housing Needs Assessment and a Preliminary Housing Element Update will be made available for review via the County's web site, [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net) approximately one week before the Public Workshop.

After completing the Public Workshop, the Housing Needs Assessment and Preliminary Housing Element Update will be reviewed and discussed at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on April 16, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Butte College Cafeteria, and at a joint Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Study Session on May 29, 2009 from 9:00 am to noon at the Southside Community Center in Oroville.

After receiving direction from the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission the County will prepare an updated Draft Housing Element Update to submit to the State Department of Housing and Community Development, in compliance with State law.

An important note about the Housing Element update: Butte County plans to adopt an *interim* Housing Element by August 30, 2009. This will allow the County to remain in compliance with State law, which requires the Housing Element to be updated by this date, and will maintain the County's eligibility for important grant funding such as Community Development Block Grants. The interim Housing Element will receive further work before being included in the new General Plan 2030 document when it is adopted in 2010.

Berry Creek Rancheria is welcome to participate in the Housing Element public meetings and joint Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors session. Should the Tribe wish to provide consultation input about development of Butte County General Plan 2030, please feel free to contact Principal Planner Claudia Stuart at (530) 538-7604 or [cstuart@buttecounty.net](mailto:cstuart@buttecounty.net) to arrange consultation discussions. Or, feel free to contact me directly at (530) 538-6821 or [tsnellings@buttecounty.net](mailto:tsnellings@buttecounty.net) regarding your Tribe's interest in consultation.

We are also preparing for the third Butte County General Plan 2030 Tribal Update meeting in April or May 2009. At this meeting we will provide an update about the results of recent work on Butte County General Plan 2030, including draft goals and policies, the revised Preferred Land Use Alternative, and preparation of the Housing Element. The meeting schedule and materials will be forwarded to you soon.

Sincerely,



Tim Snellings  
Director

Enclosure (1)

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- Berry Creek Rancheria
- Enterprise Rancheria
- Greenville Rancheria
- Maidu Nation
- Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
- Mooretown Rancheria

# Butte County General Plan

# 2030

## Public Workshop

### Are you interested in Butte County's Future?

Butte County General Plan 2030 is **Charting a Course** that directs Butte County's path for the next 22 years. At this important public workshop, you will help to update the Butte County Housing Element by commenting on the draft Housing Needs Assessment, providing input on pressing community housing issues and needs, and providing input on priorities for the Housing Element policy document. Your input will be integrated into the process, and forwarded to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors. Now is the time to provide your input to set housing policies for Butte County!

The Butte County Board of Supervisors wants to hear from you! Please come and participate in a General Plan 2030 Public Workshop scheduled for March 26, 2009 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Oroville Sports Club, 2600 Oro Dam Blvd E., Oroville.

*Date, time and location are as follows:*

**Thursday, March 26th at 5 p.m.**

**Oroville Sports Club**

**2600 Oro Dam Blvd E., Oroville**

### Can't make it to this meeting, but still want to offer some ideas?

You may also provide input at our online Discussion Forum by visiting [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net)

To learn more about this Public Workshop or General Plan 2030, or to be added to a contact list to receive notification of future meetings, please call (530) 538-6571 or visit the web address above.



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*Your participation in this community meeting is critical to the success of the General Plan*