



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

**FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director**

**SUBJECT: March 24, 2009 Progress Report #51 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 51<sup>st</sup> in a series of updates provided to the Board of Supervisors at the beginning of each meeting to assist Board members in staying apprised of the progress on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process. I have the following developments to report:

**1. March 26, 2009 Public Workshop on Housing Element**

The Butte County Department of Development Services will hold a PUBLIC WORKSHOP (agenda attached) on developing a new Housing Element for Butte County General Plan 2030, on Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Oroville Sports Club, 2600 Oro Dam Blvd E. in Oroville.

This Public Workshop is open to the public and all parties and agencies interested in Butte County General Plan 2030 Housing Policy are encouraged to attend and provide comment. Staff from the Department of Development Services, Butte County General Plan 2030 Consultant Design, Community & Environment, and Housing Element sub-consultant Bay Area Economics will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

At the Public Workshop, County staff and consultants will provide an overview of State Housing Element requirements and the process for updating the Housing Element. 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 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 is available for review via the County's web site, [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net).

After completion of the Public Workshop, there will be additional opportunities for public review and comment on the Housing Needs Assessment and the Preliminary Housing Element Update at the following meetings:

- a. **Citizens Advisory Committee**  
April 16, 2009, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Butte College Main Campus Cafeteria  
3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville
- b. **Joint Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission Study Session**  
May 29, 2009, 9:00 am – Noon  
Southside Community Center  
2959 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville

After receiving direction from the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, County staff will prepare an updated Draft Housing Element Update for submission to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for review and approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to August 31, 2009. This will allow Butte County to remain in compliance with State law.

## **2. Butte County General Plan 2030 Countywide Land Use Map Draft #2**

Staff from the Department of Development Services and DC&E are in the process of updating the General Plan 2030 Countywide Land Use Map with direction provided by the Board of Supervisors at the February 19, 2009 Study Session. Additionally, staff is in the process of developing a list of recommended corrections and refinements for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. These changes fall into the following categories:

- a. Recommendations from Staff
- b. Requests from Property Owners Supported by Staff
- c. Other Requests from Property Owners

Staff has developed a list of parcels and areas that need General Plan designation changes under Butte County General Plan 2030. These included uses that were incorrectly designated under the old General Plan and areas that were incorrectly designated by the new map. The requests from property owners were reviewed by staff and in some instances, the requests were appropriate to help correct errors. Other more substantial requests made by property owners are not recommended by staff but will be provided to the Board for review.

Staff will be scheduling a Board Meeting in the coming weeks to review Countywide Land Use Map Draft #2. At this meeting, staff will describe all of the recommended changes to the Board and ask for final acceptance of the Countywide Land Use Map. The finalization of the Countywide Land Use Map will allow DC&E to begin work on the Program Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Butte County General Plan 2030. Changes to the Countywide Land Use Map after this point must be kept to a minimum unless the EIR is updated accordingly.

### **3. Contract Amendment #2, Butte County General Plan 2030**

Development Services staff has worked with the Butte County General Plan 2030 consultant, Design, Community & Environment, to address several areas of work that are not currently part of the existing Butte County General Plan 2030 Contract including:

- a. Analyze Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas issues for the EIR
- b. Prepare August 30, 2009 Housing Element to comply with State Law
- c. Transfer of Zoning Ordinance contract work to consultant DC&E from Crawford, Multari & Star

A contract amendment (as discussed in greater detail in Board Progress Report #49) is required to incorporate these changes. Due to the internal restructuring of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, this Contract Amendment will not result in any new net cost to Butte County. This contract amendment will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on April 7, 2009.

### **4. Butte County General Plan 2030 Newsletter #2**

The Second Annual Butte County General Plan 2030 Newsletter has been completed. This Newsletter covers the most recent major accomplishments of the Butte County General Plan 2030 process including the Selection of a Preferred Land Use Alternative and Goals and Policy Development. The newsletter also provides an overview of the Draft Countywide Land Use Map #1 and the corresponding land use policy direction provided by the Board of Supervisors. Further information is provided on ways to participate in the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, and the next major steps in through adoption by the Board of Supervisors in August 2010. The newsletter is located on the Butte County General Plan 2030 website, [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net), and will be available for pick-up at the Department of Development Services and many other County Departments. The newsletter will also be made available at all Butte County Branch Libraries. Over 800 newsletters will also be sent out to Butte County residents who have signed up for mailings during community meetings held in conjunction with Butte County General Plan 2030.

### **5. Butte County General Plan 2030 Website Welcome Letter**

The Butte County General Plan 2030 website continues to be a successful way for the public and many of those involved in the General Plan 2030 update to stay connected and to review important information about the process as it becomes available. Since beginning this website in early 2006 a personal message from the Board of Supervisors has welcomed users to the Butte County General Plan 2030 website and encouraged the public to become involved in the process. This welcome letter has been revised by Board Chairman Bill Connelly and Vice Chair Jane Dolan to update information and to reflect the new Board membership. The revised welcome letter is attached for the Board's information. The new letter will be posted to the website.