



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: July 21, 2009 Progress Report #58 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 58th 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. Review of Administrative Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 Continues

Development Services staff is in the final week of a 30 day review of the Administrative Copy of the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 document. Key Butte County Departments have also been provided the Administrative Draft for review and input, prior to finalization. In addition, Development Services staff has met with the Butte County General Plan 2030 Ad-Hoc Subcommittee concerning the review of the Administrative Draft. An administrative review provides staff with the opportunity to ensure the document is of the highest possible quality and is ready for future use by the public and decision-makers during public meetings, when they will receive further review and input from the public and decision-makers. Development Services staff expects the Public Draft of Butte County General Plan 2030 to be released in August, with Meeting Series #7 starting with a Public Workshop taking place in September. Additional announcements and outreach will take place prior to the Public Workshop to ensure a high degree of public participation. This meeting series will continue throughout the end of this year and the start of 2010 with Citizens Advisory Committee meetings and Special Study Sessions with the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission.

2. Review of Administrative Draft Zoning Ordinance and Map

Development Services staff will receive the Draft Zoning Ordinance from DC&E later this week. This will begin another administrative review period wherein Development Services staff will review the draft Zoning Ordinance document in anticipation of Meeting Series #8, which will be devoted to the Zoning Ordinance. Development Services staff has also provided final comments to General Plan consultant DC&E concerning the Administrative Draft Zoning Map. The zoning map provides zoning districts for all parcels in the

unincorporated area of Butte County, and is required to be consistent with the Butte County General Plan 2030 Land Use Map, approved by the Board of Supervisors in April. The public meeting schedule for Meeting Series #8 is being finalized at this time and further information will be provided to the Board.

3. Status Report Provided to Special District Association

On June 30, 2009, Principal Planner Dan Breedon provided a status report on Butte County General Plan 2030 to the Special District Association during a meeting of their Executive Committee at Logan's Roadhouse in Chico. Members received copies of Newsletter #2 on the General Plan 2030 process. Mr. Breedon provided an overview of Goals and Policy Development, the Housing Element process, as well as discussed important changes to the Countywide Land Use Map under General Plan 2030 pertaining to agriculture, deer ranges, "Solid Waste Management Facility Overlay" buffer at the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, General Plan designations such as the "Agricultural Services" designation and Research & Business Park designation. Important future products were discussed, including the Draft General Plan 2030 document and Draft Zoning Ordinance. Members were apprised of the future Meeting Series coming up in September that will be devoted to the Draft General Plan 2030 and a later Meeting Series that will be devoted to the Draft Zoning Ordinance, and were reminded to visit the General Plan 2030 website for additional resources and all public documents.

4. Housing Element Update

The Draft Housing Element is currently under a mandatory 60-day review with the California Department of Housing and Community Development, scheduled to conclude in the first week of August. Development Services staff and Housing Element Consultant Bay Area Economics will be meeting with HCD staff this week to answer questions and hear comments concerning this review.

After this review period, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission will hold a meeting on August 25, 2009 at 1:30 pm at 25 County Center Drive to consider final adoption of the new Housing Element as well as to consider the approval of environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA.

The adoption of this Housing Element is an interim step that allows Butte County to approve a Housing Element prior to the State imposed deadline of August 30, 2009. Later in the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, the Housing Element will be updated again to be made current with the new Butte County General Plan 2030 scheduled for final adoption in September 2010.