



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: August 11, 2009 Progress Report #59 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 59th 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. Reminder: August 25, 2009 Housing Element Adoption Meeting

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 Agenda concerning this meeting is attached. There will be a time for General Plan Housing Element Consultant Bay Area Economics to present information on the Housing Element to both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will then convene to make recommendations on the adoption of the Housing Element to the Board. The Planning Commission will then adjourn and the Board will take-up consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendations and consider final adoption of the Housing Element and approval of the environmental documentation.

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 and will be coordinated with the new Butte County General Plan 2030 scheduled for final adoption in September 2010.

2. Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 Meeting Series (Meeting Series #7)

The Meeting Series devoted to the review of the Draft General Plan 2030 will kick-off with a Public Workshop to be held in mid-September. The Public Draft General Plan 2030 document is still on track for release during the first week of September. More details will be available soon concerning when and where the Public Workshop will take place. After the Public Workshop this series will involve several Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings

during the months of October and November. Staff is tentatively planning on the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Study Session to take place in January 2010 (see Item #5 below). Further details concerning these meetings will be provided to the Board of Supervisors in the coming weeks.

3. Draft Butte County Zoning Ordinance Meeting Series (Meeting Series #8)

The Meeting Series devoted to the review of the Draft General Plan 2030 will kick-off with a Public Workshop to be held in early December 2010. More details will be available soon concerning when and where this meeting will take place. The Administrative Draft Zoning Ordinance is at this time undergoing intensive review with Butte County Staff and the General Plan consultant. Release of the Public Draft of the Zoning Ordinance is anticipated for early November. After the Public Workshop this series will involve several Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings taking place in February 2010 and Study Sessions with the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission in March/April 2010.

4. Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Butte County General Plan 2030

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Butte County General Plan 2030 process, which includes and assessment of both the new Butte County General Plan 2030 and Zoning Ordinance, is currently under development pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff anticipates release of the Public Draft EIR in late November. A public meeting will be scheduled with the Planning Commission to receive public input during the 45-day public review period. All public input received will be organized and responded to in accordance with CEQA. The Final EIR is scheduled for adoption in September 2010.

5. Scheduling of Study Session Dates for Draft General Plan 2030 (Meeting Series #7)

Staff requests Board member input on an appropriate time in January 2010 to schedule two all-day Study Sessions, together with the Planning Commission, to consider the Draft General Plan 2030. This will allow staff to begin the necessary public outreach for this meeting series, including the publication of meeting dates and press releases. These two Study Sessions will be the time for the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission to consider input from the Citizens Advisory Committee, from the Public Workshop and from the general public on the new Butte County General Plan 2030 document. The Study Sessions will be scheduled from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, during which Butte County General Plan 2030 staff will facilitate discussion on each of the eleven elements contained within Butte County General Plan 2030 and the Implementation/Action Plan. At the end of these two meetings the Board will be asked to provide direction to proceed with adoption of the new Butte County General Plan 2030, tentatively scheduled for September 2010.

6. Butte County General Plan 2030 and the Butte County Fair

Information on Butte County General Plan 2030 will be available at the Butte County Board of Supervisor's Booth at the Butte County Fair in Gridley, from August 26 through 30, 2009. The public is encouraged to visit and pick up the latest information on Butte County General Plan 2030 including meeting times, newsletters and other important information.



**Butte County General Plan 2030
Meeting Series #6-3/4B - Housing Element Update
Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Public Hearing
Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Butte County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville**

- 1:30 pm Welcome, Introductions and General Plan 2030 Overview (Tim Snellings)
Housing Element Process Overview (Bay Area Economics, BAE)
Summary of HCD Comments on Draft Housing Element
Summary of Changes to Draft Housing Element in Response to HCD Comments (BAE)
Questions from Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Members
Public Comment

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURNS

- 2:45 pm BREAK (10 minutes)

PLANNING COMMISSION CONVENES

- Planning Commission Discussion: Modifications to finalize Housing Element
(Facilitated by DC&E and BAE)
Planning Commission Possible Action: Recommend adoption of Housing Element to Board of
Supervisors, with changes to revised Housing Element as directed by Planning Commission
(Facilitated by DC&E and BAE)

PLANNING COMMISSION ADJOURNS

- 3:20 pm BREAK (5 minutes)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONVENES

- Board of Supervisors Discussion: Consideration of Planning Commission recommendations and
direction to finalize Housing Element for adoption (Facilitated by DC&E and BAE)
Board of Supervisors Possible Action: Adopt revised Housing Element, with modifications as
directed by Board (Facilitated by BAE)

- 3:55 pm Board of Supervisors Adjournment