



## The General Plan Journey – The Path To Success October 26, 2010

- Our journey together began with a public workshop on April 13, 2006, where 142 people attended. We discussed what a General Plan (GP) is, why we need to update ours and our plan of how we would do it
- In April 2006, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) authorized the release of an RFP for a consultant team to help Butte County write the new General Plan, approved the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Resolution and Application Form, created a two member Board subcommittee and reviewed the DRAFT Guiding Principles
- In 2006, the Butte County Department of Development Services (DDS) spoke with MANY who questioned Butte County's ability to go through the process and to actually complete what it takes to write a new General Plan.
- DDS talked to the RCD Board, Water Commission, Planning Commission (PC), Service Organizations, EDC Board, Chambers of Commerce, League of Women Voters and others about our vision for a new General Plan
- In September 2006, the BOS hired DC&E as our lead consultant who commandeered a team of 33 subconsultants to help us along our journey. This also set us on a critical path of 8 Workshop Series as the vehicle to arrive at a new General Plan and Zoning Ordinance...through the Workshop Series Concept
- Workshop Series Concept: Public Workshop, CAC Meetings, PC Meetings, BOS Meetings
- First CAC meeting was held in November 2006
- Another first happened in November 2006, DDS provided Update #1 to the Board of Supervisors that continued through Update #85 which was provided on October 12, 2010
- All along the way, we exceeded state law (SB 18) requiring consultation with the Tribes in Butte County
- In January 2007, in a commitment to City/County coordination, we hosted the Cities/County Summit on a Saturday morning. All 5 City Councils and Planning Commissions attended as did the Butte County BOS & PC. 131 people attended this event.
- In February 2007, the BOS modified and adopted the Guiding Principles
- In March 2007, the GP 2030 Briefing Book was released...the 50,000 foot view of Butte County. This is still a GREAT little resource document...
- In March 2007, we began **Workshop Series #1 – Issues Identification, which was completed in May 2007**
- During 2007, DDS continued our city/county coordination with City Council/Board member meetings
- In 2007 the BOS agreed to combine Workshop Series #2&3 together which is where we began to develop Alternatives for our General Plan. **Workshop Series # 2/3 started in May of 2007**
- During 2007, DDS went to many of our 42 communities, asking them, 'what do they like about your area?', 'what don't they like?', 'what would they like to see changed?' and 'what would they like to see stay the same?'

- DDS staff visited and held workshops in the Central Buttes, Cherokee, Cohasset, Durham/Dayton/Nelson, Concow/Yankee Hill and Jarbo Gap, Feather Falls/Forbestown/Clipper Mills, Biggs/Gridley, Forest Ranch, Nord, Palermo/Honcut, Oroville area, Berry Creek/Brush Creek, Lake Oroville Area, Paradise Area, Richvale, Stirling City, Bangor/Rackerby, Chico area and Butte Meadows/Jonesville
- In the summer of 2007, after a lot of work by our consultant team and MANY County department staff, our Setting and Trends Report was released. It's 1,000+ pages, has over 100 pages of information about water resources and studies in Butte County...
- Toward the end of 2007, we held educational workshops for the CAC and the public addressing – Fiscal Issues, Climate Change, Water, the Butte HCP, Fire Safety, Deer Herds and Sustainability
- **Prior to starting workshop Series #4, on April 13, 2008, we released our Alternatives Evaluation Report...to assist in the public debate/discussion on the various Study Areas and alternatives for each one**
- In the spring of 2008, we began **Workshop Series #4**, Alternatives Evaluation and Selection. It included 1 Public, 4 CAC meetings, 3 PC meetings, and 2 BOS meetings
- In July 2008, we completed Workshop Series #4, arriving at our Preferred Land Use Alternative
- In July 2008, a joint BOS and PC meeting on the Deer Herd Study was held
- In September 2008, we did our Notice of Preparation for our EIR on our Draft General Plan
- In Sep 2008, we began **Workshop Series #5, Goals & Policies Development**

At these meetings with the CAC, we discussed the following Meeting Topics:

Urban Growth Boundaries , County Character, New Development & Housing , Regional & Local Coordination, Cultural Resources & Tribal Coordination, Community Health & Safety , Noise , Agriculture, Water Resources, Economic Development, Transportation, Circulation & Scenic Highways, Roadway Improvement Alternatives, Bicycle Improvement Alternatives, Utilities, Services & Airports, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Natural Resources & Habitat, Green Building, GHG and Energy Policies

- In Feb 2009, the BOS approved the Goals and Policies that would make their way into the General Plan
- In March 2009, we began **Workshop Series #6 on the Housing Element**
- In Sept 2009, we released DRAFT Butte County General Plan
- In Sept 2009 we began **Workshop #7 on Draft General Plan** – 1 Public, 2 CAC, 2 PC, 4 BOS
- In Sept 2009, we provided a presentation to the Airport Land Use Commission on General Plan 2030
- In Dec 2009, the BOS held a special Board meeting on the Concow area
- In Jan 2010, the BOS spent 2 days working on the General Plan
- In April 2010, the BOS held a special meeting on the Butte Creek Canyon area
- In July, Aug, Sept 2010, the BOS held special GP meetings to perform a variety of clean ups, Deer Herd issues
- **October 26, 2010** - All clean ups have been completed and Butte DDS arrives today with the General Plan that incorporates all BOS direction and we seek BOS approval of Butte County's new General Plan.

**For all 380 entries of our journey captured in our ebinder, please visit <http://www.buttegeneralplan.net/ebinder>**