



TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: January 26, 2010 Progress Report #68 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 68th 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. January 19 and 21, 2010 Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Meetings on the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 document, Land Use Map, and Circulation Map (Meeting Series #7)

The final meetings pertaining to Meeting Series #7 devoted to the finalization of the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030, Land Use Map and Circulation Map took place on January 19 and 21, 2010.

The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission reviewed all of the recommendations made by staff, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Water Commission, together with information and comments provided by the public, community groups, county departments, and other agencies on the Draft General Plan 2030 document. The Board provided final direction to staff on the Draft General Plan 2030 document including all of the Elements and Chapters contained therein, including the Land Use Map and Circulation Map. In addition to all of staff's recommendations, the Board of Supervisors reviewed and acted upon additional requests and comments submitted by the public.

The Staff Report and all exhibits, including additional requests and comments submitted at or prior to these meetings, are posted at www.buttegeneralplan.net. This information can also be reviewed at the Development Services Department, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville.

All of the final recommendations from the Board of Supervisors are being compiled at this time and a Meeting Summary will be completed in the coming weeks. The meeting summary will consist of: 1) A record of all Board actions and, 2) An addendum to the Draft

Butte County General Plan 2030 document, Land Use Map and Circulation Map that will reflect all changes approved by the Board of Supervisors. All final recommendations will be incorporated into a Final Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 document and Land Use Map and Circulation Map, which will be scheduled for final adoption in September 2010.

Next Steps: Butte County General Plan 2030

The completion of the January 19 and 21, 2010 Meetings allows staff to begin two key tasks under the General Plan 2030 project. These include: 1) A Draft Program-Level Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and, 2) A Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update. These tasks are discussed in more detail below. Meeting times, agendas, documents and other resources regarding these tasks will be available via the General Plan 2030 Website at www.buttegeneralplan.net, and by contacting Development Services at 538-7629.

Draft Environmental Impact Report

A Program Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared for the Draft of Butte County General Plan 2030 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This document is intended to review Butte County General Plan 2030 for significant environmental impacts pursuant to CEQA and to accept public input concerning environmental issues. The DEIR will undergo a 60-day public review period (45-days are mandated by State Law) which is scheduled to begin in March. A Planning Commission meeting will be held to receive public input in mid-April. All comments submitted to the Planning Commission or to staff during the review period will be reviewed and responded to within a Final EIR, which will be distributed in August. Final adoption of the Final EIR is scheduled for an August/September timeframe. Development Services staff will circulate the DEIR and Final EIR to all interested parties, including all local and state agencies, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) in accordance with State Law for distribution through the State Clearinghouse.

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update (Meeting Series #8)

Staff has made preparations to begin Meeting Series #8 devoted to the creation of a new Butte County Zoning Ordinance. The new Zoning Ordinance is intended to be wholly consistent with Butte County General Plan 2030. The new Zoning Ordinance will include a comprehensive update to the text of the zoning ordinance and will also implement the new County-wide zoning map based upon the Butte County General Plan 2030 Land Use Map.

Work on the Zoning Ordinance Meeting Series will begin with a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2010. This meeting will focus on how the existing zoning ordinance can be improved and best serve Butte County residents. The new Draft Zoning Ordinance and Map will then be released for public review in late March 2010 and a Public Workshop will be held to accept public input. The Planning Commission will then hold up to 10 individual meetings devoted to the review of the Draft Zoning Ordinance. Final adoption of the Zoning Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for early 2011.