



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: February 9, 2010 Progress Report #69 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 69<sup>th</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. Zoning Ordinance Schedule (Meeting Series #8)**

This Meeting Series will be devoted to the development of a new Butte County Zoning Ordinance that will be consistent with the new General Plan 2030 draft, be responsive to the needs of Butte County and its citizens, and will ultimately lead to the successful implementation of Butte County General Plan 2030. Upcoming Important events include the following:

- March 11, 2010 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting - Butte College Main Campus Cafeteria, 3536 Butte Campus Drive, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- May, 2010 Draft Zoning Ordinance Released for Public Review
- June, 2010 Public Workshop on Draft Zoning Ordinance – Specific time to be announced
- June, 2010 Start 10 Planning Commission Meetings on Zoning Ordinance – Specific times to be announced
- Early 2011 Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission considers and adopts Draft Zoning Ordinance – Specific times to be announced

All of these meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend and provide comment. Further announcements regarding this meeting series will be provided on-line at [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net) as well as via emails, newspaper ads, press releases and other notifications. The Draft Zoning Ordinance will also be available on-line, at the Development Services Department at 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, and copies will be provided to all Butte County Libraries. CDs will also be available for free by contacting Development Services.

## **2. Butte County General Plan 2030 Environmental Impact Report Schedule**

Development Services staff is currently preparing the Draft EIR for public review, which will start on March 5, 2010. The Draft EIR will be posted on-line and will be available at all County libraries as well as at the Development Services Department. CDs will also be available for free by contacting Development Services. The Draft EIR encompasses the General Plan 2030 Draft as well as the required override of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting to accept public input on April 22, 2010. A Final EIR will be prepared that will include a response to all comments received during public review in July 2010. The EIR will be scheduled for the consideration of final adoption in September 2010. Key dates and events are as follows:

- Public Review Period: March 5 – May 5, 2010 (60-days)
- April 22, 2010: Planning Commission Meeting to accept public input on the Draft EIR only –no actions are being taken
- Final EIR/Response to Comments: July 2010
- Board of Supervisors GP 2030/EIR Adoption Hearings in September

## **3. Butte County General Plan 2030 Action Plan**

The General Plan 2030 process also includes the preparation of an Action Plan. The Action Plan is intended to guide the County as it begins implementation of the various programs and actions set forth by the General Plan's policies. Generally, the Action Plan is used to identify those actions that should be completed within the first five years after the General Plan is adopted. The action plan will include detailed information, including an estimated budget, project scheduling and the identification of responsible departments.

The Action Plan is still under development, and will accompany the General Plan but will remain a separate document so that necessary adjustments can be made to project scheduling and budgets without amending the General Plan itself. The Action Plan will be considered for adoption by Resolution in September at the same time the General Plan is adopted, to allow it to be modified per direction of the Board of Supervisors.

At this time, Development Services staff is working with the General Plan 2030 Subcommittee and Butte County Administration in refining all elements of the Action Plan. Development Services staff will also ensure that actions and the Action Plan are coordinated with the responsible Butte County departments.