



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: February 23, 2010 Progress Report #70 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 70<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. Butte Creek Canyon Input on General Plan 2030**

*Note: Upon receiving this update, the Board directed that a hearing be set for April 13, 2010 (time to be announced later) for information to be provided by the public expressing their concerns about the Butte Creek Canyon decision discussed below.*

Since the Board of Supervisor's final direction on the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 on January 21, 2010, Development Services has received numerous emails commenting on the Board's decision to change a land use designation in Butte Creek Canyon at the request of Jim Mann of Rural Consulting, Inc.

Specifically, on January 19, 2010 Mr. Mann requested an alternative General Plan land use designations for three parcels located near Centerville Road, approximately two miles northeast of Honey Run Road. As stated in his letter, Mr. Mann was acting on the behalf of the Dan Allen family. Mr. Mann objected to the Agriculture General Plan 2030 designation, which requires a minimum parcel size of 20-acres, and asked that General Plan 2030 recognize current land use on the property. In addition, Mr. Mann stated concerns over the designated deer herd overlay, which also requires a 20-acre minimum parcel size.

At the January 21, 2010 meeting, the Board directed staff to designate these properties as Foothill Residential under General Plan 2030. The Foothill Residential designation is prevalent in the residential areas of the Butte Creek Canyon area. The Board also instructed staff to designate other properties in the general vicinity as Foothill Residential.

The comment emails that staff has received concerning the decision for this area object to the new designation, citing concerns over land use impacts to neighbors and circulation.

Several of the emails request that the Board reconsider this decision, citing negative impacts to Butte Creek Canyon residents and lack of public input from area residents.

Staff is not making any request for Board action at this time. However, if the Board directs, staff will schedule an item in the very near future to receive public comment, which will provide an opportunity for any additional Board direction.

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

Development Services staff is currently preparing the Draft EIR for public review, which will start on March 10, 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 10 – May 10, 2010 (60-days) (previous update indicated March 5 – May 5, 2010)**
- 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 Hearing in September

## **3. Butte County General Plan 2030 –Schedule for 2010 - 2011**

Staff provides the overall schedule for Butte County General Plan 2030 as an attachment for the Board's reference. This includes timelines for the remaining tasks under Butte County General Plan 2030 including the Zoning Ordinance development (Meeting Series #8), Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process, and Final Review and Adoption of the General Plan, EIR, and Zoning Ordinance. Meeting times shown on this diagram are tentative; more specific information regarding meeting dates and times will be posted regarding each meeting on [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net), and published in local newspapers.

## **4. Suggested Board Meeting Date for General Plan 2030 Adoption**

Development Services staff suggests setting a date for the Adoption of the Butte County General Plan 2030 and associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Wednesday, September 29, 2010. This final action on Butte County General Plan 2030 will complete the Butte County General Plan 2030 update process, with the exception of the Zoning Ordinance Update, which will take place in early 2011. The September 29, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Planning Commission meeting, which also must take official action in making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The meeting would be scheduled to take place from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the morning

session devoted to the consideration and adoption of the EIR and the afternoon session devoted to the consideration and adoption of the final Butte County General Plan 2030.

# Butte County General Plan 2030 Tasks H through L Draft Schedule

