



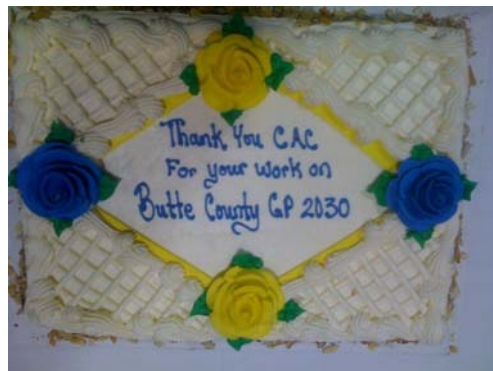
TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Snellings, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: March 16, 2010 Progress Report #71 on Butte County General Plan 2030

This memo is the 71st 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. March 11, 2010 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting



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The Citizens Advisory Committee held their 24th and final meeting on March 11, 2010. This meeting was devoted to the development of the new Zoning Ordinance. The meeting was attended by 18 members of the CAC and approximately 20 members of the public. The CAC reviewed a dozen key issues necessary to create the new Zoning Ordinance including urban and rural zoning districts, minimum Agriculture and Timber Mountain parcel sizes, Deer Herd Migration Overlay Zone, Unique Agriculture Overlay Zone, Riparian Buffers, Clustered Development, among other key issues. The CAC provided feedback to staff on each of these key issues. The CAC's recommendations will help to develop the new Draft Zoning Ordinance. Eight members of the public also spoke during the public comment period. Development Services staff will compile the CAC's recommendations and all public comment

and this information will be made available to the Board of Supervisors and posted on-line at www.buttegeneralplan.net in the coming weeks. Future steps involved in the development of the new Zoning Ordinance under Meeting Series #8 include:

- Draft New Zoning Ordinance to be released in Mid-May
- June 23, 2010 Public Workshop
Southside Community Center, Oroville, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meetings,
Board Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 - ◆ July 1, 15, 29
 - ◆ August 5, 19
 - ◆ September 2, 16
 - ◆ October 7, 21
 - ◆ November 2

2. April 13, 2010 Butte Creek Canyon General Plan 2030 Board Agenda Item

The Board of Supervisors instructed staff to set a meeting for April 13, 2010 at 1:00 pm to provide an opportunity for public comment concerning the General Plan 2030 Land Use designation for several parcels in Butte Creek Canyon on Honey Run Road. On January 21, 2010, the Board changed the General Plan 2030 land use designation for these properties from *Agriculture* to *Foothill Residential*.

Numerous comments have been received from Butte Creek Canyon residents objecting to the new designation, citing concerns over land use impacts to neighbors and circulation. Several comments requested that the Board reconsider this decision, citing negative impacts to Butte Creek Canyon residents and lack of public input from area residents.

A staff report will be provided to the Board approximately 1-week prior to the April 13, 2010 meeting, and will be available on-line at www.buttegeneralplan.net. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals who have provided comment concerning this item will be notified of the April 13, 2010 Board meeting.

3. Butte County General Plan 2030 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) -Revised Schedule

Development Services staff is currently preparing the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for public review. The review period was originally intended to begin on March 22, 2010. This release date will be delayed until early April. This will allow staff time to produce a Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 that will incorporate all of the changes from the January 19 and 21, 2010 Board Meetings. This updated Draft will accompany the Draft EIR during the review period.

A separate Meeting Summary will be completed concerning the changes made by the Board of Supervisors at the January 19 and 21, 2010 meetings. The Meeting Summary will also summarize all of the public input made during these meetings. The Meeting Summary will be provided to the Board of Supervisors and posted on-line at www.buttegeneralplan.net.

4. Housing Element Update

The Housing Element has been under review with the California Department of Housing and Community Development for several months. Bay Area Economics, the County's Housing Element consultant, along with Development Services staff have been working to receive HCDs approval of the Housing Element during this time. On February 26, 2010, HCD provided a letter indicating that the revised Housing Element met the statutory requirements of State law. The revisions to the Housing Element that will be necessary include:

- ◆ Providing additional Action language to provide adequate sites for High Density Residential Housing necessary to accommodate the County's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
- ◆ Providing additional Action language to provide staff assistance in the form of expedited review for affordable housing developments in the sites inventory larger than 15-acres
- ◆ Providing additional Actions pertaining to the support of farm worker housing programs.

Development Services staff will bring a General Plan Amendment forward first to the Planning Commission and then to the Board of Supervisors in the coming weeks that will provide for the needed changes to the Housing Element, in order to achieve State certification.