



**TO: Butte County Board of Supervisors**

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

**SUBJECT: May 25, 2010 Progress Report #76 on Butte County General Plan 2030**

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This memo is the 76<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 County General Plan 2030 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

The comment period for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 is ongoing. The DEIR was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has been released for a 60-day public review period starting on Thursday, April 8, 2010, and ending Monday, June 7, 2010.

The public review period provides the public and agencies with an opportunity to submit formal comments on the adequacy of the DEIR. Copies of the DEIR and Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 are available for review at all Butte County branch libraries, the Department of Development Services at 7 County Center Drive in Oroville, and on-line at [www.buttegeneralplan.net](http://www.buttegeneralplan.net). CDs of the DEIR are also available upon request by contacting Principal Planner Dan Breedon at 530-538-7629 or via email at [dbreedon@buttecounty.net](mailto:dbreedon@buttecounty.net). Public comments on the DEIR may be submitted to:

Butte County Department of Development Services  
Attn: Dan Breedon, Principal Planner  
7 County Center Drive, Oroville 95965

Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to: [dsgeneralplan@buttecounty.net](mailto:dsgeneralplan@buttecounty.net)

**2. June 9, 2010 Butte County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) Hearing**

On June 9, 2010, the Butte County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) will hold a public hearing to review the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 for consistency with the 2000 Butte County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). The basic function of the <http://www.buttegeneralplan.net>

ALUCP is to promote compatibility between airports in Butte County and the land uses that surround them. If ALUC determines the Draft General Plan 2030 is not consistent with the ALUCP, the California State Aeronautics Act (section 21670 *et seq.* of Public Utilities Code) provides a process where the Board of Supervisors may vote to overrule ALUC's determination. At least 45 days before the County intends to take a vote to overrule the ALUC determination of inconsistency, the County must provide ALUC and the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics "Notification of Intent to Overrule", including a draft resolution that contains overrule findings. ALUC and Caltrans have 30-days after receiving the County's notification to review and comment on the findings. After the 45-days have passed, the County may adopt the resolution and findings overruling ALUC's determination by a 2/3 (in practice 4/5) vote.

### **3. Meeting Series #8 – Draft Zoning Ordinance**

Dates have been set for the release of the Public Draft of the new Butte County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance will implement the land use related policies of General Plan 2030. The Draft Zoning Ordinance will be available for public review on July 2, 2010. The Zoning Ordinance will include detailed explanations of all zoning districts, land uses and development standards. Each zoning district will include uses that are permitted as-of-right within each zone, as well as uses that may require additional permits. The Zoning Ordinance will also include land use and development approval procedures. In addition, the Zoning Ordinance includes the zoning map, which identifies the location of all zoning districts throughout the unincorporated area of Butte County. Once published on July 2, 2010, members of the public will be able to identify the proposed zoning for any given area or individual property. In the coming weeks, staff will provide further details concerning the release of the Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. Outreach will be provided to the public through the General Plan 2030 email listserve, press releases, website postings, and newspaper ads. The overall schedule for the Zoning Ordinance Meeting Series is as follows:

- ◆ Friday July 2, 2010 – Release of the Draft Zoning Ordinance
- ◆ Wednesday, July 28, 2010 – Zoning Ordinance Public Workshop, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Southside Community Center, 2959 Lower Wyandotte Avenue, Oroville, CA
- ◆ August – December 2010: ten individual Planning Commission meetings devoted to the detailed review of the Draft Zoning Ordinance.
- ◆ February/March 2011: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Final Hearings on Zoning Ordinance Adoption.

### **4. Meetings between DDS Staff and the Butte Creek Canyon Coalition**

On May 14, 2010, Department of Development Services staff met with a subcommittee of the Butte Creek Canyon Coalition as a follow up to the April 13, 2010 Board of Supervisors' Review of the Preferred Butte County General Plan 2030 land use designations in Butte Creek Canyon. Staff reviewed relevant goals and policies from the Draft General Plan 2030 with the subcommittee members and will continue to meet with the Coalition as an interested organization to both facilitate participation in the Draft General Plan 2030 review process

between now and September 2009 and, over the longer term, identification of goals for the community.

#### **5. Consideration of Staff Recommended Minor Fixes to Draft Butte County General Plan 2030**

Department of Development Services Staff proposes to bring a short list of minor ‘fixes’ and refinements to the Draft Butte County General Plan 2030 at the July 27, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting. These staff recommended changes are of limited scope and have resulted from review of the Administrative Draft Zoning Ordinance and would be an opportunity to incorporate Board direction prior to the September 29, 2010 Butte County General Plan 2030 adoption hearing.