

Forest Ranch Community Meeting –Exploring a Community Plan

On December 11, 2008 Butte County General Plan 2030 staff hosted a meeting at the Forest Ranch Community Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the subject of exploring the preparation of a Community Plan for the Forest Ranch area. This meeting was held at the request of the Forest Ranch Community Association. Approximately 20 concerned citizens from the Forest Ranch area attended. The meeting was also attended by Supervisor Maureen Kirk and Citizen Advisory Committee member Ed Miller. Butte County General Plan 2030 staff provided presentations on the Butte County General Plan 2030 process including and overview of information gathered at the last Forest Ranch General Plan Meeting held on May 9, 2007. Additionally, presentations were provided on the subject of community plans and their use in Butte County as well as the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the Forest Ranch area. Staff facilitated a group discussion with those present on the subject of developing a community plan for Forest Ranch. Major themes that developed from this exercise included the following:

- ◆ What should the actual boundaries be for Forest Ranch?
- ◆ How should the availability of water affect Forest Ranch's future?
- ◆ What kind of zoning should Forest Ranch have?
- ◆ How will fire safety regulations affect zoning?
- ◆ How should Forest Ranch plan for better fire protection for all?
- ◆ What would be the effect of an escape route from Paradise to Highway 32?
- ◆ How does the deer population affect Forest Ranch's zoning?

A more detailed accounting of the information gathered at this meeting will be available on the Butte County General Plan 2030 website very soon. The Forest Ranch Community Center is expected to hold additional meetings with the community to gauge interest in developing a Community Plan and determine how best to address Forest Ranch's interests in Butte County General Plan 2030.