



Butte County General Plan 2030 General Plan Amendment and Draft Zoning Ordinance

Notice of Preparation –Public Scoping Meeting
Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
(State Clearinghouse # 2012022059)

March 15, 2012

Butte County Department of Development Services

Purpose of Meeting

- **Notice of Preparation** is required by CEQA upon the Lead Agency deciding that an EIR shall be prepared for a project
- **Public Scoping Meeting** is provided for under CEQA to accept comment concerning the scope and content of the EIR including environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures required by a Trustee or Responsible Agency

Notice of Preparation

- Handout: Notice of Preparation
- Filed with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) on February 29, 2012 (SCH # 2012022059)
- Review Period –March 1 thru March 31, 2012

The Project

- A General Plan Amendment to General Plan 2030 (Adopted October 26, 2010) and associated Land Use Map
- A Comprehensive Update to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map
- The Zoning Ordinance Update is part of the overall Butte County General Plan 2030 project directed by the Board of Supervisors.
- These actions were directed by the Board of Supervisors in public meetings held on December 6, and December 13, 2011 and February 14, 2012

BUTTE GP 2030 -WHERE ARE WE TODAY?



- Butte County General Plan 2030 Approved by Board of Supervisors on October 26, 2010 after 4 year process begun in September 2006
- In the process of Final Meeting Series (Series #8) devoted to updating zoning ordinance and preparing General Plan Amendment to GP 2030

What is a General Plan?

- Under California Law, the General Plan is considered the "constitution" for land use and development and represents a jurisdiction's own vision and policy for the future.
- The General Plan is shaped by the citizens of Butte County and adopted by their elected representatives serving on the Board of Supervisors.
- The General Plan is considered a master "blueprint", all other County regulations are required to be consistent with its instruction and policy.

What is a Zoning Ordinance?

- The Zoning Ordinance implements the goals and policies of the Butte County General Plan by regulating the uses of land and structures within the County. The Zoning Ordinance and General Plan is required to be consistent with one another.

What is a Zoning Ordinance?

The Draft Zoning Ordinance consists of a Zoning Map and 7 textual Parts:

1. Enactment and Applicability
2. Zoning Districts, Land Uses, and Development Standards
3. General Regulations
4. Supplemental Use Regulations
5. Land Use and Development Approval Procedures
6. Zoning Ordinance Administration
7. Definitions

Supplementary Programmatic EIR

- The proposed EIR will SUPPLEMENT the original General Plan 2030 Programmatic EIR
- A Program EIR examines broad policy objectives, alternatives, impacts and mitigation measures
- Provides an opportunity for more exhaustive consideration of effects and alternatives than would be practical within individual project-level EIRs
- By using a tiered approach, the environmental review for subsequent projects can be limited to those project-specific significant effects not analyzed in the General Plan's Program EIR
- Subsequent projects may rely upon a Program EIR; however, impacts for a specific project will generally require additional CEQA review

General Plan Amendment - Text

Summary of *Text Amendments* to GP (Complete summary of draft Text Amendments available at www.buttegeneralplan.net and in Public Copy of the General Plan):

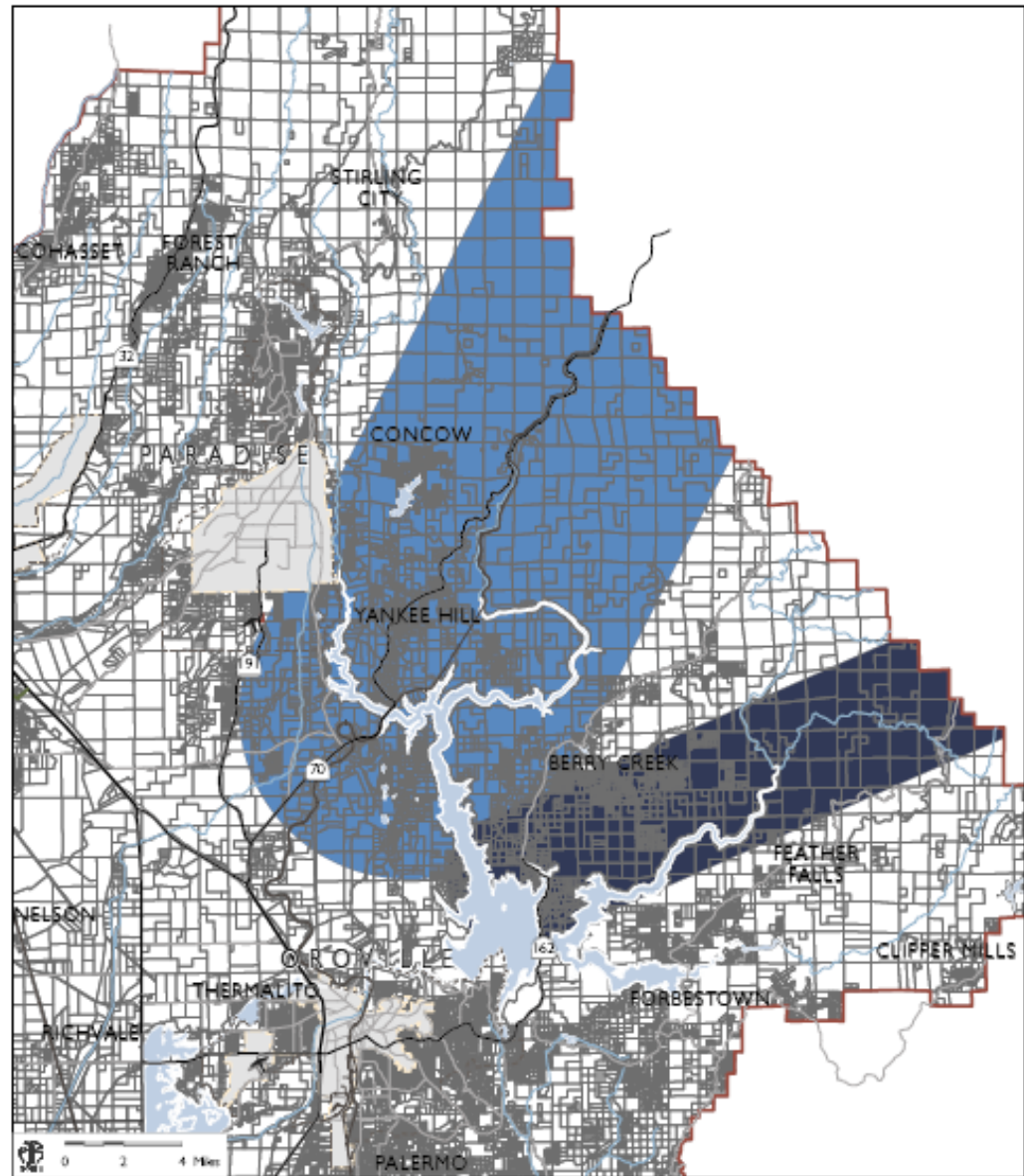
- Military Airspace Overlay
- Public Housing Overlay
- LU-P4.2: Removal of lower limit in allowable range of residential density (VLDR, LDR, MDR, MHDR)
- LU-P13.4: Amend policy to account for VLDR designation on AG side of Greenline consistent with existing policy
- W-P2.2: Amend to cite Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
- COS-P2.3: Amend to clarify the requirement for LEED standards for county buildings.
- COS-P3.7: Amend to clarify that wind and solar power generation facilities will be allowed in all GP designations, in accordance with Zoning

General Plan Amendment -Map

Summary of *Map Amendments* to GP (Complete summary of draft Map Amendments available at www.buttegeneralplan.net and in Public Copy of the General Plan):

- Changes to conform GP map with directions provided by the Board on the Draft Zoning Map (clean-ups)
- Changes from individual property owners directed by the Board
- Additional staff recommendations (clean-ups)
- AG to RR change in designation for Biggs and Palermo areas
- Military Airspace Overlay
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Military Airspace Overlay



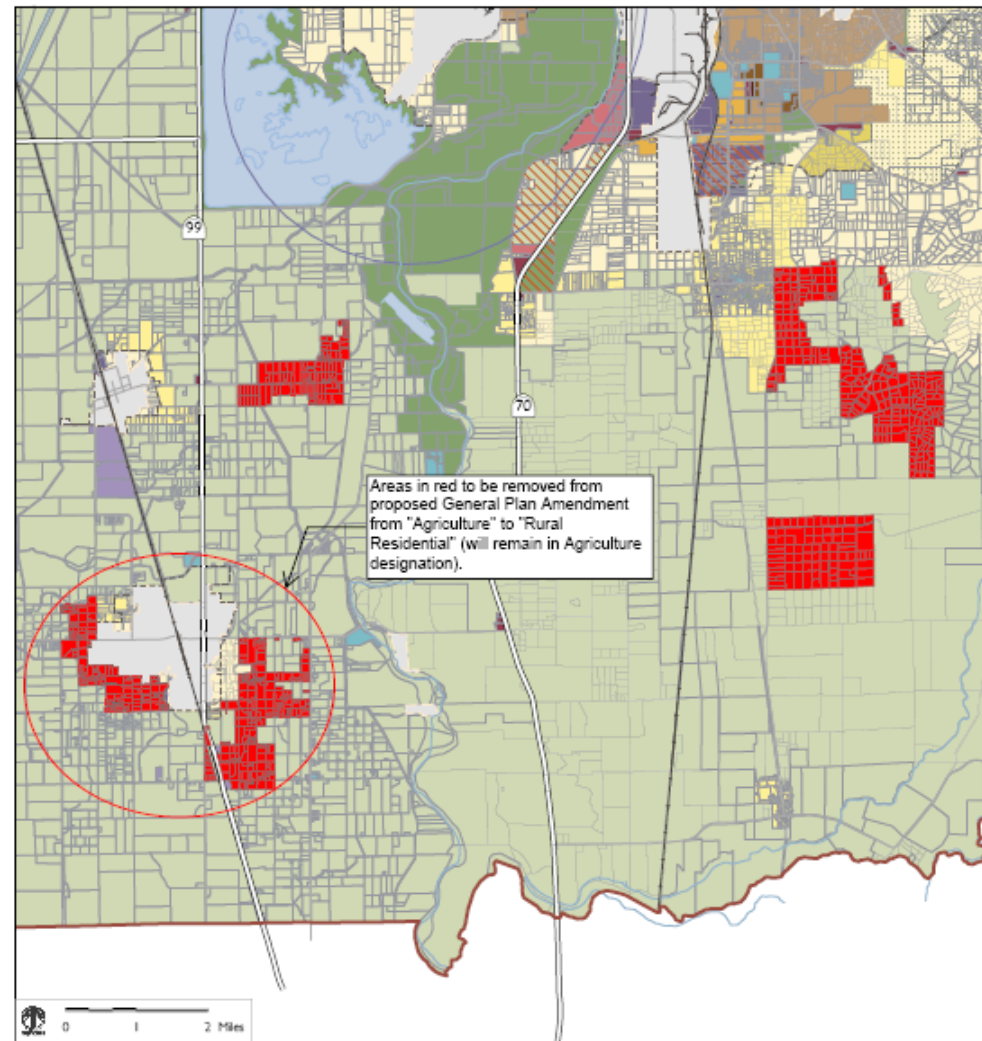
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| Airports | Major Roads | Military Airspace Overlay Zone |
| Greenline | Parcels | Military Review of Structure Over 200 feet |
| Highways | Sphere of Influence | Military Review of Structures Over 500 feet |
| Railroad | City/Town Limits | |
| Major Streams | County Boundary | |

Source: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 2011.

THIRD DRAFT NOVEMBER 17, 2011
MILITARY AIRSPACE OVERLAY ZONE

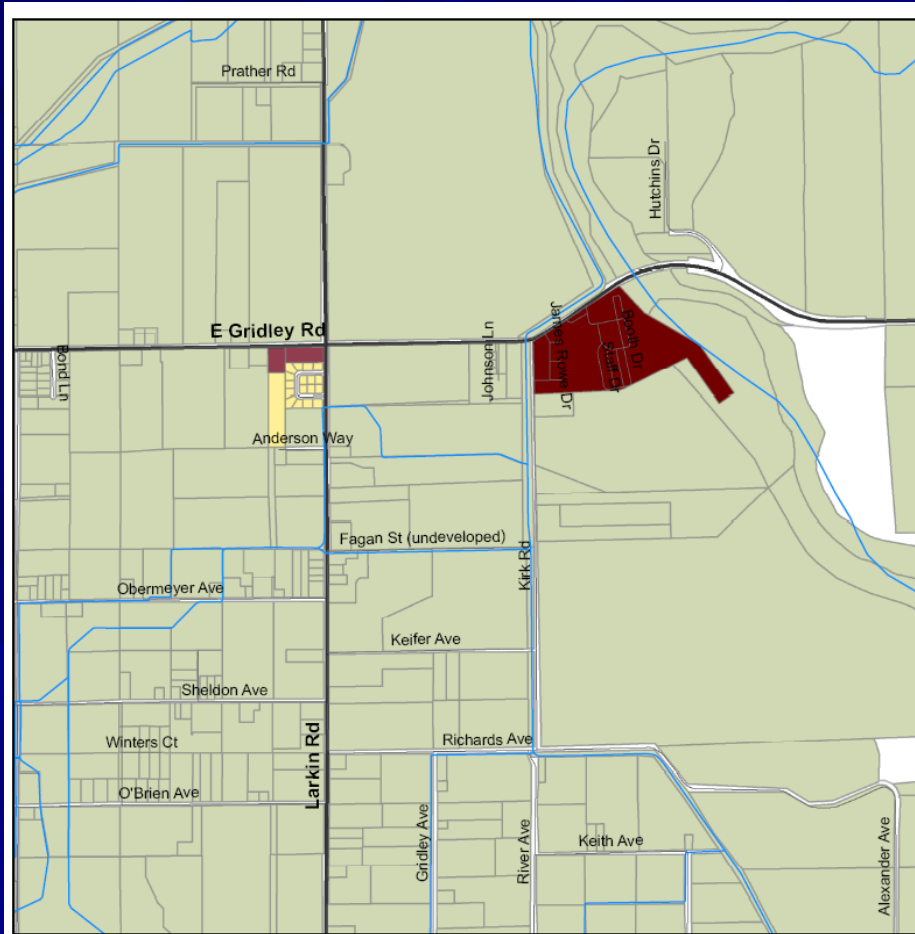
Agriculture to Rural Residential General Plan Land Use Map Amendment

EXHIBIT A




- Areas directed for general plan amendment from Agriculture to Rural Residential
- Railroad
- Major Roads
- Sphere of Influence
- City/Town Limits
- Highways

Public Housing Overlay



Legend

 PublicHousingOverlay

Draft Zoning Ordinance and Map

- Comprehensive Update to existing Butte County Zoning Ordinance
- Initiated under the General Plan 2030 process –to implement land use policy and ensure consistency with General Plan in accordance with State Law
- Developed through Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Public Workshop, 13 Planning Commission Meetings and 4 Board Meetings
- Third Draft along with changes directed by Board of Supervisors available at this meeting, on-line at www.buttegeneralplan.net and at Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville
- Fourth Draft Z.O. and Map will be released in mid-April

Lead Agency Contact

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Comments on the NOP will be accepted until
March 31, 2012.

Next Steps

- Amended General Plan and Fourth Draft Zoning Ordinance will be released in mid-April
- Supplementary EIR will be released in early May, with a review period of 45 days
- Copies of the Draft ZO and Supp. EIR will be available on CD, on-line at www.buttegeneralplan.net, at the Development Services Department, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, and at all Butte County Branch Libraries
- Final EIR and responses to all comments released in mid-August
- Adoption of GPA and Zoning Ordinance and Certification of EIR tentatively scheduled for September/October 2012 (at Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors)



Public Comment on Notice of Preparation

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