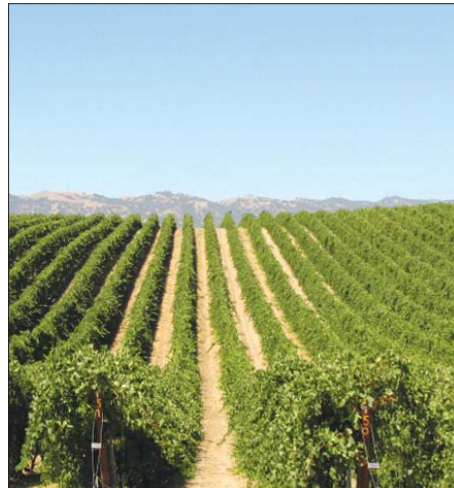


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for the 2030 COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN and ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

DATE: October, 30, 2009
TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals
FROM: Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department

Copies of the Response to Comments document for the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan (SCH #2008102034) are now available for review. More information on the public hearing process is provided below.

The proposed project is adoption of the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan (Revised Public Review Draft, November 10, 2009), certification of the EIR, and associated actions. The General Plan applies to the unincorporated areas of the County. It establishes County policy, and identifies planned land uses and infrastructure. California State law requires each jurisdiction to adopt a General Plan to guide physical growth within its jurisdictional boundaries.

The proposed General Plan has a planning horizon of 2030. It incorporates growth that would be allowed under build-out of the 1983 General Plan, plus a modest amount of additional "new" growth. In total, most of the urban growth allowed under the General Plan would occur in the communities of Covell/Pole Line, Dunnigan, Elkhorn, Esparto, Knights Landing, and Madison. Agricultural processing and tourism-related activities would be encouraged throughout much of the unincorporated area.

The Draft General Plan is organized into nine chapters as follows: Introduction and Administration, Vision and Principles, Land Use and Community Character Element, Circulation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Agriculture and Economic Development Element, Conservation and Open Space Element, Health and Safety Element, and Housing Element. Within each chapter the following information is generally provided: introduction and background information, regulatory framework, policy framework (consisting of goals and policies), and an implementation program with specific actions, responsible parties, and timing.

The following approvals are needed from the County: 1) Adoption of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; 2) Certify the EIR; 3) Adopt the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan; 4) Rescind prior Elements from the existing 1983 General Plan that are no longer required; 5) Rename Area Plans being retained to Community Plans; and 6) Amend the 2006

Bicycle Transportation Plan; 7) Accept the Final General Plan Economic Evaluation; and 8) direct staff to coordinate with the State Housing and Community Development Department to obtain their determination that the Housing Element is in compliance with state housing law.

The County and its consultant, LSA Associates, have prepared a Response to Comments document that addresses comments received on the Draft EIR during the formal comment period. The Response to Comments document and the Draft EIR together comprise the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. The County must consider the information contained in the Final EIR when deliberating the project. Following certification of the Final EIR, the County may take final action on the project.

The Draft 2030 Countywide General Plan and Response to Comments documents are available for review or purchase at the public counter of the Planning and Public Works Department at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95696. Interested parties may purchase hard copies of the document or electronic versions on CD. The document is available online at the County's General Plan website located at www.yolocountygeneralplan.org. Copies of the land use map are available online or can be purchased separately. The document is also available at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' office at 625 Court Street in Woodland, and at all public libraries within Yolo County.

A **public hearing** before the Board of Supervisors will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at either 9:30 am or 1:30 pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206) at 625 Court Street in Woodland, or as soon thereafter the set time as the matter may be considered. At this hearing it is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will take a final action on the project and associated actions. There will be no transcription of this hearing, although the video is available for viewing either live or archived, at www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1309. If a transcript is desired, separate arrangements must be made.

For more specific questions about the project please Heidi Tschudin, Contract Planner, by e-mail at htschudin@sbcglobal.net or by phone (916) 447-1809; or David Morrison, Assistant Director, Planning and Public Works Department, by e-mail at david.morrison@yolocounty.org or by phone at (530) 666-8041.

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