

September 18: Board of Supervisors Public Hearing

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to authorize use of land use/mapping assumptions for items held over from the July 17, 2007 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, approve the definition of Agricultural Districts for use by staff in developing the Draft General Plan, consider developing a program to address rural residential development through such methods as clustered housing and unit location criteria. The Board will also consider removing the reference to 200 new rural residential units in the Clarksburg Agricultural District and consider stipulating that added rural residential units are not a component of the agricultural districts.

On March 27, 2007, the Board of Supervisors took final action to adopt a Preferred Land Use Alternative for the General Plan Update. Within the Preferred Land Use Alternative, the Board took several actions that had the effect of identifying new acreage for commercial and industrial development (economic development) over the next 25 years. In some cases the Board also identified new acreage where residential development may be allowed as well. Based on the Board's direction, the staff prepared parcel-based recommendations for each area of the County where this potential new growth would occur. These recommendations were presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 17th in the form of land use and mapping assumptions to be used by the General Plan team in order to prepare the Draft General Plan land use diagram and land use table. This information, in turn, will be used to prepare the Draft EIR for the General Plan Update.

At the July 17, 2007 meeting, the Board of Supervisors authorized the majority of land use/mapping assumptions, but held over several items for additional analysis and deliberation. This report provides recommendations regarding the continued items for the Board's consideration so that direction may be provided on the remaining assumptions.

The land use diagram and land use table will be used extensively in the development of the Draft General Plan and Draft EIR. The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will have the ability to make further refinements to the Draft General Plan throughout the Update process; however, as the process continues to get more specific, changes later in the process (particularly to mapping and acreages) may adversely affect the budget and schedule.

The public hearing will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Erwin Meier Administration Center at 625 Court Street, Woodland, California. Public comments will be at the discretion of the Chair of the Board. Any written materials should be submitted in advance.

The Board of Supervisors staff report is available here. A copy of the staff report and other associated materials are also available for purchase at the Yolo County Planning, Resources and Public Works Department located at 292 West Beamer Street in Woodland.

Written comments on any aspect of the General Plan update are invited and should be addressed to:

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