

2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The overall objectives of the Butte County General Plan 2040 are outlined in the General Plan's Guiding Principles, which describe how Butte County intends to grow and develop through the implementation of its General Plan. These principles were developed at the outset of the process to create General Plan 2030, and reflect



Rice field in the spring in Butte County. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Department of Development Services.

input provided by the public, Citizens Advisory Committee and Planning Commission, as well as final direction by the Board of Supervisors.

- ◆ **Cooperative Planning.** Through the Butte County General Plan and the municipalities' General Plan update processes, the County will partner with municipalities, special districts and unincorporated communities on important regional planning issues. Furthermore, the County will collaborate with the military to ensure the land uses within military operating areas (MOAs) are compatible with the military mission.

- ◆ **Circulation.** Accommodation of all modes of transportation is an important element of the General Plan that will be coordinated with all of the transportation planning agencies.
- ◆ **Growth, Urban Development and Housing.** The General Plan addresses areas of urban development for anticipated growth during the next 20 years to meet the housing needs of Butte County residents.
- ◆ **Airport Land Use Planning.** The General Plan protects the county airports in coordination with the 2000 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.
- ◆ **Natural Resources and Environment.** The General Plan addresses the protection, enhancement, utilization and management of natural resources and the environment.
- ◆ **Public Health and Safety.** The General Plan promotes the public's health, safety and welfare.
- ◆ **Economic Development.** The General Plan plays a critical role in establishing a positive environment for economic development.
- ◆ **Agriculture.** The General Plan addresses agriculture as an important aspect of Butte County's economy that will be protected, maintained, promoted and enhanced.
- ◆ **Rural Development.** The General Plan identifies appropriate locations and the type of growth that will occur in rural areas while protecting the integrated benefits of agricultural resources, natural resources and the environment.
- ◆ **Recreational Opportunities and Protection of Cultural Resources.** The General Plan addresses the need for new parks and recreation opportunities. Cultural resources that are significant to Butte County's history will be identified and protected.
- ◆ **Sustainability.** The General Plan addresses, identifies and promotes ways to maintain or enhance economic opportunity, viability and community well-being while protecting and restoring the natural environment.
- ◆ **Public Services.** The General Plan addresses where and how the full array of public services and facilities will be provided to the varied and diverse geography of the county.
- ◆ **Water Resources.** The General Plan addresses the protection and management of water resources.