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**BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
BUTTE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2040 UPDATE
AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 9, 2023, at 9:00 am**, or shortly thereafter, to consider making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adoption of Butte County General Plan 2040. The meeting will be held in person in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. Public comment will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online (pursuant to recent changes to the Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules, no online public comments will be taken):

Link: <http://bcdds.net/PlanningCommission>

Event (Meeting) Number: 2551 541 1463

Event Password: Planning

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The General Plan establishes the community's long-term vision for the future, including where people in Butte County will live, work, shop, learn, and recreate. It serves as guidance for all zoning and land use decisions within the unincorporated area of Butte County. It will shape future housing, support job growth, foster healthy and resilient neighborhoods, protect, and manage natural resources and agricultural lands, ensure community safety, and promote social and economic equity. The General Plan 2040 Update outlines the County's goals for physical growth, conservation, and community life, and contains policies and actions to guide the County in reaching those goals. The General Plan 2040 Update is updating six Elements of the General Plan: Health & Safety (including the Noise Element), Housing, Land Use, Circulation, Water Resources, and including a new Environmental Justice Element. The Housing Element was processed in a different timeline and was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2023. Other Elements of the current General Plan are revised to ensure consistency with the updated elements such as Area and Neighborhood Plans, Agriculture, Conservation and Open Space, Economic Development, and Public Facilities and Services. The General Plan 2040 Update also incorporates the Upper Ridge Community Plan, which includes projects and strategies for the Upper Ridge Community Plan Area, including the redesignation of 28 parcels from Retail and Office to Mixed-Use.

PROJECT LOCATION: Butte County (unincorporated)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared for the County of Butte Department of Development Services in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the Butte County General Plan 2040 Update. The DEIR was made available for a 45-day public review period from January 6, 2023 to February 21, 2023. After receiving public comments, a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be provided to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for certification.

The DEIR identifies environmental impacts that are less than significant or require mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant in the following topic areas: aesthetics, cultural resources, energy, geology

and soils, hazards and hazardous resources, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems. Significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified in the following topic areas: agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and wildfire.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft General Plan 2040 Update and DEIR may be reviewed or downloaded from the County of Butte website at <https://www.buttecounty.net/dds/generalplanupdate>. The Planning Commission Hearing Notice with a QR Code to the County of Butte website will be available at all County libraries. A copy of the DEIR and all documents incorporated by reference in the EIR are also available at: Butte County Development Services Office, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, California, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on Wednesdays until 3:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. For further information contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena at (530) 552-3683 or via email at mmichelena@buttecounty.net

If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact us at (530) 538-7601. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.