



**REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Status Report on Yolo County General Plan Update

**Report in Brief**

Yolo County started the comprehensive update of its General Plan in 2004 and is expected to finish the process with adoption of a new General Plan in July 2009. The last comprehensive update occurred in 1983. In 2007, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors selected a preferred land use alternative which serves as the basis for the Draft General Plan currently under preparation. This report provides an updated schedule for adoption of the Yolo County General Plan Update and highlights key aspects of the Draft General Plan being prepared.

No action is required of the City Council; this report is for informational purposes only.

**Background**

In July, Yolo County General Plan staff met with planning staff from the county's four cities to brief them on the General Plan project. Key elements of the Draft General Plan include the following:

- Yolo County has not made any additional changes to the land uses adjacent to the four cities.
- The General Plan time horizon extends to 2030.
- The General Plan proposes 6,800 to 9,300 new residential units. In addition to this, there are 4,000 un-built residential units remaining from the 1983 General Plan.
- The General Plan will collapse the existing 75 land use designations into 12.
- LSA is serving as the General Plan EIR consultant.

Heidi Tschudin, the contract project manager for the General Plan Update, is scheduled to make a presentation on the General Plan effort to the Woodland City Council at its November 18, 2008 meeting.

The current adoption schedule for the Yolo County General Plan Update is as follows:

- **September 10, 2008** – Release of the Draft General Plan, this document includes the preferred land use plan and the goals/policies/implementation programs for General Plan elements (land use, housing, circulation, etc.).
- **September 16, 2008** – Staff will make a half day presentation on the Draft General Plan to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission during a joint Board/Commission workshop. Staff will review and discuss the Draft General Plan and the workshop is not intended for deliberations.
- **After September 16, 2008** – Staff will convene a series of workshops in the unincorporated communities, and hold meetings/presentations with the cities, the Wintun Tribe (Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians of the Rumsey Rancheria), and UC Davis.
- **November 3 – 5, 2008** – The Planning Commission will hold workshops on the Draft General Plan. If needed, an additional day (November 6) of workshops will be held.
- **Late November 2008** – Yolo County closes the comment period on the Draft General Plan and releases Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update.
- **January 12, 20, and 22, 2009** – The Board of Supervisors will hold workshops on the Draft General Plan.
- **June 2009** – Planning Commission will consider the General Plan Update and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- **Late July 2009** – Board of Supervisors will receive the Planning Commission’s recommendation and take final action on the General Plan Update.

### **Discussion**

City staff will continue to monitor the Yolo County General Plan Update effort with particular attention on any changes to the land use designations on the City’s edges, and within its sphere of influence.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact will result as this report is for informational purposes.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council Agenda.

**Recommendation for Action**

No action is required of the City Council; this report is for informational purposes only.

Prepared by: Dan Sokolow  
Associate Planner

Reviewed by: Robert MacNicholl  
Planning Manager

Reviewed by: Barry Munowitch, AICP  
Assistant City Manager

---

Mark G. Deven  
City Manager