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BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING

November 21, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Board of Supervisors' Room
County Administration Center
25 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. ROLL CALL** – Commissioners Donati, Nelson, White, Wilson and Chair Kennedy.
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA** – Commission members and staff may request additions, deletions or changes in the Agenda order.
- IV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
(Presentations will be limited to five minutes. The Planning Commission is prohibited by State Law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the Agenda).
- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – The Chair will call for a presentation of the report of staff. The hearing will then be opened to the public for proponents, opponents, comments, and rebuttals. The hearing will be then be closed to the public and discussion confined to the members of the Planning Commission and staff. The Commission will then make a motion and vote on the item. It is requested that individual public comments be addressed to the Chair and limited to a maximum of 5 minutes so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to address the Commission. Following your presentation, please print your name and address on the speakers sheet so that the record will be accurate.

9:00 AM

A. DRAFT AGRICULTURE MITIGATION ORDINANCE, CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Draft Agriculture Mitigation Ordinance (AMO) has been developed to implement Butte County General Plan Action AG-A2.1, which directs that this ordinance be prepared to permanently protect agricultural land of equal or greater value in place of land that is re-designated from agriculture to a non-agricultural general plan

designation. The ordinance establishes provisions for agricultural conservation easements as a means of mitigating loss of agricultural land through such re-designation based upon a 2:1 ratio of the amount of land that must be placed under easement to the amount of agricultural land re-designated to a non-agricultural designation. The ordinance sets standards for where the Agriculture Mitigation Ordinance applies; activities that are or are not subject to the AMO; additional sections devoted to Definitions; Mitigation Requirements, Methods of Mitigation including direct acquisition of Land Conservation Easements, In-Lieu Fees, and Mitigation Credit Banking; Eligible Lands that qualify for agricultural conservation easements; process for Final Approval; Agricultural Conservation Easement Requirements; Administration, Monitoring, and Reporting; Stacking of Conservation Easements; and, Agricultural Conservation Easements on Lands Subject to a Williamson Act Contract. This project is considered a subsequent activity that is within the scope of the previously Certified Final General Plan 2030 Program EIR, and no new environmental document is proposed. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168, Butte County finds that this project would not generate any new effects and that no new mitigation measures would be required because the project does not include any effects not already examined in the Final General Plan 2030 Program EIR. The Planning Commission will review the Draft Ordinance and make recommendations for approval to the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

10:30 AM

B. PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITIES ORDINANCE

The Special Events Facilities Ordinance establishes standards for the development and operation of special event facilities, applicable to the Agriculture, Timber Mountain, Rural Residential, and Very Low Density Residential zones. A Special Event is defined as a celebration, ceremony, wedding, reception, corporate function, or similar activity that takes place on a periodic basis, involving the gathering of individuals assembled for the common purpose of attending a special event. The ordinance identifies appropriate permit processes, based upon the size of the parcel, number of events, and the number of attendees. The ordinance also includes standards addressing an Event Management Plan, Noise Control, Traffic and Circulation, Neighborhood Notification, Operational Limitations, Public Health, Setbacks, Lighting, Signage, Development Standards Applicable to Agricultural Zones, and Permit Revocation and Modification requirements. These provisions are necessary to reduce impacts to surrounding properties so that special event facilities do not result in the creation of an incompatible land use. The Public Workshop will be used to inform the public concerning this draft ordinance, receive input from the public, provide feedback to the Planning Commission, and to receive further direction from the Planning Commission necessary to finalize the draft ordinance for later consideration by the Planning Commission and adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

VI. ADJOURNMENT