Project Description

A draft Community Planning Guide has been developed to provide a process and framework for community planning in El Dorado County. The draft was prepared based on feedback provided by the Community Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC) and several community members currently involved in some form of a community planning process. The purpose of developing a Community Planning Guide is to provide a roadmap or framework for community members and the tools necessary to get from a grassroots level discussion about community identification to an enforceable community plan. On June 24, 2014, the Public Working Draft dated May 9th, 2014 was presented to the County Board of Supervisors. Community meetings are being held in August to receive input on the draft Guide. A final draft is anticipated to be completed and brought back to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in September 2014.

Background

The General Plan’s Statement of Vision and Plan Strategies encourages growth to reflect the character and scale of the community in which it occurs. General Plan Goal 2.4 promotes the enhancement of existing rural and urban community character. A community’s character and identity is protected and enhanced when new development projects (homes, businesses, etc.) place an emphasis on both the natural setting and architectural design of a community. Detailing specific qualities and features unique to the community and requiring proposed projects be designed to reflect these qualities helps ensure that new development contributes to the community’s quality of life and economic health.

While the General Plan land use map and zoning adequately regulates the type and location of land uses within the County, these rules do not fully address the appearance of development. With this in mind, General Plan Policy 2.4.1.2 directs the County to develop community design guidelines (homes, businesses, etc.) place an emphasis on both the natural setting and architectural design of a community. Detailing specific qualities and features unique to the community and requiring proposed projects be designed to reflect these qualities helps ensure that new development contributes to the community’s quality of life and economic health.

To submit comments on the Draft Planning Guide, please email to economic.development@edcgov.us or mail to: El Dorado County Economic Development, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95677

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*Note: Meeting schedule subject to change. Before going to a meeting, check the Long Range Planning website at: http://www.edcgov.us/LongRangePlanning/under What’s New for updates.