



**Siskiyou County
Planning Commission Staff Report
January 15, 2025**

**New Business Agenda Item No. 1
General Plan Update Revised Visioning and Guiding Principles**

Project Summary: Presentation of the revised General Plan Visioning and Guiding Principles

Exhibits:

- A. Revised Visioning and Guiding Principles
- B. Previous Visioning and Guiding Principles
- C. Joint Workshop Meeting Notes
- D. Comments from Karuk Tribe

Background

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The draft vision statements and guiding principles were developed by the Project Team in direct response to the community feedback received in June and July 2024. Staff and the consultant team then presented the draft visioning and guiding principles at a joint Board of Supervisors meeting on October 15, 2024 (see Attachment B). After receiving feedback from the Board and the Commission (see Attachment C), staff revised the visioning and guiding principles and presented the changes to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on December 30th.

The revised visioning and guiding principles can be found in Attachment A.

Comments

A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Siskiyou Daily News on January 1, 2025. No public comments were received at the time this staff report was written. However, staff did meet with the Karuk Tribe on December 20th. The comments are summarized in Attachment D:

Karuk Tribe

The tribe provided a variety of edits to strengthen already existing principles outlined in the revised document. Most of the comments are more detailed and focused, which may be better articulated as specific policies outlined in the General Plan Elements.

Environmental Review

The General Plan Visioning and Guiding Principles recommendation is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines under the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Because it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential for the proposed recommendation to have a significant effect on the environment, staff is recommending the "common sense exemption" be adopted in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Planning Staff Recommendations

- Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the revised General Plan Visioning and Guiding Principles; and
- Recommend the Board of Supervisors determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Preparation

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Siskiyou County General Plan Update

Vision and Guiding Principles

Revised Administrative Draft

December 2024

Countywide Vision Options

Option 1:

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Option 2:

To build a sustainable prosperous future for all, Siskiyou County strives to improve the lives of workers, visitors, and residents alike by focusing on the following priorities:

- Continuing to support local schools and students.
- Strengthening community resiliency.
- Encouraging new business opportunities.
- Upholding the County's rural heritage.
- Emphasizing private property rights.
- Exercising sound stewardship of natural resources.
- Prioritizing local community interests.
- Promoting sustainable adaptive management practices.
- Providing efficient cost-effective government services.

Guiding Principles

1. Hazards, Safety, and Wildfire Preparedness

- Protecting communities from natural hazards.
- Maintaining community health and safety through disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation.
- Implementation of practical climate adaptation strategies.

2. Natural Resources and Scenery

- Responsibly managing natural resources and open spaces.
- Maintaining public access to recreational opportunities.
- Promoting thoughtful and sound stewardship.
- Securing water for agriculture purposes.

3. Economic Development

- Incentivizing economic development.
- Expanding employment opportunities.
- Boosting local tourism.
- Supporting renewable energy.
- Expanding the natural resource economy.
- Encouraging locally owned businesses.

4. Sense of Community and Unique Lifestyle

- Prioritizing rural communities and lifestyles.
- Collaborating and consulting with tribal partners as appropriate.
- Fostering local independence and community resilience.

5. Land Use, Housing, and Infrastructure

- Incentivizing development to meet current and future housing needs.
- Providing efficient, competent, and cost-effective government services.
- Encouraging development near cities and employment centers.
- Expanding educational opportunities.
- Investing in local infrastructure.

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Administrative Draft

September 2024

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Countywide Vision Options

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Siskiyou County is a thriving, independent community where people can enjoy the region’s rural charm, historic character, and natural open spaces. It is a place that prioritizes self-sufficiency and the long-term economic success of its residents and small businesses. Locals and tourists alike have ample access to recreational opportunities, natural resources, and the clean air and water that ensure a healthy life for those who call Siskiyou County their home. The community protects itself from wildfires and other natural hazards through stewardship of the natural environment.

Option 2:

Siskiyou County, nestled amongst the mountains, rivers, and abundant open spaces of the region, is a place where people can live in a rural setting that matches their values and way of life. The county's support for its many small businesses and close-knit, active communities create a region where people can thrive and maintain self-sufficiency. Natural resources provide a livelihood for countless individuals and are enjoyed by visitors and locals alike.

Option 3:

Siskiyou County is a one-of-a-kind region with an independent spirit and active community. Natural resources and open spaces are intertwined with every aspect of local life and the economy, from agricultural opportunities to natural resource extraction and the promotion of tourism. Residents lead a healthy and safe lifestyle in the county's many small towns that continue to preserve their unique rural and historic heritage.

Option 4:

Siskiyou County is a vibrant, close-knit community, where everyone has the opportunity to be safe, healthy, and successful. We are a friendly, family-oriented community, with thriving schools and abundant recreational and business opportunities. In looking to the future, local neighborhoods will continue to grow while still retaining that small-town feel, with homes that are well-maintained and cared for. The county continues to be a vacation destination for visitors seeking to experience our picturesque landscapes and outdoor amenities. The economy is strong with quality employment opportunities in a variety of diverse fields such as agriculture, technology, and renewable resources. Agricultural land is conserved and the county's rural heritage remains strong. To protect from wildfire, the community practices common-sense stewardship of the natural environment, while surface and groundwater resources are preserved and fairly allocated for agricultural, wildlife, recreation, and economic uses.

Guiding Principles

1. Hazards, Safety, and Wildfire Preparedness

Option 1:

Ensure hazard preparedness to maintain safe and healthy communities. Protect communities from wildfire risk and other climate hazards through forest management, reducing wildfire risk, coordinating with State and Federal agencies, and other climate adaptation strategies. Preserve the county's clean air, soil, and water for residents through the stewardship of natural resources and mitigation of risks.

Option 2:

Maintain community health and safety through disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation. Minimize the risk posed by wildfire and improve resilience against other climate related hazards through forest management best practices, interagency

cooperation, and implementation of practical climate adaptation strategies. Work with local fire prevention and fire safe councils to reduce fuel load and prepare communities for future fire hazards.

2. Natural Resources and Scenery

Option 1:

Manage and responsibly maintain the county's natural resources and open spaces to ensure continued use for all groups in the county that depend on these spaces for their livelihood and health. Preserve public access to the region's one-of-a-kind, diverse, natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Promote sustainable water resource management for future generations of farmers and ranchers.

Option 2:

Thoughtful and common-sense stewardship of natural resources to preserve the county's clean air, soil and water for future generations that is mindful of individual property rights. Emphasize and ensure continued public access to open space and outdoor recreational opportunities while also protecting the natural landscape. Development of bike and walking paths to provide ready access to such lands. Promote sustainable surface and groundwater resource management practices to encourage agriculturally based economic development and preservation of wildlife habitat.

3. Economic Development

Option 1:

Incentivize economic development and expand employment opportunities across a diversity of employment bases. Boost local tourism through the promotion of the county's natural resources, unique history, and cultural heritage. Support sustainable natural resource economies, including farming, ranching, forestry and other industries as a cornerstone of the local economy. Encourage locally owned businesses as a way to foster community independence and promote the small-town feel and unique, historic charm of the county's many communities.

Option 2:

Support economic development and expand employment opportunities by leveraging the county's natural beauty and abundant resources. Foster a renewable resource economy that emphasizes reforestation activities and wildfire management. Encourage and promote regional tourism while maintaining quality of life standards for local residents. Emphasize sustainable natural resource economies, including farming, ranching, forestry and other similar industries as a cornerstone of the local economy. Encourage and support local businesses as a way to foster community independence.

4. Sense of Community and Unique Lifestyle

Option 1:

Prioritize the preservation of the remote, rural, uncrowded lifestyle offered in Siskiyou County. Promote community involvement through community events and collaboration with local tribes. Recognize the unique sense of place and values known throughout the county, including the independent, free spirit of local residents. Draw from residents' self-sufficient character as an asset for creating thriving, active communities.

Option 2:

Preservation of rural communities by promoting the right to farm and open range. Draw from residents' self-sufficient character as an asset for creating thriving, active communities. Continue to ensure that agricultural land is preserved for future generations.

5. Land Use, Housing, and Infrastructure

Option 1:

Incentivize the development of affordable housing near employment centers to ensure housing opportunities for all county residents, regardless of age or income. Promote intentional development that ensures community stability into the County's future while avoiding overdevelopment in rural areas. Invest in high quality infrastructure, including the county's transportation network and other services that meet the needs of residents and local businesses. Expand educational opportunities and ensure adequate health care facilities to provide care for a healthy community.

Option 2:

Incentivize development to meet current and future demand for housing by streamlining the application and permitting process. Encourage development of quality housing stock near major employment centers to ensure equal housing opportunities for all county residents and to help reduce overall vehicle miles travelled within the county. Promote development which ensures community stability while avoiding overdevelopment in rural areas and areas of unreasonable wildfire risk. Invest in high quality infrastructure, including the county's transportation network and other services that meet the needs of residents and local businesses. Continue to invest in local schools and health facilities to ensure an educated, knowledgeable, and healthy community.

Vision Statements

Public Comments:

1. #4 is closest. Likes that it is denser, as there is a lot to cover.
2. McCloud is important and commenter feels is lacking representation.
3. Self-sufficiency is important; interagency partnerships can be beneficial; food systems need to be developed; consider regional partnerships in General Plan Update.
4. More participation is needed; libraries can help get info out to public. #4 is closest.

Board of Supervisors

Criss:

- Change “fairly allocate water”. Fairly is less vague and can conflict with protection of property and water rights.
- Protect private property rights.
- Desire for more than residential subdivisions, which
 - can be problematic in the county. Subdivisions often reserve land for residences that may never be built, or are intended for folks from outside the county.

Haupt:

- Options 1-3 are missing “locatable minerals” (gold found in land, not dredging waterways). Rich history of this in the county.
- “Preserved” is a tricky word and can mean setting aside something completely.
- Need to include measures to expand economy for the benefit of children and youth. Higher paying jobs are needed for youth to end up staying in the county.

Ogren:

- More tribal engagement is needed. Inclusiveness is important to the Plan.
- Vision should reference more precisely the future generation and being able to remain in the county and create a legacy.
- Sustainable use of resources should be emphasized.
- Words need to have weight beyond buzz words.

Kobseff:

- All four visions cater to outside people/tourists/potential incoming residents. Focus should be on locals and their issues. Focus on residents, children, grandkids, etc.
- Jobs and industries that support locals should be the emphasis.
- Fisheries and tribes are missing from vision statement.
- Natural resources: they were here when people arrived, so we shouldn't try to alter the environment or create plans that alter it drastically. Sustainable management is more precise.
- The county is not an easy place to live, and the vision should be realistic and practical.

Planning Commission:

Veale:

- Focus on revenue generation and economic development.
- Biomass left after fires. Needs attention. Addressing this is an economic development tool. Generating/processing facilities are needed.

Hart:

- If ag land is removed, what will it be repurposed to? Ag land should not be converted to residential subdivisions. Subdivisions change the economy and have negative impacts [unspecified].
- County audits ag land but not vacant subdivided residential land. For subdivision parcels, this means that, even if vacant long-term and unbuilt, the value remains inflated with no way to be reevaluated.
- Some people want ag land removed [unspecified].
- #4: last sentence, remove "fairly allocated" as this is impossible and outside County authority. Groundwater is regulated by SGMA.

Melo:

- Lack of participation is frustrating. Need strong engagement in planning efforts.
- Water is most important resource.

Lindler:

- Echoes comments on renewable energy and it's importance.
- Forest health and fire rehab need to be incorporated.

- “...neighborhoods continue to grow” is OK [this comment seemed to emphasize that growth is a sensitive issue so the wording needs to be precise and clear].
- Statement about housing conditions: remove. Not possible.
 - [Editorial comment: Personally, I would suggest leaving it in, as the vision is meant to be an aspirational statement that support programming and housing rehabilitation efforts are key to most jurisdictions achieving housing element certification.]
- Suggest to say that the economy is “diverse” rather than “strong”
- Water is not preserved. Don’t use that word. It is “sustainably managed.”

Fowle:

- Echoes comments re: private property rights/protection. Ag land and water rights need to be protected. But don’t say preserved.
- “Adaptive management” is more accurate than “preserved”
- Adaptive management of all resources should be emphasized and should encourage renewable energy generation.
- Wildfire should be used in a beneficial manner as a tool, rather than something that can be prevented. Biomass is important use of remaining resources.

Guiding Principles

Public Comments

- The County should continue to get input from experts on water and other issues.
- Suggest to think about county systems holistically. They are integrated.
- Make the most of opportunities.
- Infrastructure improvements are needed to increase the quality of life for residents.
- Minimize dependence on fossil fuels.
- Encourages the development of local food systems and programs.

Board of Supervisors

Criss:

- Hazards: include volunteer services/departments, both fire and ambulance. Make sure to include volunteers and volunteer networks.
- Fuel breaks: don’t allow development in established fuel breaks unless the developer is willing to install new breaks.
- Housing diversity is needed. Affordable housing types are needed.

- Economy: In addition to small businesses, we should encourage new industrial uses/companies. Anchor businesses are needed and can help to support local small businesses

Ogren:

- Hazards: #2 is better, but add something about evacuation routes/evacuations.
- Natural Resources: #2 is better. Maybe scratch walking and biking paths.
- Econ: Regional tourism is good, but spend more time on local and what we can do to support them and the economy. Bolster existing businesses and manage business, resources, and local needs.

Valenzuela:

- Meld the options together. All have value but none are complete as is.
- “Preserve [though another word might be better] the county’s clean air...” should be added to option 2.

Haupt:

- Flooding needs to be addressed
- Earthquakes/potential for volcanic activity aren’t mentioned but are local hazards.
- Use “Hardening of...” as appropriate to support resilience
- Electric services
- [Maintaining or supporting the development of] qualified incident command systems should be a priority.
- Natural resources: forest management for water yield is critical. Too much water is being wasted.
- Land Use: There are no communities with limited fire risk. Remove this language.

Kobseff:

- Speak to permitting efficiency. People are losing a lot of money due to time needed to approve plans/projects.
- Permitting is key and should be economical for developers/residents, rather than a constraint.

Planning Commission

Hart:

- Fire needs to be reintroduced to the landscape

- Biomass mess (junipers on the east side): energy is available but there are constraints to collection
- Sense of community is lacking in the county
- Community is divided socially
- Outside interests have constrained the development of community (socially)
 - How can we address this in the General Plan?
- Events can create community or work to build social connections
- AG-2 parcels can be subdivided. If prime ag AG-1 parcels lose water, they become AG-2 (non-prime) and then can be subdivided and lead to the loss of ag land.

Lindler:

- Flooding and landslides need to be included (they are potential significant hazards)
- Wildfire: need to speak to intersection with housing/built environment
 - Safe ingress and egress is key. Evacuation routes should be mentioned.
 - Flame height is 2-3 times vegetation height, and extends horizontally equally as far. Bring the discussion back to town, because unfortunately fires can reach there.
- Econ: Encourage economic development of natural resources. Better infrastructure is needed (i.e. biomass processing facilities). Need local options to process and sell.
- Sense of Community: How? It's tough. The fair is big for the county.
- Land Use: #2 is better. Likes sentence with "incentivize..." as affordable housing is key to both providing for existing residents and for new talent recruited by local businesses.
- Infrastructure: Communication infrastructure is a constraint. High speed internet is crucial to business and economic development.

Fowle:

- Echoes Supervisor Haupt's comments. Complete hardening of infrastructure against natural disasters should be the goal.
- Remove "mindful" replace with respect or respectful
- Enhance not protect natural landscapes
- Bring back meadows and wetlands
- Private timberlands are important
- Public timberlands need to be managed
- Water: use "increase and enhance" available water

- Econ: Promote and encourage the ability to produce value-added products locally within the county.
- Reforestation is not always the answer, re-meadow, re-grass, re-seed, etc.
- USE “ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT” [rather than preservation]

Additional Comments:

Kobseff:

- Don't say “preserve”
- Short, 1-2 sentences each
- Consider bullet points
- They should be realistic
- Move on to zoning and permitting issues, as permit process is a big issue
- How can the county step in to encourage more efficient processing by State and federal agencies in approving development plans?
- Streamlined approvals are needed and should be prioritized.

Background Report

Safety

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- Methane via agriculture is lower in Siskiyou than statewide due to only two small dairies in the county. Ag is not a major source. Revise accordingly.

Air Quality

- Air quality is good, no major issues. Under current state guidelines.
- Ag Commissioner has to justify impacts due to wildfire and prescribed burning for these events to be excluded from air quality attainment/non-attainment status. The process is complex.
 - Farmers call Ag Commissioner before burning to coordinate on and ensure appropriate timing, with a goal of avoiding too many simultaneous burns.
 - Tribes can now manage fuels through prescribed burns, but are not required to coordinate with Ag Commissioner and local farmers, which may cause issues and could lead to non-attainment status if not coordinated properly and documented by the Ag Commissioner.
 - Opportunity: Create program to create an easy path forward that includes coordination with farmers, tribes, and firefighters.

Roads:

- Request to document existing roads in detail and to outline coordination with outside agencies on the decommissioning of roads.
 - *Note: this is outside the scope of work of the Background Report, but the data could be compiled by County staff with assistance from Public Works. This data would be helpful in developing the Policy Document.*

Dams:

- Ensure narrative related to dam removals is past tense. Removal is complete.

Flooding:

- 2005 flood was significant, but 1996 and 1979 floods impacted the county significantly as well. These were caused by rain on snow events following a healthy winter season.

Seismic:

- Table 9.2: consider including quake that occurred in 1975 (or 1978) that was centered west of the county (Crescent City?) but felt significantly by Siskiyou County residents. The quake led to significant shaking in Scott Valley and some property damage (broken windows, roads shifted).

Livestock pass program:

- Imperative that outside law enforcement be trained on Livestock Pass Program when assisting within the County. Communication, training, and understanding is needed. Opportunity for policy/program in Policy Document.

Emergency Access and Evacuation

- Suggest identifying the locations of fire equipment and water tenders in the county, and to report the ratio of water tenders to coverage area (i.e., is there one tender for every 80 acres, for instance).
 - What is the ideal ratio? How do facilities compare?
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Option 3:^[BT3]

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Guiding Principles

With the Karuk Tribe's invaluable Traditional Ecological Knowledge, we have partnered with Siskiyou County in order to develop a sustainable forest management plan that has increase habitat quality, quantity, and connectivity thereby promoting the overall biodiversity in our region.

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2. Natural Resources and Scenery

~~Thoughtful and common-sense~~ Employ sustainable landscape-scale stewardship of natural resources that incorporates Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Manage resources in a way to preserve the county's clean air, soil and water for future generations that is mindful of individual property rights while collaborating with Tribal, private, State, and Federal agencies to sustainably utilize resources. Emphasize and ensure continued public access to open space and nature based recreational opportunities while also protecting the natural environment and the flora and fauna that inhabit it. Promotion of sustainable water resource management practices to encourage agriculturally based economic development and preservation of fish and wildlife habitat.] [BT7] [JJDJ8]

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historic charm of the county's many communities. ~~BT 11~~

4. Sense of Community and Unique Lifestyle

~~Prioritize the p~~ Preservation of the remote, rural, uncrowded communities by lifestyle offered in Siskiyou County promoting the right to farm (including the right to gather traditional foods) and open ~~range~~. Promote community involvement through community events ~~and~~

collaboration with local tribes. Recognize the unique sense of place and values known throughout the county, including the independent, free spirit of local residents. Draw from residents' self-sufficient character as an asset for creating thriving, active ~~communities~~ ~~BT 14~~ ~~BT 15~~ ~~BT 16~~

5. Land Use, Housing, and Infrastructure ~~BT 17~~

~~Incentivize the~~ Encourage sensible development of housing to meet current and future demand for housing by streamlining the application and permitting process. Emphasize and reaffirm the county's commitment to the belief that all people are deserving of dignity and respect, including the right to clean and safe

~~housing~~ near employment centers to ensure housing opportunities for all county residents, regardless of age or income. Promote intentional development that ensures community stability into the County's future while avoiding overdevelopment in rural areas and areas of unreasonable wildfire risk. Invest in high quality infrastructure, including the

county's transportation network and other services that meets the unique needs of residents and local businesses, rural communities, including transportation networks, water distribution and treatment systems, waste management, communications, and power distribution. Streamline the application and permitting process. Continue to invest in local schools and health facilities to ensure an educated, knowledgeable, and healthy Expand educational opportunities and ensure adequate health care facilities

~~to provide care for a healthy community~~ [JJDJ19] [JJDJ20] [JJDJ21] [JJDJ22] [JJDJ23] [BT24] _

6. Education. This section requires development. Educational services of rural communities along CA 96? Curriculum? What are the expectations for Tribal children & their families?