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PALOMA COMMUNITY PLAN

Statement of Principles and Vision

We, the residents of Paloma, through the adoption of this document, wish to convey to Calaveras County our desire to maintain the rural and historic nature of our community along with our sense of place. We shall foster a free-spirited and tolerant community in which all residents and visitors:

- feel safe and secure
- have opportunities to be mutually supportive and connected to one another
- can participate in community events and processes regardless of heritage, belief, faith, origin, or time of arrival in our town.
- have opportunities for learning for people of all ages.
- can find outdoor recreational activities at hand.
- support the success of future generations by sponsoring activities for youth.
- take care to be good stewards of our land by adopting sustainable land use and economic policies.
- come to know and value and preserve the historic nature of our town, including its Native American and Gold Rush origins, mines, and historic ranches.
- have full awareness of, and access to, quality health, education, and emergency services
- bequeath a clean and well maintained town for future generations.
- have an opportunity to resolve differences through amicable and community based processes and venues.
- are committed to town hall democratic procedures to made decisions together..

PALOMA TOWN CENTER (for area definition, please refer to accompanying map.)

We wish to permit the following land uses within the Paloma town center:

- 1.) PUBLIC USE
 - fire station
 - community garden
 - bus stop/transit station
 - school/education center
 - family park
 - post office
 - community center/town hall

- 2.) HOUSING AND BUILDING STRUCTURES
 - single family dwellings only, no apartments or duplexes
 - mixed use commercial and residential
 - mixed use light industrial and residential

-church/place of worship and residential.

3.) OTHER PRMITTED USES:

- agriculture, as permitted under RA zoning
- commercial/retail
- open space
- recreational

PLANNING AREA BEYOND TOWN CENTER

We hope the county will consider the land use principles we adopted in 2007 (see attached) in determining land uses surrounding our town. In addition, we hope you share our commitment to our ranches, mines, and other working landscapes, as well as to maintaining open space between Paloma and the towns of Mokelumne Hill and Valley Springs. We also request all parcels currently designated "unclassified" be placed in RA or A1 zoning and future land use.

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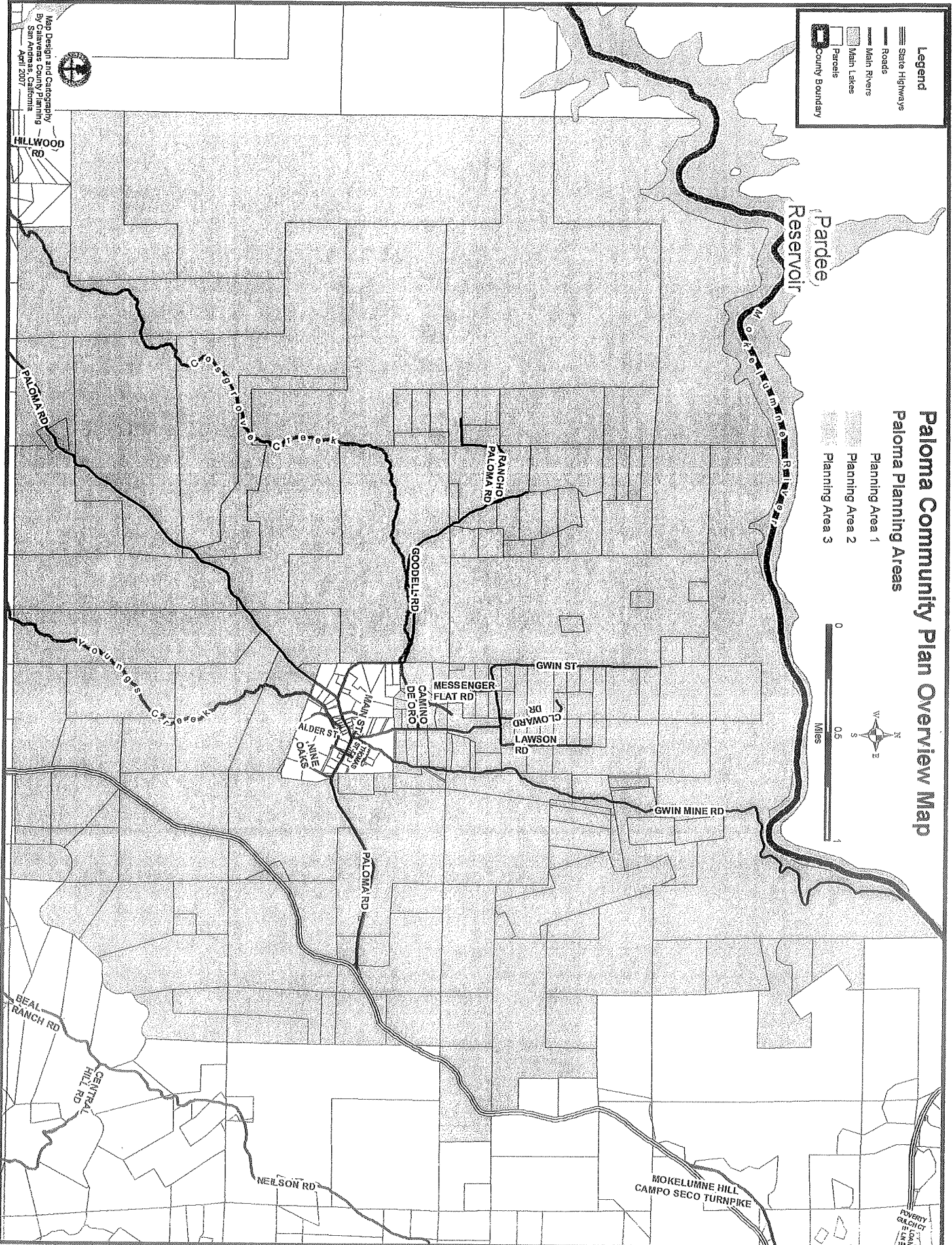
- State Highways
- Roads
- Main Rivers
- Main Lakes
- Parcels
- County Boundary

Paloma Community Plan Overview Map

Paloma Planning Areas

- Planning Area 1
- Planning Area 2
- Planning Area 3

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Land Use Principles

1. Land uses should be consistent with stated community visions or goals.
2. New development should be concentrated in existing community centers.
3. A range of housing types should be available for people of all income levels.
4. Development should not outpace the ability of local governments to provide adequate services and infrastructure, reduce the level of services provided to, or place economic hardship on, existing community residents.
5. Communities should have clearly identified boundaries with separation between them provided by agricultural land, wildlife corridors, greembelts or parks.
6. Infrastructure such as water lines, sewer lines and roads should not be extended outside existing developed areas unless those areas are contiguous to existing communities and scheduled for development in the near future as part of the community plan.
7. Land uses should not put land-use conversion pressure on agricultural lands or threaten the continued operation of existing industrial and commercial businesses.
8. Projects should be approved only if there is adequate water to supply them without risking water quality and current water supplies to existing users.
9. Project design should work with the contour of the land, preserve physical features such as rock outcroppings, trees, watercourses, and wetlands, and protect important habitat.
10. This plan should protect valuable wildlife habitat, visual quality, agricultural areas, archaeological sites, and other open space resources.
11. Environmental and community mitigation measures should adequately address all impacts to community centers and outlying areas.
12. All projects should promote sustainable technologies including support for energy and water efficient practices utilizing principles of conservation.