

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED VISION STATEMENT AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vision Statement

The historical character of the county's communities, the value of its productive resources, the distinction of its physical beauty, and growing economic opportunities will create a high quality of life for residents and a remarkable and memorable experience for visitors to the county.

Guiding Principles

- **Property Rights**
 - The General Plan will protect the rights of property owners.
 - County government will respect and protect the property rights of people in their efforts to maintain or develop productive resources.

- **Role of the Plan**
 - Where practical, the General Plan will be as general as possible, rather than specific, favoring adaptability.
 - As a document that guides the County's future and exerts great influence on the lives of the citizens, the General Plan shall be written in a style that is understandable to the public.

- **Economic Development**
 - The General Plan intends to promote an improved, business friendly economic climate for the prosperity of its citizens, for the livability of the county, and to enhance the tax base in order to provide needed services and fiscal stability.
 - The County desires to allow economic growth and foster it where possible.
 - The County understands that its economy relies heavily on agriculture, forestry, mineral industries, recreation, and tourism, and desires to support those endeavors where practical.
 - The General Plan will endeavor to preserve the natural beauty of the region consistent with diversified economic growth and the rights of property owners.
 - The General Plan desires to foster a more diverse economy which will result from entrepreneurs being allowed to apply their creativity and expertise.

- **Community Development**
 - The history of the Gold Rush era will be alive in the culture of distinctive communities that provide a high quality of life for generations of residents.
 - The General Plan and the County values its heritage and the unique qualities of its individual communities. Community Plans, as developed by the local residents, will help preserve the character of historic communities and foster economic growth, delivery of services, and provision of infrastructure.
 - Through community involvement and volunteerism, residents will be active participants in guiding Calaveras County towards the common vision for the future.

- **Infrastructure**
 - New development will pay the costs of providing adequate additional infrastructure and services necessitated by development, including roads, water sewage disposal, and services such as schools, police, and fire protection, without reducing the level of service enjoyed by existing communities.

- Roads and streets will be well-maintained and well-connected and other modes of transportation will be encouraged.
- The General Plan promotes coordination among agencies to provide effective and efficient water, wastewater disposal, fire protection, and other essential services.
- **Safety and Natural Resources**
 - Protect citizens and resources from natural and manmade hazards.
 - Maintenance of open space, wildlife habitat, agricultural lands and forests will be accomplished by the continued ability to maintain the productive resources in the county by those who own, operate, or manage them.