

DRAFT WORKING VISION STATEMENT AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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

Guiding Principles

- 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.
- Open space, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, agricultural lands, forests, rivers, and lakes will be protected and maintained for wildlife habitat, productive grazing and agricultural lands, and recreation.
- Communities will have clear boundaries and be separated from one another by working landscapes, greenbelts, or parks.
- Communities will have distinct centers where shopping, medical services, childcare, schools, jobs, and infrastructure are available. They will provide a range of housing types and affordability so people of all income levels can live in the same community.
- Businesses will thrive in a strong local economy based on sustainable natural resources and innovative industries. New opportunities for economic development will capitalize on advanced technology and catalyze growth and innovation.
- Visitors from around the state will be attracted to Calaveras County's historic communities, local businesses, recreation areas, and wineries. Tourism will play major role in the local economy and protection of natural and scenic resources.
- Development will not outpace the ability of County government to provide adequate services and infrastructure or reduce the level of service provide to existing communities.
- Highways and streets will be well-maintained and well-connected. Public transit, bike and pedestrian facilities will provide choices for travel within communities and to major destinations.
- Water quality and water rights will be protected to ensure that they are sustained for future generations.
- The risks of flooding, fire hazards, and climate change will be mitigated to the greatest extent possible to protect residents.
- Residents will have access to medical and emergency services, and opportunities for life-long learning and enrichment at educational institutions.
- Government services will be efficient and effective with measurable results. Through community involvement and volunteerism, residents will be active participants in guiding Calaveras County towards a common vision for the future.

The Vision Statement and Guiding Principles are based on input from community groups, community workshops, Board of Supervisors, and County staff. The document will be refined following the selection of the preferred alternative in Phase 4, and ultimately placed in the preface of the General Plan Policy Document.