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# San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors hears General Plan update

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### Next steps in the General Plan process

- March 29-31: Focus group meetings on specific topics of the General Plan for unincorporated areas of the county.
- Late March-April: 14 community meetings throughout the county.
- May: County Planning Commission to recommend preferred growth plan.
- May, June or July: Board of Supervisors to decide on preferred alternative, on which the environmental impact report will be based.
- August-October: Public review of the General Plan EIR.
- October-December: Adoption of the General Plan.

### Focus group meetings

(Open to the public)

- **March 29, 10:15-11:45 a.m.** — Services, utilities, safety.
- **March 29, 1:15-2:45 p.m.** — Natural resources and the Delta.
- **March 29, 3-4:30 p.m.** — Transportation and traffic circulation.
- **March 31, 1:15-2:45 p.m.** — Land

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In what Community Development Director Kerry Sullivan described as a kickoff of the public review process, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors received a report Tuesday on four alternatives to how rural communities might grow in the next 20 years.

The report, part of the General Plan update process, covers potential residential, commercial and industrial growth on land outside the Lodi city limits and the six other cities within San Joaquin County. The county currently operates under the General Plan adopted in 1993.

Supervisors offered little comment, with Supervisor Steve Bestolarides saying it would be inappropriate for board members to state their growth preferences before the public has a chance to say what they think.

The report covers potential growth and how different options would affect issues like job creation, emergency services, greenhouse emissions, ag land, water supply and demand, energy consumption, demand for

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use/housing/economic development.

- **March 31, 3-4:30 p.m.** — Agriculture.

Location: County Public Health building, 1601 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton.

Additionally, 14 community meetings throughout the county will be scheduled for late March and most of April. Dates and locations have not been set.

More information: [www.sjcgpu.com](http://www.sjcgpu.com).

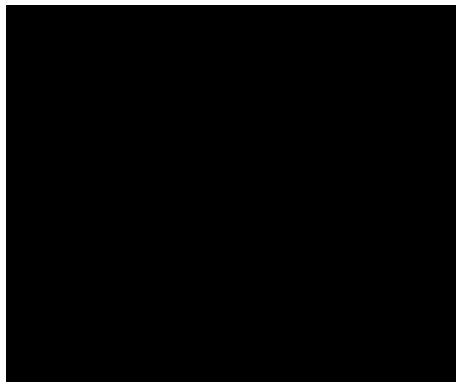
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### Also on the agenda

In other action:

- The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors awarded a \$175,828.40 contract on Tuesday to Ford Construction of Lodi for the third phase of fire system improvements to Micke Grove Park.
- The board postponed an appointment to the Morada Municipal Advisory Council to replace Bill Fields, who resigned recently.

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parkland, flood risk, wildland fire risk, jobs/housing balance, road impacts, airport growth and how far residents would commute to work.

The report also shows population projections based on the city of Lodi and the other six cities within San Joaquin County. The seven cities develop their own general plans, while the county's is based on unincorporated land only.

Lodi — including some areas that may be annexed in the future into the city limits — has a population in the 73,000 range, according to the county General Plan. But in 20 years, Lodi could be in the 90,000 range.

Board chairman Larry Ruhstaller said that a silver lining to the economic recession is that the board has more time to debate the new General Plan because developers aren't knocking on the doors of county offices ready to construct new buildings.

Supervisor Ken Vogel, who represents the Lodi area, was ill and did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider adopting a new General Plan in late 2011 or early 2012.

Contact reporter Ross Farrow at [rossf@lodinews.com](mailto:rossf@lodinews.com).


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Kent Rogerson, of Stockton, left and Gil Dellinger of Morada, who sometimes goes by Franklin Roosevelt or Irving Berlin, paint en plein air at Emerson Park. in Lodi on Friday, March 11, 2011. They paint the foliage and a home on the corner opposite the park. The men paint on Fridays when the light is right.



### I wish I drove an Oscar Meyer Wienermobile

Oscar Mayer Wienermobile attendants Kylie Nellis, of Pittsburgh, and Joey Besl, of Cincinnati, talk about their adventures across America in the famous hotdog-shaped vehicle while stopped at Food-4-Less in Lodi on Friday, March 11, 2011.

### Mardi Gras in Lodi

Jeremy Vocque, left, gives beads to Walter Plath at the Lakewood Mall in honor of Mardi Gras on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Partnering with Wrappin' Up and the School Street Bistro, Vocque donned a jester costume and handed out beads, bracelets, plastic coins, balloons and pieces of king cake to passersby to celebrate the colorful holiday. "I've always loved Mardi Gras for the fun," Vocque said.

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### East Acampo Road house fire — no injuries

A door is ablaze outside of the site of a house fire in the 3000 block of East Acampo Road in Acampo on Friday, March 4, 2011. The door, which was smoldering for more than 20 minutes before igniting, was quickly extinguished by Woodbridge firefighters. According to Capt. Mike Jennings with Woodbridge Fire, firefighters received the emergency call at 12:24 p.m. and had the fire under control 40 minutes later. No one was injured, Jennings said, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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