Focus of Presentation

• Background of Process
  – Critical Choices – Phase I Outreach
  – Technical Studies and Mapping: Foundation for Sketch Planning Process

• Sketch Plan Alternatives
  – Overview of each Sketch Plan
  – Key differences (land use designations, buildout, development patterns

• Next Steps
What is the General Plan?

- Blueprint for land use and community development in the County
- 20 year plan for unincorporated areas of the County
- Basis for all decisions on development in the County

“The General Plan is the constitution for all future developments within a city or a county.”

- California Supreme Court, 1990
Required Elements of the General Plan

1. Land Use:
2. Circulation
3. Housing
4. Conservation
5. Open Space
6. Noise
7. Safety
Optional Elements of the General Plan

1. Economic
2. Energy
3. Telecommunications
Realities of Planning

Local Planning
Regional Environmental Regulations
State Planning Law
State Environmental Regulations
Federal Environmental Regulations

“Realities” of Local

(thanks to RCAA)
## Realities of Planning

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On-going citizen involvement
Critical Choices

- Protect the unique character of Humboldt and quality of life
- Prosperous economy
- Protect forest and agricultural lands
- Long-range environmental planning
- County-wide interests
Technical Background Studies

- Building Communities
- Natural Resources and Hazards
- Moving Goods and People/County Transportation Model
- Agricultural Resources and Policies
- Forest Resources and Policies
- Residential Land Availability Survey
- Sketch Plan Alternatives
- Community Design Toolkit
- Related Studies:
  - Harbor Revitalization Plan and Rail Study
  - Airport Master Plan
  - Prosperity! Update
  - Telecommunications Plan
  - District Sphere Reports (LAFCO)
  - Fire Plan
Population

Humboldt County Population

- 1990: 115,000
- 1992: 120,000
- 1994: 125,000
- 1996: 130,000
- 1998: 135,000
- 2000: 140,000
- 2002: 145,000
Population

Total Humboldt County Population: 1970 Projected to 2040
Figure 1– Projected Humboldt County Population by Age Group, 2000 – 2040
From 1990 to 2000, almost 4,800 housing units were built, while the population increased by 7,400. So a house was built for every 1.5 people, 1.8 in unincorporated areas.
## Future Housing Demand

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“The best way to predict the future is invent it.”

Alan Kay