

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 77 (2009)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKEPORT PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE 2025 LAKEPORT GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, Section 65300 of the *Government Code* of the State of California authorizes cities to prepare long-range comprehensive guides known as general plans; and

WHEREAS, Section 65361 of the *Government Code* of the State of California limits the amendment of the Lakeport General Plan to not more than four times per year; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is presented as the first quarter amendment of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeport has been operating under a General Plan adopted in 1992 consisting of General Plan text and maps; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeport City Council determined that the existing General Plan had to be revised to bring the document into conformance with State law and to make all the elements internally consistent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan will supersede the 1992 General Plan text and maps; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element was previously adopted by the City Council and shall remain in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeport City Council created the General Plan Advisory Committee in March 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeport selected Quad Knopf to complete the General Plan Update on January 28th, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a background report was completed in September 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning staff subsequently initiated a wide ranging five-year citizen participation program that included community workshops, a public information effort, public workshops and hearings, and other techniques extending beyond the requirements of law; and

WHEREAS, a visioning workshop was held in September 2004 and participants were given the ability to map out their ideas for the future of the of Lakeport; and

WHEREAS, staff presented status reports to both the Planning Commission and City Council beginning March 2004 through October 2006; and

WHEREAS, a joint Planning Commission/City Council hearing was held on June 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, eleven City Council General Plan Workshops were held prior to the regular City Council Public hearings between March 2006 and October 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a meeting on February 6, 2007 to consideration of amendments proposed to accommodate the proposed golf course project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a meeting on March 14, 2007 to consider proposed General Plan Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the Draft General Plan on June 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, three community workshops were held on January 25, 2006, December 03, 2008 and December 04, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that an Environmental Impact Report needed to be prepared for the revision of the General Plan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and the City of Lakeport Environmental Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council did encourage and accept public input and comments on the proposed Draft General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City incorporated changes to certain policies and amended other portions of the Draft General Plan as a result of the public input and comments that were received; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing updates to the General Plan and Map and forwarding a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption or adoption with modifications of the General Plan and Map; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Lakeport Planning Commission recommends that the Lakeport City Council adopt the Lakeport General Plan, including text and Land Use Map, as presented and amended at the Planning Commission Public Hearing on February 25, 2009.
- B. The findings in support of the amendment of the General Plan are as follows:
 - 1. The proposed General Plan contains a thorough and adequate treatment of land use, economic, environmental, and development issues within the realm of the planning period. The General Plan contains Land Use, Urban Boundary, Transportation, Community Design, Economic Development, Conservation, Open Space, Parks and Recreation, Noise, Safety, and Housing Elements.

2. The proposed General Plan is internally consistent and would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the City.
3. The proposed General Plan encourages appropriate land uses, preservation of neighborhood character and natural resources, infill of vacant land area, new multi-family residential development, provision of urban services and utilities, pedestrian facilities and enhancement of the property tax base.
4. The proposed General Plan includes a wide variety of objectives, policies, and implementing programs designed to enhance the public, health, safety and welfare, including the Safety Element which addresses soil limitations, flood hazard, potable water supplies, emergency preparedness, fire protection, and police protection. The Plan further protects the public health by limiting development in areas incapable of sustaining it without irreversible damage to the environment; specifically the Plan protects wetland and riparian areas, oak woodland environments, and reduces the potential for land sliding, seismic hazards, visual impacts, and habitat damage by limiting development in certain areas as necessary.
5. The proposed General Plan addresses the issue of Global Warming and contains numerous policies designed to reduce the impact of future development on climate change.
6. The proposed General Plan amendment has been processed in accordance with the California Government Code, and the City has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

This Resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Lakeport at a regular meeting thereof on the 25th day of February, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Spillman, Gaynor, Marino and Kauper

NOES:

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Taylor

John Marino, Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Andrew Britton, Planning Commission Secretary