

7.0 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 OVERVIEW

This section contains a discussion of community facilities and services in Tehama County, including fire protection, law enforcement, solid waste management, library and school services.

LEGAL BASIS AND REQUIREMENTS

Community services and facilities is not a required element of the General Plan. However, these facilities and services provide a framework that supports growth and development in the County. Such facilities and services also affect public health and safety, quality of life and economic opportunity. This section relates to the sections of Hazards, Infrastructure and Land Use included in the Background Report.

7.2 PURPOSE AND METHODOLOGY

Information in this section can be used in the planning process to identify goals, objectives and policies for future development within the county. Information for this section was gained from existing public documents from County or other governmental agencies and from contacts with County staff and others as shown in the Bibliography.

7.3 EXISTING SETTING

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of Tehama County and the City of Tehama is provided by the Tehama County Sheriff's Department whose headquarters are located in Red Bluff. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the County, with jurisdiction throughout the unincorporated County, the incorporated cities, and State owned property. In Tehama County the Sheriff's Department and the Office of Emergency Services are combined.

The Cities of Red Bluff and Corning operate police departments with jurisdiction throughout the incorporated cities. The California Highway Patrol enforces traffic laws throughout the county with an office located at 2550 Main Street in Red Bluff.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Tehama County Fire Department (TCFD) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) are integrated departments that mutually support each agency's fire suppression efforts without an agreement. TCFD and CDF provide fire protection and other emergency services, as outlined below, for the unincorporated areas of Tehama County, with the exceptions of Gerber and Capay Fire Protection Districts.

The TCFD has automatic aid agreements with the Red Bluff City Fire Department, the Corning City Fire Department, The Gerber Fire Protection District, the Butte County Fire Department, and the Shasta County Fire Department. Additionally, the TCFD has mutual aid agreements with the Capay Fire Protection District and the Cottonwood Fire Protection District.

TEHAMA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (TCFD)

Fire protection is the primary mission of the Tehama County Fire Department. While other jurisdictional responsibilities include wildland fire suppression, vehicle fire suppression and other miscellaneous types of fire protection, central to the TCFD mission is structure fire suppression.

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This service provides two essential benefits to the citizens of Tehama County. First and most visible is the direct benefit of having equipment and personnel trained and ready to respond to an actual structure fire emergency. The second and less visible benefit to the citizens of Tehama County is the impact of an organized fire department on the availability and rates of homeowners insurance.

TCFD currently provides actual fire responses to the citizens of Tehama County through a network of sixteen fire stations and fifteen volunteer fire companies. Four of the stations, Los Molinos, Corning, Bowman, and Antelope are staffed year round twenty-four hours a day. In 2006 TCFD employed 140 volunteers, and 10 career firefighters to staff 25 fire engines, 8 rescue squads, and 9 water tenders. Career California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) firefighters are contracted by TCFD to augment winter time fire protection staffing.

This distribution of stations puts most residents of Tehama County within five road miles of a responding fire station. Prompt reporting and dispatching of a fire, equipment and personnel availability, water supply and time of response (directly affected by distance and type of staffing) are critical elements in the success or failure of structure fire protection.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL RESPONSE

Tehama County Fire Department (TCFD) provides various levels of emergency medical services (EMS) to an area of 2,951 square miles with a population of about 56,000 people. Approximately 64% of TCFD responses over the past five years have been to EMS emergencies. This includes traffic collisions, which normally require a combination of fire protection, rescue and EMS. In 2000 emergency medical incident responses for TCFD/CDF totaled 1,527. In 2005 emergency medical incident responses for TCFD/CDF totaled 2,727, a 78.6 percent increase. Based on proposed development and a subsequent population increase the number of emergency medical incident responses by TCFD/CDF will continue to rise.

TCFD currently dispatches ground and air ambulances to EMS calls received by the Emergency Command Center (ECC). These ambulances are based out of Red Bluff, Corning, Chico, and Redding and are all private commercial operations which do both emergency and non-emergency transport of patients. After providing initial EMS, TCFD assists the ambulance personnel to and sometimes through the point of transport to a medical facility. TCFD personnel are sometimes called upon by ambulance providers to assist in loading operations only for non-emergency transports. TCFD is not reimbursed for any of these services.

The base level of EMS training within the department is mandated by state and federal law at the Public Safety First Aid level. This is the level required for personnel involved in fire protection activities. Actual training levels among personnel varies from the base level to the registered nurse level with approximately 50% of the personnel trained to the EMT-1 level. Training within the department is provided at the base level.

Just as in structure fire protection (TCFD's primary mission) EMS is provided in a large variety of settings. This includes the rural setting with extended response times for ambulances (sometimes as long as one hour) and the more urban and suburban type settings with typical ambulance response times of 10-30 minutes. The great majority of EMS responses are to single family residences in or near urban and suburban centers, closely followed by responses to traffic collisions. While EMS calls involve all ages, income and ethnic groups, most calls are for those older than 50 years of age. With the passage of baby boomers into this age group EMS responses can be expected to grow.

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New to the EMS environment in the last 10-15 years has been the increased level of service by ambulance providers in the form of more advanced medical procedures in the field. Advanced Life Support has become a standard for service and includes many procedures done in the past only after arriving at a hospital. Many TCFD personnel, in an effort to keep up with this expanding level of service, have undertaken on their own more advanced levels of training beyond the basic level provided by the department. These advanced life support procedures in the field have shown to be highly successful in the saving of life and reduced medical problems.

Also new to the EMS environment in the last 10 years has been the expanded roll and availability of air transport (helicopters). While the use of these helicopters began with responses to the most critical cases and normally in remote locations, experience has shown that their use in serious cases in the urban and suburban environment also has benefits. Today, air transport is not an exception but a regular tool in the inventory of EMS transport and treatment. TCFD personnel must be able to communicate and coordinate activities with this resource. TCFD personnel are called upon on a regular basis to set up and manage helicopter landing zones at the scene of emergencies.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SERVICES

In Tehama County, requests for rescue services generally fall into one of the following categories:

- 1) Vehicle rescue and extrication.
- 2) Over the bank, low angle rescues.
- 3) Vertical rescue.
- 4) Hazardous materials exposure rescue.
- 5) Confined space and under ground rescue.
- 6) Water, especially swift water rescue.
- 7) Heavy rescue including building and job site collapse.
- 8) Trench rescue.

The Tehama County Fire Department (TCFD) provides limited rescue services in two ways. First and most frequent is vehicle extrication at the scene of traffic accidents. TCFD squads and engines located in Corning, Los Molinos, Red Bluff, Bowman, Vina, Paynes Creek, and Mineral have specialized tools to facilitate timely extrication of victims from vehicle accidents. Most of these tool complements are in need of additional tools to complete a set. Most other TCFD stations have apparatus which carry general types of tools (i.e. air chisel, prying tools, high lift jacks, etc.) that are useful for vehicle extrication.

The second way that TCFD provides limited rescue service is incidental to its primary mission of fire control. In this roll, TCFD uses existing ladders, ropes, cutting tools, hydraulic jacks, SCBA and other equipment available on apparatus for fire control responses to make simple rescues during occasional special circumstances.

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Limited rescue service is offered by other public agencies within the county. The National Park Service provides back country, low angle and high angle rescue within Lassen Park and will respond to limited requests for assistance outside the park. The Tehama County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team is primarily a search organization with limited rescue services.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has equipped and trained its helicopter crew for "short haul" and swift water rescue services. This service is available upon request but is not part of general county plans.

Red Bluff City Fire Department is lead agency in providing Confined Space and Technical Rescue services with participating personnel from TCFD and CDF.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOMELAND SECURITY/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

The Tehama County Fire Department (TCFD) currently trains personnel to the state mandated minimum level of First Responder Haz Mat Operational. Some CDF employees within the Unit are certified to the Hazardous Materials Technical Specialist level. TCFD has no legal responsibility for abatement of hazardous materials incidents. Because TCFD is an initial responding agency to this type of incident and our mission includes the protection of life and property, TCFD takes action to isolate and identify the products involved. The threat of a terrorist attack has permeated even the rural areas of the United States; consequently, Red Bluff City Fire Department, Tehama County Sheriff's Office, California Office of Emergency Services, and TCFD/CDF operates, staffs, and maintains a Mass Casualty Incident/Decontamination (MCI) trailer. Funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant the MCI trailer has the capability of providing the equipment for mass decontamination and injury triage and treatment.

According to the Tehama County Hazardous Materials Response Plan, the legal responsibility for Hazardous Materials incident management lies with the California Highway Patrol on roadways not within the city, and Tehama County Sheriff's Department within the un-incorporated areas of Tehama County and within the City of Tehama. The California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Board have jurisdiction for incidents involving waterways. Within Tehama County, these agencies do not maintain resources to actually deal with incident containment or abatement. In most cases, these resources are procured through contract from outside of Tehama County, often from as far away as the Bay area.

TCFD has responded to an increasing number of hazardous materials incidents over the years. Of these incidents, by far the most common is incidents on transportation routes, highways being the most frequent location and railways the next most often. Leaking or dumped product has been the most common situation.

WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION

Tehama County Fire Department (TCFD) is responsible for suppression of wildland fires (vegetation fires) within the Local Responsibility area (LRA) not protected by other jurisdictions. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is financially responsible for wildland fire suppression and prevention in the SRA. The cities of Red Bluff and Corning, and fire protection districts in Gerber, and Capay are responsible for wildland fire suppression within their jurisdictions. The U.S. Forest Service is responsible for the suppression of wildland fires on National Forest property not protected by other agreements.

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The TCFD provides wildland fire protection through its existing fire department organization and resources. TCFD engines stationed in the valley floor/agricultural area generally are designed and equipped for structural fire protection. TCFD engines stationed in rural areas of the county tend to be a combination of structural type fire engines and surplus wildland engines (used CDF engines). These surplus wildland engines having been originally designed for the wildland mission have been modified to provide space for structural firefighting hose and equipment. Space limitations dictate a compromise in mission ability. As a result, these engines are not optimally equipped for either vegetation or structural fires.

The TCFD is combination career and volunteer department that has four career staffed stations on the valley floor. Time constraints for training the volunteers results in only one or two training sessions per year being devoted to wildland fire tactics, methods, and procedures. TCFD volunteer firefighters range in age from very young (min. age 18) to older retirees. While some volunteers maintain a physical fitness program which allows them to perform well during most wildland fires, most volunteers perform well on small fires or limited assignments.

TEHAMA COUNTY JAIL

The Jail is the largest division of Tehama County's Sheriff's Department, comprising about half of the Department's personnel and budget. The jail division includes the main jail, transportation unit, medical unit, and food services.

The Tehama County Main Jail is located at 502 Oak Street, at the corner of Oak and Madison, in Red Bluff. It was constructed in 1974 with additions completed in 1994. The main jail has a capacity for 209 inmates and houses sentenced and pre-sentenced inmates.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTERS

The Tehama County Library system has three branches to serve the residents of the county with locations in Red Bluff, Los Molinos and Corning. The Tehama County library system has developed collections, resources and services that reflect the cultural, informational, recreational and educational diversity of the residents. In addition the Tehama County Library system is affiliated with the North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS), which serves 13 Northern California Counties. NCSLA facilitates an extensive inter library loan program between independent city and county libraries in cooperation with academic library affiliates to provide services to the north state.

Local history collections are preserved at county libraries as well as at the Tehama County Museum located in the town of Tehama. Museum exhibits include artifacts that represent the cultural heritage of Tehama County and the genealogy of northern California. Other historical resource centers are listed in **Table 7-1** and include the Red Bluff Round Up Museum, Tehama County Genealogical and Historical Society and the Corning Museum.

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**TABLE 7-1
TEHAMA COUNTY HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTERS**

FACILITY	LOCATION	RESOURCES
Tehama County Museum	Tehama	Owned by Tehama County Museum Foundation, local artifacts.
Red Bluff Round Up Museum	City of Red Bluff	Photograph collection of Tehama County round-up events.
Tehama County Genealogical and Historical Society	City of Red Bluff	Genealogical records.
Corning Museum	City of Corning	Local artifacts, photograph collection.
Kelly Griggs House Museum	City of Red Bluff	Victorian home, guided tours, local artifacts, photograph collection.
Ide Adobe State Historical Site	City of Red Bluff	Visitors center, historic buildings and artifacts.

Source: Tehama County Museum Foundation, 2005.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The public school system in Tehama County is comprised of services provided by public elementary and high school districts and the Tehama County Department of Education. Higher education in the county is limited to "distance learning" programs from Shasta College and California State University Chico. A proposed extension of Shasta College to be located within Tehama County is currently in the planning phase. In addition to the education curriculum, public school facilities offer opportunities for community recreation and leisure activities. Facilities and services provided by private educational interests are briefly summarized.

Tehama County public schools include 21 elementary schools, four middle schools and five high schools. Additionally, there are three private elementary schools and one private Catholic high school in the county. There are also two charter schools in operation.

The total enrollment for Tehama County public schools, K-12, in 2004 was 10,274 (**Table 7-2**) with an average class size of 24 students. Information from the California Department of Education indicates that enrollment in all Tehama County schools has been fairly consistent over the last five years.

Technology resources in schools include computers and associated technology. Within the county the student-to-computer ratio is between 2.8 and 4.2 for elementary, middle and high schools. Tehama County schools student-to-technology ratio is lower than the state average of 5.5, offering a greater exposure of Tehama County students to technology.

The *Tehama County Report Card, 2003*, published by the Tehama County Health Partnership, includes references to several social indicators related to educational facilities, challenges and education attainment. For example, in looking at the 2001-02 school year, the average pupil/teacher ratio was 19, and the number of students per computer was 3.7. The ratio of high school career counselors to students was one counselor to 463 high school students. Almost 11 percent of the students in Tehama County were designated as English language learners.

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Information from the U.S. Census, as analyzed by the Social Science Data Analysis Network, indicates that, of the Tehama County population over the age of 25, 8.19 percent had less than a 9th grade education and 75.66 percent had graduated from high school.

TABLE 7-2
TEHAMA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, FALL, 2004

SCHOOL DISTRICT	2004 ENROLLMENT
Bend Elementary, (K-8), Red Bluff	81
Corning Union Elementary, (K-8)	1,964
Corning Union High, (9-12)	1,011
Elkins Elementary, (K-8), Paskenta	25
Evergreen Union Elementary, (K-8), Cottonwood	872
Flornoy Union Elementary, (K-8), Flornoy	35
Gerber Union Elementary, (K-8), Gerber	508
Kirkwood Elementary, (K-8), Corning	27
Lassen View Union Elementary, (K-8), Los Molinos	331
Los Molinos Unified, (K-12), Los Molinos	581
Manton Joint Union Elementary, (K-8), Manton	42
Mineral Elementary, (K-8), Mineral	23
Plum Valley Elementary, (K-8), Paynes Creek	44
Red Bluff Union Elementary, (K-8)	2,331
Red Bluff Joint Union High, (9-12)	2,059
Reeds Creek Elementary, (K-8), Red Bluff	136
Richfield Elementary, (K-8), Corning	204
Total	10,274

Source: California Department of Education

Higher Education

There are no colleges or universities located in Tehama County. Shasta College (located approximately 35 miles north of Red Bluff in Redding, CA) and California State University Chico (located approximately 45 miles south of Red Bluff in Chico, CA) offer education programs including distance-learning options, to residents of Tehama County.

Shasta College is a comprehensive community college offering academic programs in vocational-technical, university transfer and community services. The college is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It offers a wide range of programs and services including counseling, tutoring, student activities, veteran affairs, cultural events, lecture series, workshops and art exhibits. The main campus is located two miles northeast of Redding and has an enrollment of approximately 11,000 students.

Approximately 2,200 college students are served by Shasta College at various locations in Tehama County. The college leases property on Lincoln Street from the City of Red Bluff as well as property located in adjacent communities. The college also has an extensive Distance Learning network available via the Internet. Shasta College offers its educational, cultural and

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recreational facilities and services to residents of Shasta, Tehama and Trinity Counties through the administration of the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Community College District.

California State University Chico offers several Bachelor's Degree, Masters Degree, and certificate programs through distance learning. Courses available through distance learning via internet-based classes allow Tehama County residents to take classes from Chico State without commuting.

Tehama County and Shasta College are in the process of identifying an appropriate location within the county to construct a new campus to replace the rented and temporary facilities. It will also expand the curriculum for technology-related occupations. In March of 2002, a \$35 million bond measure was passed by the voters of the county that provides for funds to acquire property and construct a new campus in Tehama County. The building would consist of 65,000 square feet of classrooms, offices, technology laboratories and ancillary facilities. A request for proposals (RFP) was released in the summer of 2002 to identify and acquire a suitable site for construction of the facility. A Site Selection Advisory Committee has been formed to review proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the college district, who have final authority for site selection and acquisition.

The siting of a new college facility has a variety of land use planning and traffic factors that need to be considered, not only for the facility itself but also for development that can be expected to be stimulated by the campus. Expected amounts of traffic will typically require improvements to streets and sometimes freeway interchanges. Sites that are located a distance away from population centers require more travel time and impacts from increased vehicle use. The provision of other infrastructure systems such as water and sewer is necessary, and proposed development sites may have site-specific environmental issues such as wetlands.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Solid waste management in Tehama County includes one landfill, several transfer stations, and an extensive waste stream diversion program including recycling and composting programs.

The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Association (TCSLA) was formed in 1989 when four Tehama County solid waste jurisdictions entered into a joint powers agreement. The agency serves as the planning and reporting agency for the entire county under the California Integrated Waste Management Act (IWMA). The TCSLA oversees private waste management services for all areas of Tehama County except for the Cities of Red Bluff and Corning. The TCSLA has contracted with Green Waste of Tehama, a private franchise of Green Waste Recovery Inc., to oversee the waste management services for the county. Waste management services include operation of the county landfill and three transfer stations as well as curbside waste pickup that includes an extensive recycling effort.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act (IWMA) of 1989 (SB 939) required cities and counties to divert 50 percent of their waste stream from landfill disposal by the year 2000 through source reduction, recycling, composting and transformation programs. Green Waste of Tehama has implemented a "pay-as-you-throw" trash fee program, which has helped increase waste diversion in Tehama County. Within the first year of implementation of the fee program (1998) waste generation was reduced by 43 percent (**Table 7-3**). The TCSLA has also implemented household hazardous waste collection, an illegal dumping cleanup and prevention program, and a buy-recycled procurement policy as part of its integrated waste management program.

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TABLE 7-3
TEHAMA COUNTY LANDFILL DIVERSION (1998)

Recycling and Composting	21,048 (Tons)
Source Reduction*	12,366 (Tons)
Total Waste Reduction	33,414 (Tons)
Disposal	43,697 (Tons)
Total Generation	77,111 (Tons)
Percent Reduction	43%

Source: Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency, 1999.

*Paper use reduction in City of Corning offices, wood waste reused by local industries, grass cycling of lawns at schools and parks, and reusable goods discarded by a local school and sold through thrift stores and garage sales.

Note: Data represents total waste generation (residential, commercial, and construction and demolition debris) as reported in the TCSLA's New Base Year Study (1998).

Landfills

The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Association (TCSLA) owns the Tehama County-Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill, an 83.63-acre site located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of the City of Red Bluff. The TCSLA contracts with Green Waste of Tehama for operation of the landfill. The Tehama County-Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill provides extensive services for waste diversion and offers recycling services. The county achieves additional landfill diversion through salvage operations at the landfill. Green Waste of Tehama salvages appliances, scrap metal, construction and demolition debris, yard debris for composting and carpet padding. The landfill has a maximum permitted daily capacity of 150 tons per day (TPD), with an average daily loading of 131 TPD, and has an expected site life extending until 2026.

Transfer Stations

Transfer stations are located in three rural areas of the county and receive waste for export to the Tehama County-Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill. Transfer stations, located at Manton, Mineral and Paynes Creek, are operated by Green Waste of Tehama under contract with the TCSLA. All three existing transfer stations are in the process of expansion and a proposed transfer station located in Rancho Tehama is in the permit process.

Composting and Recycling Facilities

Tehama County's landfill and three transfer stations also serve as drop-off stations for recyclables and yard debris. The sites accept metal cans, juice boxes, milk cartons, plastic bags, plastic containers (No.1 - No.7), scrap metal, glass, mixed paper, newspaper, and corrugated cardboard. Recycling opportunities at the Tehama County-Red Bluff Landfill also offer an antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint (ABOP) collection program. Curbside recycling service includes metal cans, milk cartons, plastic bags, plastic containers (No.1 – No.7), scrap metal, glass, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, used motor oil and lawn wastes.

Composting efforts include an active yard waste-composting program at the Tehama County-Red Bluff landfill as well as promotion of a backyard-composting program. The Tehama County

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Sanitary Landfill Association (TCSLA) has partnered with local newspapers to promote home composting and offer composting resources. Besides county reuse programs, many independent thrift stores offer Tehama County residents the opportunity to reuse clothing, furniture, books and other household items.

COUNTY BUILDINGS AND SPACES

County facilities are largely concentrated within the City of Red Bluff. Most facilities are located within the centralized downtown area of Red Bluff (Courts, District Attorney, Health services and Agricultural Extension Services). A complete list of County offices and departments is included in **Table 7-4**. Animal control officers are an active force with the Police Departments of the City of Red Bluff and the City of Corning. The Tehama County Animal Shelter is located within the City of Red Bluff on Walnut Street.

**TABLE 7-4
TEHAMA COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Tehama Co. Administrative Building	332 Pine Street, Red Bluff
Tehama Co. Agriculture Department	760 Walnut Street, Red Bluff
Air Pollution Control	1750 Walnut Street, Red Bluff
Agricultural Extension	1754 Walnut Street, Red Bluff
Tehama County Animal Shelter	1830 Walnut Street, Red Bluff
Assessor	444 Oak Street, Red Bluff
Auditor	444 Oak Street, Red Bluff
Building and Safety	444 Oak Street, Red Bluff
Child support services	740 Diamond Avenue, Red Bluff
County Clerk and recorder	633 Washington Street, Red Bluff
Coroner-public administrator	1740 Walnut Street, Red Bluff
District Attorney	444 Oak Street, Red Bluff
Environmental Health	633 Washington Street, Red Bluff
Tehama County Fair Grounds	650 Antelope Blvd, Red Bluff
Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	9380 San Benito, Gerber
Tehama County Health Center	1850 Walnut Street, Red Bluff
Health Services Agency	818 Main Street, Red Bluff
In home supportive services	1311 Washington Street, Red Bluff
Planning	444 Oak Street, Red Bluff
Road Department/ Public Works	9380 San Benito, Gerber
Sheriff	502 Oak Street, Red Bluff
Social Services	22840 Antelope Blvd, Red Bluff
Superior Court	633 Washington Street, Red Bluff
Tehama County/ Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency	19995 Plymire Road, Red Bluff

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Treasurer/ Tax Collector	444 Oak Street
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Source: Tehama County Administration Webpage (<http://co.tehama.ca.us/>)

OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Public, private and nonprofit services and facilities that provide for the safety and well being of the people of the unincorporated County are diverse and numerous. Health, agriculture, safety, natural resource, communications, utilities and transportation services are provided throughout the county. Public health facilities are discussed briefly, while the full extent of services is far too broad to be mentioned here.

The Tehama County Health Partnership and the Tehama County Health Agency (Mental health, drug and alcohol, public health) focus on health care and public health throughout the county. St. Elizabeth Community Hospital and the Tehama County Health Center are both located within the City of Red Bluff. Many other medical facilities and organizations support the health care network. Cemeteries are located throughout the county and include locations in Red Bluff, Los Molinos, Corning, Tehama and Vina.

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7.4 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Land use planning and decision-making conducted by Tehama County must comply with applicable state and federal laws that affect public facilities and services.

Solid waste management, for example, is mandated by a number of federal and state laws that regulate hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, environmental problems associated with non-hazardous solid waste and describe provisions on resource recovery, used oil management and recycling. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, California Public Resources Code) required stricter requirements for landfill development, source reduction and recycling efforts. In cooperation with the County and cities in the county, the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Association (TCSLA) is responsible for maintaining the Integrated Waste Management Plan.

EXISTING GENERAL PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The existing 1983 Tehama County General Plan outlines objectives and policies that address community services and facilities, including schools, libraries and solid waste. The General Plan states the following goals and objectives:

- **SLR-1** Development of a land use pattern, which can be adequately served in a cost-effective manner with schools, libraries and recreation facilities.
- **SLR-a** The County shall enter into cooperative planning arrangements with school district officials for the exchange of data, the preparation of student enrollment projections, and the development of facility plans responsive to growth funding permitting.
- **SLR-b** The County should investigate the establishment of a subdivision review procedure to obtain written verification from potentially affected school district(s) that adequate school capacity will be available or is planned to be available for students generated by a proposed development.
- **SLR-c** The County should monitor the need for additional library services at existing branches and seek to establish new branch facilities in response to growth.
- **SLR-g** If conditions of overcrowding and financial hardship are evidence by the various school districts, the County may establish an ordinance requesting the dedication of land, payment of fees in-lieu thereof, or a combination of both, for classrooms and related facilities for elementary or high schools as a condition to the approval of a residential development as per ordinance requirements. Public hearings shall be held prior to any determinations by the County.

7.5 ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Counties should plan for the equitable distribution of new public facilities and services throughout the community. The equitable distribution of facilities and services has two primary components. The first component is the number and size of facilities. The second component is access, which can be measured as the distance or travel time from each residential area to the facility or service. Access may also be measured by the ability to use a variety of transportation modes including public transit, walking and bicycling. Policies addressing the distribution of public facilities and services should address existing disparities as well as the needs of future residents.