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As a member of the Tehama County General Plan Revision Project Advisory Committee (TCGPRPAC) and a member of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors I want to go on record expressing my concerns and disappointment with the Tehama County Draft General Plan.

My concerns are two fold. First, and most importantly, I'll outline areas of substance and omission in the Draft General Plan. Secondly, I will address my disappointment with the process and content of the meeting on December 7, 2006.

**Substance concerns:**

The Draft GP does not come anywhere close to adequately addressing issues of natural resources, agriculture, water or air quality. All of these issues were very clearly voiced by the TCGPRPAC, as Burt Bundy pointed out at the December 7 meeting. Lake County's Draft General Plan comes closer to what we would like to see for Tehama County.

In addition, the time line for General Plan and CEQA could be nearly simultaneous with CEQA following GP progress closely. However, on December 7 it was inferred that the CEQA process would follow only after the General Plan process was finalized. This sounds like an unnecessary delay to me.

## Concerns regarding the process of the December 7, 2006

### meeting:

The meeting was the first public view of the Tehama County Draft General Plan which was to be presented in a clear, concise, well organized format and was to be followed by TCGPRPAC members' and public input. However, the presentation by PMC was late starting, too long and poorly organized. The slide show was both unnecessary and poorly prepared. What should have been a brief introduction to the Draft GP instead became an hour and a half frustrating and embarrassing experience. The TCGPRPAC members had received a memo from planning director, George Robson two days prior to the meeting asking that their comments be presented in writing. Unfortunately, only at the end of a two hour meeting were the members allowed to present their comments. Then rather than taking advantage of the fact that those comments were written, they were asked to present them verbally while Scott and Mark tried to take notes. It was both a horrible and embarrassing waste of time. There was no real time for discussion.

Having read Bill Goodwin's email of December 8 regarding the meeting, I had hoped and expected that both PMC and George Robson would realize that the process was flawed. Additionally, I expected that you would accept these concerns and change the

process. I now understand that both PMC and George Robson feel that the December 7 meeting was well received. It was not. Based on conversations I have had with various staff members, I can say that both staff and I are shocked and cannot understand the obvious miscommunication.

Let me just say that if this had been the opening night of a play, you would have been asked to cancel it and go back to rehearsals because you did not follow the script.

After so much effort by both the TCGPRPAC and the county staff I feel that you have failed and have embarrassed yourselves, me and the county. After many delays, the Draft General Plan was still not ready to go.

Sincerely,

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