# El Dorado County Planning Commission

Draft EIR for the

Targeted General Plan Amendments and Zoning Ordinance Update

As part of the Land Use Policy Programmatic Update (LUPPU)

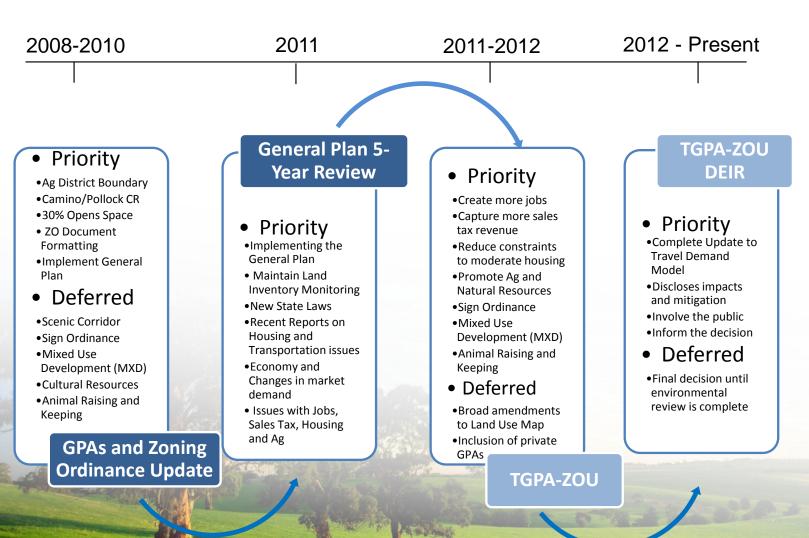
### This Meeting's Purpose

- Receive written and verbal comments on the Draft EIR
  - Comment cards are available for those who prefer not to speak
  - Other written comments are also accepted
  - Speakers may also submit written comments
  - Speakers' comments will be recorded
- This is not a meeting on the TGPA, ZOU, or MXD guide it's about the Draft EIR
  - Comment on the Draft EIR's adequacy
- No decisions are being made

### Board of Supervisors Identified LUPPU Goals

- Bring differences between the General Plan and other County planning ordinances and manuals into a more useful, beneficial and consistent format
- Create a series of changes (reform) to the current regulatory process
- Achieve adoption of a:
  - Zoning Code Consistent with 2004 General Plan (ZOU)
  - Targeted General Plan amendments (TGPA)
  - Required 2013 Housing Element Update
- Complete a Travel Demand Model Update

### TGPA-ZOU - How We Got Here



## What is Being Considered

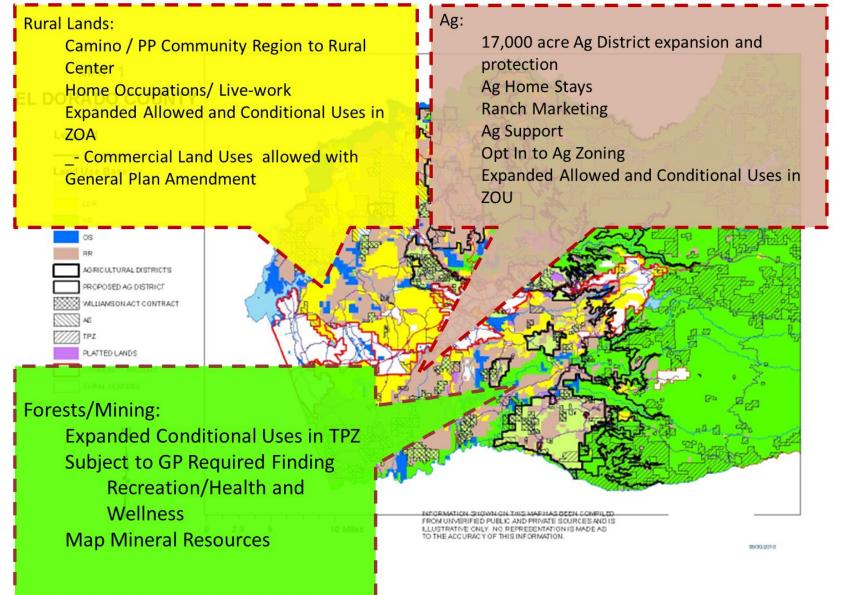
- Simplified and Updated Zoning Regulations:
  - Home Occupations
  - Animal Raising and Keeping
  - Mixed Residential and Commerce
- New Sign Ordinance
- Community Region Boundary Change for Camino/Pollock Pines
- Expanded Uses on Rural and Agricultural Lands
- Historic Design Overlay for Diamond Springs and El Dorado
- Flexible Standards for Planned Developments
- Additional items listed in adopted ROIs

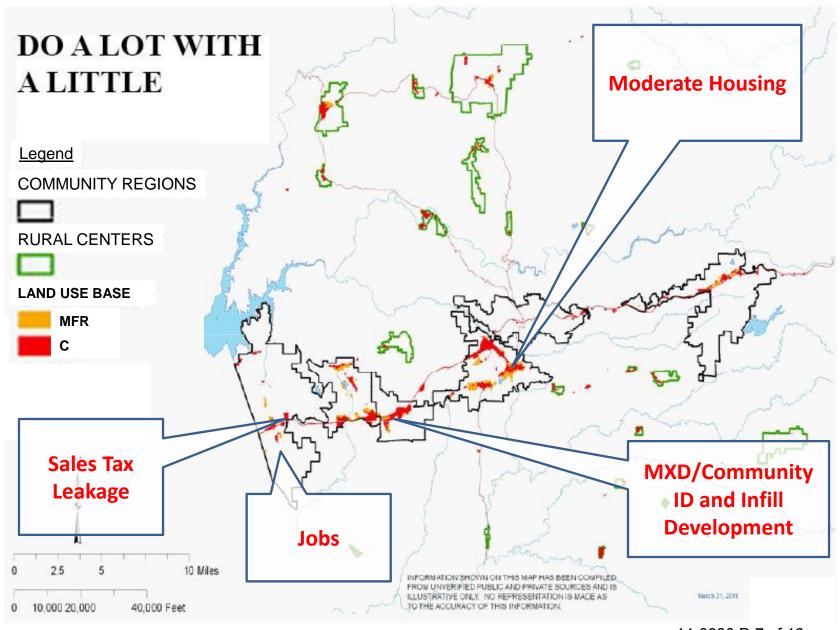


Resolution of Intention to Amer the General Plan



Resolution of Intention to Undertake a Comprehensive Update of the Zoning Ordinance





#### **CEQA - Basic Background**

- Proposed TGPA, ZOU, and MXD guide are a "Project" under CEQA
- Draft EIR analyzes and discloses potential impacts – it doesn't approve/deny the Project
- Conclusions are not site-specific:
  - The Project doesn't propose any development
  - Its specific impacts on a given site are not reasonably known

### **Approach to Impact Analysis**

- Examine potential impacts of Project compared to existing conditions
  - Note: the Project DOES NOT substantially increase the current General Plan's development potential
- Conservatively conclude that new development under the General Plan, as amended, could result in impacts
- Same for new uses allowed under the ZOU

#### **Key Conclusions of the Draft EIR**

- Significant and unavoidable effects related to:
  - Aesthetics
  - Farmland conversion
  - Air quality
  - Biological resources
  - Cultural resources
  - Land use/Planning
  - Noise
  - Growth inducement

### Conclusions of the DEIR (cont'd)

- Traffic
- -Water supply (in some parts of County)
- Cumulative impacts
  - Aesthetics
  - Air quality
  - Biological resources
  - Cultural resources
  - Land use/Planning
  - Noise
  - Transportation
  - Water Supply

#### **Impact Sources**

- EIR compares future development consistent with the General Plan (with the TGPA/ZOU included) to existing conditions
- The impacts generally result from proposed:
  - Changes in hillside development standards
  - Changes in open space requirements for PUDs
  - Changes in types/intensities of uses allowed under the current zoning ordinance
- This includes impacts associated with implementation of the adopted General Plan

#### **Mitigation Measures**

- Recommended Project revisions to reduce impacts include:
  - Limiting relaxation of hillside development standards
  - Limiting size of Resort/Retreat Centers, music festivals, and Private Recreation Areas in ZOU
  - Limiting location of Public Utility Service Facilities in ZOU
  - Compatibility review for Ranch Marketing uses
  - Restrict incompatible uses in TPZ areas
  - Add construction-related exhaust limitations
  - Extend timeframe of Transportation/Circulation
    Element Policy TC-Xa

AND DESCRIPTION

#### **Public Review and Comment**

- The Draft EIR was released for public review on March 24, 2014
- Public review period ends July 23, 2014
- Comment methods:
  - Submit written comments by mail
  - Submit written comments to County's website electronic form
  - Submit written comments at this Planning
    Commission meeting

#### **Next Steps**

- Prepare the Final EIR for the Project
  - Final EIR will Include:
    - Comments received
    - Written responses to comments received
    - Revisions to the EIR if necessary in response to comments
- Planning Commission hearings to consider the EIR, TGPA, ZOU, and MXD guide
  - Commission will recommend actions to Board
- Board of Supervisors hearings on Project
  - Board will take action on the Project

### **Additional Opportunities to Comment**

- Submit written comments on the Draft EIR by July 23, 2014
- Submit written comments on the Project prior to or at the Planning Commission and Board hearings on the Project
- Draft EIR comments received after July 23, 2014:
  - Will be considered by the Planning Commission and Board during their deliberations
  - May not receive written responses