

## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Thursday, September 19, 2024

RE: June 2024 Visioning Workshops Summary

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In May 2023, Siskiyou County began its approximately three year process to update the General Plan and Zoning Code. For this effort, the General Plan Project Team initiated a series of workshops to solicit feedback from residents on a vision for the County and key topic areas to be addressed in the General Plan. This memorandum summarizes the workshop series and feedback received.

### 1. Outreach Strategy

This section provides a summary of the publicity strategy the General Plan Project Team implemented to promote and publicize the workshops.

**Project Website.** The project website (<https://siskiyou2050.com>) was updated two weeks before the workshop series with the information, time, and location of each workshop. The website has pages dedicated to General Plan basics, community engagement, project documents, and other resources. Online versions of the workshop exercises and surveys were made available on the project website from July 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024.

**E-Blasts.** Email blasts (e-blasts) were sent out to the project mailing list two weeks before each workshop with a follow up emails sent one week prior and the morning of the event. Follow up e-blasts were also sent out to announce the online survey and exercises for those unable to attend the in-person workshops. A total of eight e-blasts were sent over the course of two months that included event information (time, location, goal of the event), a link to the project website, and links to the online survey and exercises.

### 2. Community Outreach Events

#### General Plan Workshop Series #1

From June 12th to June 20th, 2024, the County held their first 2050 General Plan Update Community Workshops at six communities around the county. The focus of these workshops was to solicit input from residents regarding assets, issues, opportunities, and vision for the county. Input received at the meetings will shape both the countywide Vision and Guiding Principles and General Plan policies. These workshops also served as a forum for community members to discuss and learn about the General Plan

update process and the findings from the County's Background Report. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to participate in several exercises, including the following:

- "Postcards to the Future" asked community members to imagine it was 2050 and they were writing a post card to friend or family member about what they saw in Siskiyou County.
- "Vision Libs" asked community members to fill in a Mad Libs-style, fill-in-the-blanks vision to create a personal desired vision statement for the County.
- "What do you love about Siskiyou County?" asked community members to note the top three things they love about the county
- A poster exercise on countywide issues asked community members to identify up to three issues of most concern
- A poster exercise on assets, challenges, and opportunities asked community members to place sticky notes about assets, challenges, and opportunities that the General Plan should address.

For those who were unable to attend any of the in-person workshops, the General Plan Team developed three online exercises and surveys to collect additional input on the countywide vision statement, as well as assets, issues, and opportunities throughout the county. These exercises were open for comment from July 1st, 2024, until July 31st, 2024.

### 3. Summary of Findings: Visioning Exercises

The following section summarizes key takeaways and major themes from community responses to the visioning exercises described above, as well as any additional feedback offered by participants at the various workshops. In addition to the in-person feedback received at the workshops, additional feedback on the visioning exercises were received via a series of online surveys and exercises.

#### *"Mad Libs" Vision*

In this exercise, participants were asked to develop their ideal vision of the county in 2050 using a Mad Libs style template. Descriptor words used in participants' visions for Siskiyou County included "thriving/prosperous," "rural," "safe," "healthy," "beautiful/idyllic," and "free." Major themes amongst input for the community's vision included the following:

- Siskiyou County should embrace its "small town" feel and rural charm that invites a **rural, remote lifestyle and sense of community.**
- Siskiyou County should embrace and protect its unique, one-of-a-kind natural resources, open spaces, recreational opportunities, and scenic views
- Siskiyou County should support its self-sustaining economy through agriculture, natural resource industries, small businesses, government jobs, recreation, and tourism
- Siskiyou County should continue to be defined by its **independent spirit and unique history.**
- Siskiyou County should promote local governance and community involvement.

### *Postcards to the Future*

In this exercise, participants were asked to imagine that they were sending a postcard from Siskiyou County in the year 2050. Participants wrote a message about what Siskiyou county will be like in 2050 and drew a picture to illustrate what they saw.

For the front of the postcard, a majority of responses showed **natural scenery and open spaces**, including mountains and grazing lands. Some postcards showed **community events**, such as a local farmers market.

Most postcard messages included positive sentiments towards the county's **natural beauty and remote wilderness, recreational opportunities, small towns, friendly community, local food scene, small businesses, sustainable farming, and public facilities and services** such as health care facilities. Many postcards also mentioned **preparedness for climate change and climate hazards**, including reduced wildfire risk and water resource management. Overall, many postcards noted a vision of **maintaining the county's rural nature, preserving its history, and avoiding overdevelopment**, all while fostering a thriving and active community.

### *What Do You Love About Siskiyou County?*

Participants reviewed a large poster identifying a variety of activities and positive aspects of life in the county and asked participants to place a limited number of dots on the poster to prioritize the topics they are most interested in.

A majority of participants love the accessibility of the **natural environment and open spaces** in the county, including Mount Shasta, rivers, and the natural and diverse beauty of the local environment. Tied to this is a deep appreciation for the numerous **recreational opportunities** in the county, including skiing, swimming, hiking, climbing, camping, hunting, and fishing. Another common response was the **strong sense of community** and a love for the many unique people who call Siskiyou County their home. Other frequent responses included the **unique values and quality of life** afforded by the rural lifestyle in the county, as well as the **small town feel** and **historic charm** of the area. Many noted their appreciation for the uncrowded, largely rural nature of the county and its appeal for allowing large, uncrowded, remote areas throughout the county. Others also noted the importance of local tribes for the community and its lands. Some participants also noted their love for **agriculture and natural resource economies** in the county.

### *Assets, Challenges, and Opportunities*

Participants were asked to write assets, challenges, and opportunities directly on colored Post-It notes, and then placed those notes on the poster under the corresponding heading. Following is a summary of these responses.

#### *Assets*

The community feedback on Siskiyou County's perceived assets revealed an emphasis on **natural resource extraction** and **the local agricultural economy**. Ranches, timber tracts, and agricultural

production were noted as an important part of both the county's economy and its cultural heritage. Participants expressed a desire to support these industries to ensure they remain viable and locally owned. Many participants highlighted the importance of maintaining and preserving the county's **natural beauty and rural landscape**. Outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, fishing, and hunting were frequently cited as valuable assets that could be further developed to boost local tourism. Additionally, many responses noted the great species diversity, clean air and water, and accessibility of natural spaces in Siskiyou County. Additionally, participants highlighted the **small town feel, close knit communities, and historical charm** of the county as assets that help increase tourism opportunities. Many responses noted the unique sense of place created by these assets, particularly the importance of community in the county.

### Challenges

Participant feedback highlighted several challenges facing the county. **Fire safety** emerged as a major concern, with community members expressing worry for the county's wildfire preparedness and potential impacts of fire hazards on local employment. Residents emphasized the need for better fire prevention and climate change adaptation strategies, particularly for vacant lots and remote properties, as well as stronger collaboration with agencies like the USFS. **Water issues**, including adequate water availability for farmers, threats to local rivers, and unsustainable water use was also noted as a challenge. **Unaffordable housing and homelessness** were other major topics of concern. The lack of affordable housing near employment opportunities is seen as a significant barrier to both economic growth and community stability. This, coupled with rising costs of living and high perceived poverty levels in the county, create a lack of opportunities for many residents. Local rates of homelessness was also a worry of many participants. Some people also expressed frustration with the **quality of infrastructure**, particularly the poor condition of roads. Limited funding opportunities are seen as a major constraint for new infrastructure projects and maintenance.

**Management of cannabis agriculture** was highlighted in several participants' responses, from both residents who are for and against cannabis production. There is a clear divide in the community on what the future of cannabis agriculture should look like in the county. Various **employment issues** and **a lack of economic development opportunities** were noted by participants, including issues with unattractive, abandoned commercial buildings throughout the county, difficulty recruiting medical professionals to the county, and a perceived reduction of population as a result of limited employment opportunities. Additionally, some participants noted concerns over outdated or confusing **County regulations and ordinances**. While some participants expressed a desire to solve this through updating the County Municipal Code and streamlining permitting processes, others expressed the opposite sentiment, instead citing over-regulation as a challenge for locals.

### Opportunities

The community feedback also highlighted various opportunities for the county. Community members want to see focus on the **responsible management of natural resources** through sustainable forestry and diverse agricultural practices. Some participants noted opportunities to support sustainable logging and low-impact resource based jobs. The community wants to **maintain and conserve healthy forests, rivers, and ecosystems**, and leverage these natural resources for ecotourism and recreation. Although

also noted by some as an asset, many participants cited **tourism and recreation** as a major employment opportunity and method of increasing local spending. Promoting tourism and recreation is seen as a way of ensuring future employment opportunities for residents while maintaining the region's natural beauty and open spaces. Noted **employment and economic development** opportunities include supporting local businesses, refurbishing vacant structures and historic assets, and encouraging a diversity of employment bases. There is hope that improving employment opportunities could help the county become more self-sufficient and independent, which was very important to some participants.

**Agriculture and ranching** is seen as a cornerstone of the local economy and an important opportunity to continue the county's agricultural heritage. There was some interest in promoting agri-tourism to support local agriculture. Some participants expressed a desire to have **more community and tribal involvement in County government activities and decisions**. Ideas brought up in participant responses for this exercise include **streamlined permit processing**, particularly for housing projects and bringing **more public facilities and services** to the county, such as sports facilities, bike paths, libraries, senior citizen supportive services, and increased educational opportunities.

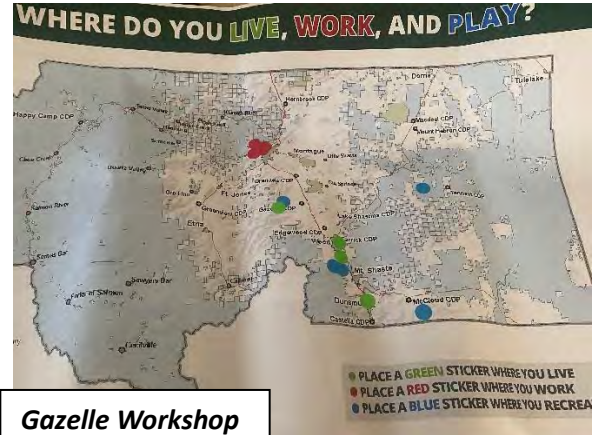
### *Countywide Issues*

In this exercise, participants were asked to place a limited number of stickers on a poster identifying a broad number of issues, including community safety, housing, the environment, and other topics, and prioritize the issues they are most concerned about.

A majority of participants noted through their responses that **community safety and hazards** were the largest issues in the county in 2024. Some written responses noted a need for a Fire Safety Element of the County General Plan, as well as a need to adapt to drought conditions, climate change, and wildfires. Other common responses concerned **natural resource** issues, including water issues, limiting development of rural areas, and partnering with local tribes to maintain natural resources. Finally, **quality of and access to education and housing** were noted as issues in the county. While no responses specified which issues exist regarding education, participants noted a need for measures to help the county's homeless population, as well as a need for senior housing and affordable housing. Less common responses noted some issues with **job opportunities** and **economic development**.

### Where Do You Live, Work, and Play?

Participants were shown a large poster map of the county and placed dots to indicate where they live, work, and find recreation. These posters are shown below; please note that only participants of the Dorris, Gazelle, and Happy camp in-person workshops provided responses to this exercise.



A majority of participants' responses to this exercise were centrally located around each respective community. While most participants who completed this exercise tend to work within or close to their community, some commute to Yreka for employment. The predominant outlier to this are participants of the Gazelle workshop, who generally live in communities along Highway-5 but work in Yreka. Participants' responses to where they go for recreation opportunities were spread throughout the county, emphasizing the abundance of outdoor recreational spaces in Siskiyou County.

## Appendix A: "Mad Libs" Vision Exercise

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# Vision Libs

## Siskiyou County General Plan Update

Using the Mad Libs-style vision format below, please fill in the blanks to create your personal desired vision statement for the county. The vision statement should generally be positive, visionary, and forward thinking. Following the workshop, County staff will compile all responses to form an overall vision statement for Siskiyou County.

### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a Prosperous place to live. It has grown into a prosperous/Bountiful area, with Food & Health amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its ~~Low~~ ~~environment~~ economy. At the same time, the county has maintained its rural and embraced its Beautifull. Siskiyou County's economy is thriving, supported by ~~some~~ industry. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its beauty.



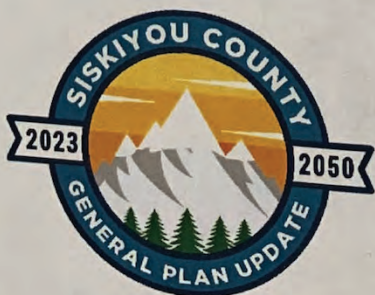
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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a Free place to live. It has grown into a Safe LOCAL-CONTROLLED area, with No UN control amenities. <sup>- CONTROLLED</sup> Siskiyou County is now defined by its Freedom's. At the same time, the county has maintained its Self Governance and embraced its LOCAL CONTROL. Siskiyou County's economy is Doing Well, supported by Freedom's. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its NON UN CONTROL



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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a Vital Outdoor place to live. It has grown into a beautiful, scenic one of a kind area, with state of the Art amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its residents who care about its history and future. At the same time, the county has maintained its rural charm and embraced its Tourism and employment opportunity. Siskiyou County's economy is thiving, supported by Agriculture, Timber, Outdoor Activities and. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its Agriculture and uniqueness.



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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a peaceful place to live. It has grown into a non-communitarian area, with veterinarian + grocery store amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its independent spirit. At the same time, the county has maintained its open spaces and embraced its agricultural roots. Siskiyou County's economy is cash fed not digital <sup>by</sup> currency, supported by Siskiyou leaders. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its independence from globalism.



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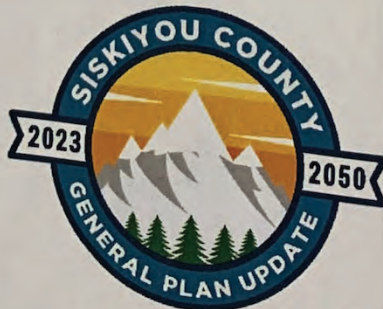
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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a quiet, calm place to live. It has grown into a Beautiful, clean area, with Clean Parks amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its \_\_\_\_\_. At the same time, the county has maintained its Culture? and embraced its \_\_\_\_\_. Siskiyou County's economy is \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its \_\_\_\_\_.



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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a beautiful place to live. It has grown into a economically sustainable area, with diverse-modern amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its natural beauty. At the same time, the county has maintained its independence and embraced its future. Siskiyou County's economy is fabulous, supported by tourism & industries. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its economy.

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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a safe place to live. It has grown into a \_\_\_\_\_ area, with \_\_\_\_\_ amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its culture. At the same time, the county has maintained its wildlife and embraced its rural aspect. Siskiyou County's economy is \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its \_\_\_\_\_.



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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a better place to live. It has grown into a forgotten area, with few amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its Burn Scars. At the same time, the county has maintained its roots and embraced its wilderness. Siskiyou County's economy is recovering slowly, supported by local Governments. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its beauty.



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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a thriving place to live. It has grown into a recognizable area, with an abundance amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its recreation. At the same time, the county has maintained its roads/schools/infrastructure and embraced its cultural tourism possibilities. Siskiyou County's economy is stable & growing, supported by community. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its growth potential.



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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a Thriving place to live. It has grown into a pitiful area, with \_\_\_\_\_ amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its \_\_\_\_\_. At the same time, the county has maintained its \_\_\_\_\_ and embraced its \_\_\_\_\_. Siskiyou County's economy is \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its \_\_\_\_\_.



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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a Affordable place to live. It has grown into a Burrad area, with (Are what you make of them) amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its Unemployment. At the same time, the county has maintained its Quiet style of life and embraced its uniqueness. Siskiyou County's economy is in poor shape, supported by no large Private entities. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its River (Klamath).



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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a Safe place to live. It has grown into a Self Sufficient area, with Senior Living / Community amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its Community services. At the same time, the county has maintained its small town and embraced its natural resources. Siskiyou County's economy is Stable, supported by Small Family Businesses. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its Beauty.



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### My Vision For Siskiyou County Is...

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In 2050, Siskiyou County will be a RURAL, SAFE, place to live. It has grown into a COMFORTABLE area, with ADROUATE amenities. Siskiyou County is now defined by its LANDSCAPE. At the same time, the county has maintained its RURAL FIELD and embraced its RURAL, INDEPENDANT, HISTORIC. Siskiyou County's economy is MOSTLY, supported by AGRICULTURE. It is well-known throughout the greater region for its FRONTIER COUNTY HISTORY.



**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE MAD LIBS EXERCISE RESULTS**

In 2050 Siskiyou County will be a _____ Place to live	It has grown into a _____ area,	with _____ amenities.	Siskiyou County is now defined by its _____.	At the same time, the county has maintained its _____	and embraced its _____	Siskiyou County's economy is _____.	Supported by _____.	It is well-known throughout the greater region for its _____.
positive	remote	recreational, familial	uniqueness	appeal to young people/families who want to live rurally	family feeling	steady	logging, farming, ranching	beauty
Idyllic	thriving	restaurants, shopping, & services	Beauty & slow pace	Open spaces - not allowing over development	Improving it's healthcare resources	Struggling	Government jobs, agriculture, small business	Hiking, fishing, & outdoor recreation.
prosperous	slow growth	recreational, industry	absence of homeless	farmland	natural resources	rich, plentiful and stable	farms, natural resources, complimented by related industry and service-oriented businesses	rich history and mountain areas. Thoughtful infrastructure for growth.
healthy and relaxing	rural	family friendly	natural beauty	small town feel	conservative roots	largely service industry and agriculture	locals and tourists alike	ability to take care of its own residents above all else.
complete	modernized	safe, clean buildings	updated-historic character	agriculture economy by protecting A1 zoning	electric public transit system	diverse	housing and good jobs	forward thinking
Thriving	Economic growing	Vast	Agriculture	Charm	History	Growing	Business	Agriculture
If not stopped - left wing liberal	invigorated	modernized	rural lifestyle	rural charm	natural beauty	It has been destroyed - timber, Klamath River loss	Ranching, tourism	beautiful place to live
thriving	more inclusive	jobs, education, and health care	sustainable	Natural beauty	stewardship of the natural resources.	diversified	eco-tourism, agriculture, renewable energy	outdoor recreation opportunities and progressive policies.
beautiful and economically viable	It hasn't grown. Who thinks destroying this area thru greed is good?	Natural beauty	Magical and healing atmosphere	Community	Rural nature	Bustling and sustainable	forward thinking manufacturing and the health industry	Different ecological regions and its friendly people.
Weird	regenerative agricultural	a wide range of sustainable small businesses and	Ability to protect natur	healthy ecosystems	rich history	Not into greed	Tourists. And managing natural resources so greedy assholes do t destroy what is here	Natural beauty
healthy, sustainable and vibrant	diverse, exciting	outdoor recreation, natural resources, and healthcare	Natural Beauty and self sufficient citizens	scenic landscapes and agriculture	change	thriving because of support for worker co-ops and small businesses	local citizens and banks as well as visitors who wish to learn how our county became so sustainable.	Natural beauty and thriving small farms and businesses.
desirable	depleted	very few	diverse, open population	depressed economic state	hostility to outsiders	diversified	recreation, natural resources, agriculture, and open spaces	openness to change and innovation
disillusioned	Booming	A variety	conservativism	Small-town feet	Orderly growth	a train heading off the tracks	falling business models that are not in touch with the natural environment	poor governance and hostility to outsiders
Vibrant	Respectful	Guided tourism, outdoor outfitters	Grit	Great people	Our natural beauty	Continually growing and adapting	Government and private agencies	Openness to new development
Safe and wholesome	Good	Very few,	Small town, slow pace, a place to stop and get gas.	Community support	Kids activities	Stable	Working folks of all types.	Mr Shasta
Good but slowly dying	flourishing	bustling small businesses	Clean air and beautiful mountains	natural beauty	natural beauty	Dying	Large businesses like CDF, hospital, Clinic, NorCal products, Forest Services	Outdoor activities
well rounded	Bay Area	Zero	outdoor space	Resistance to change	ignoring the will of the people	booming	well paid county workers	recreation and quaint downtown
terrible	vibrant	low impact	Idiotic regulations	rural nature	sustainable management of natural resources	Dying	High taxes	Abundance of poor leadership
fabulous	Undeveloped	Rural living	healthy human and physical	Rural lifestyle	Responsibilities	sufficient to provide living wage jobs	sustainable agriculture and non-extractive natural resource jobs	vibrant community that embraces its diverse population living in harmony with the natural world.
Wonderful	somewhat blighted	great but underutilized or undeveloped	Corruption	open areas but	not very forward looking future planning	Vibrant	Telecommuting	Undeveloped areas.
better			rural aspects			marginal	lack of new employment opportunities	beauty

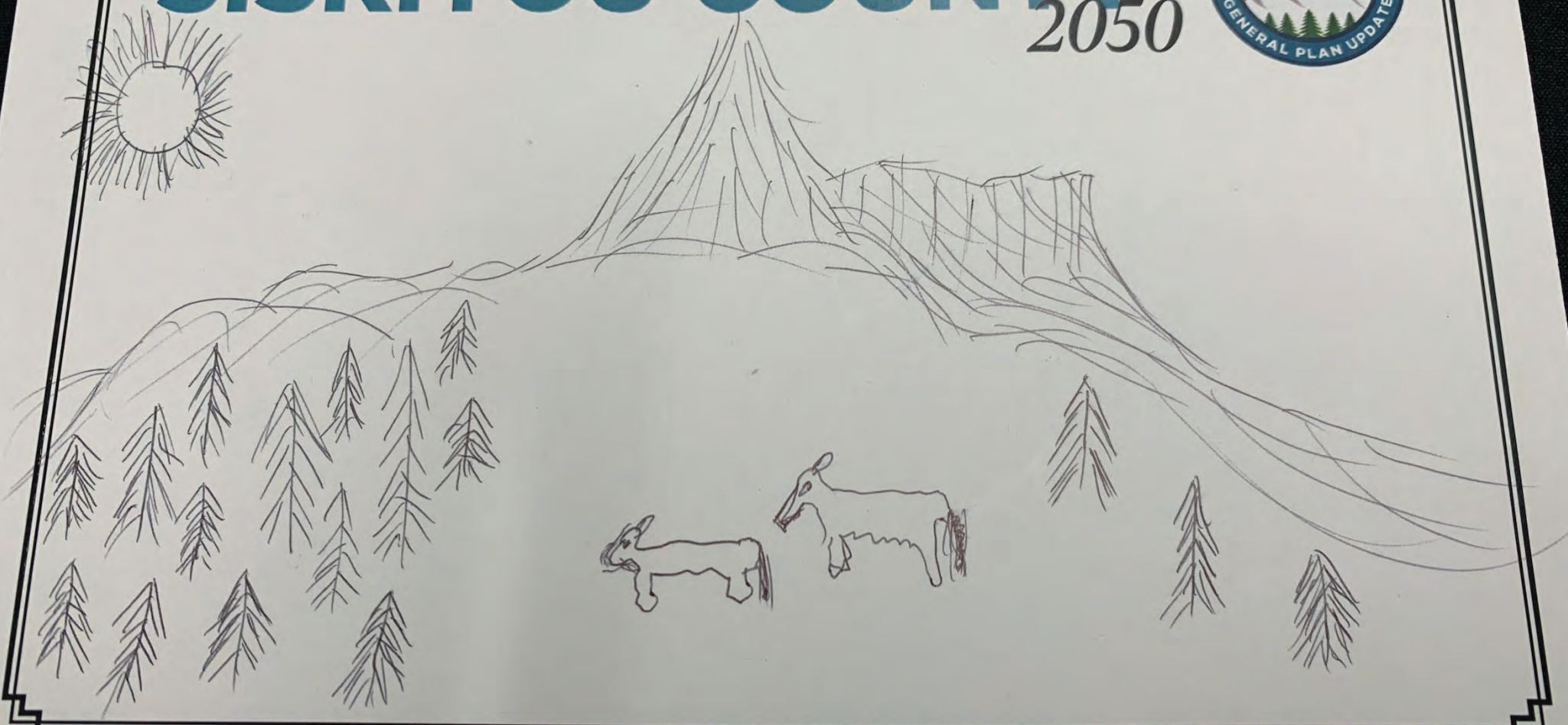
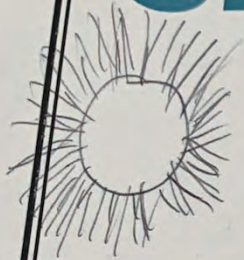
## Appendix B: Postcards to the Future

This section showcases all feedback received through this workshop exercise at both the in-person workshops as well as through online surveys and exercises.

*Greetings from*

# SISKIYOU COUNTY

2050



*Directions: Imagine you are a visitor sending a postcard from your community in the year 2050. On the front draw a picture of how you envision your community in 2050. Then in the space below describe highlights from your trip.*

POSTCARD



We SAID NO  
To the Globlist  
Agenda's  
AND Defunded  
the UN

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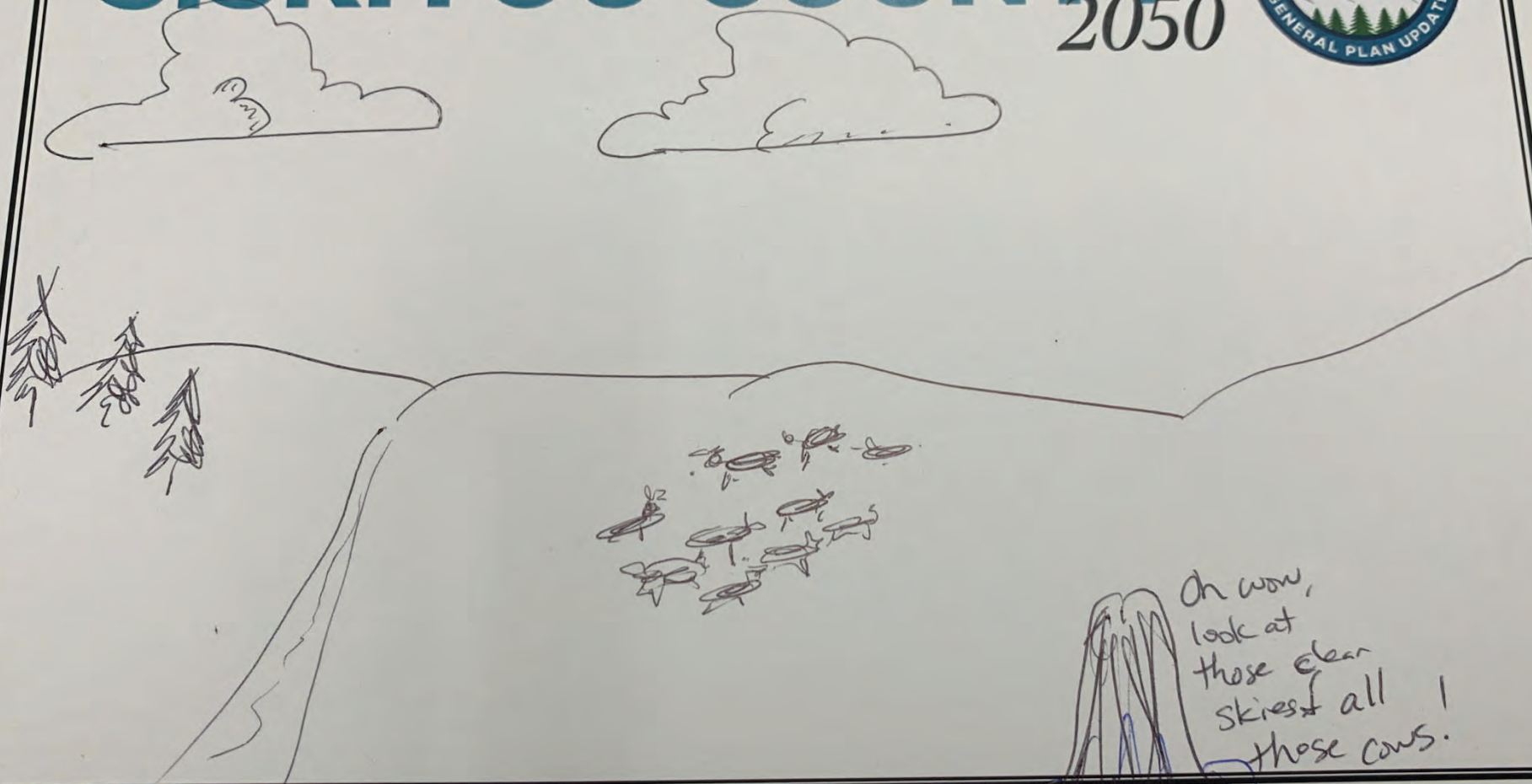
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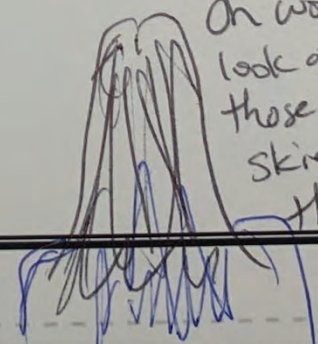
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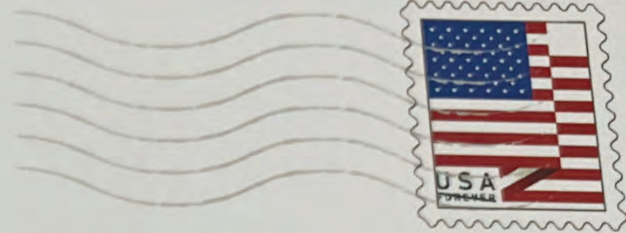


Oh wow,  
look at  
those clear  
skies & all  
those cows!



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POSTCARD



Dear  
What a wonderful experience to visit Siskiyou County after being away for many years, the natural beauty ~~and~~ still exists and the population is still low.

Nice to know some things don't change to much.

RB

Mrs Rebecca Broomell

Po Box 425

Macdoel, CA

96058

Greetings from

**SISKIYOU COUNTY**

2050



\* Just SAY NO to UN.

\* SAY NO to WET

\* SAY NO to ALL MANDATES

\* MANDATING A CITIZEN IS ILLEGAL

SAY NO to WHO!

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POSTCARD



Now that the rest of the globe has kow-towed to the one-world system <sup>(Agenda 2050)</sup> it's so nice to go back in time where citizens aren't bullied into the 17 sustainable goal propaganda. Here the skies are blue because geoengineering was outlawed by the county. Phase III of the wolf introduction program eradicated + cattle operations can thrive here. It's like the olden days!

Siskiyou County Leaders

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**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE POSTCARDS FROM THE FUTURE EXERCISE RESULTS**

**Envision your community in the year 2050. What would you write on a postcard to describe Siskiyou County in 2050 and the highlights of your "trip?"**

Siskiyou county is a remote county with a low population and has been able to break away from the rules and regulations of the state which are mostly applied to big cities - San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego. (vehicle registration, property taxes, gas taxes) (State of Jefferson) Recreation like hiking, fishing, snow sports, etc abound but are regulated so as not to overwhelm the areas of interest - ie - Mt Shasta climbs - Bunny Flat etc. Siskiyou County residents take precedence for any opportunity when numbers are in question.

Many areas to hike, swim, fish, & explore. Beautiful forests, farms, & quaint small towns. Good restaurants despite the rural location. Went to waterfalls, lakes, & the many rivers. Great boating & kayaking. Interesting geology. Wilderness available for backpacking, or horseback riding. Also snowmobiling in the winter, cross country & downhill skiing. Many areas open for hunting. Wonderful place to raise children.

I'm sorry you weren't here to see what a beautiful place Siskiyou County was. What happened? Pot growing, drug dispensaries, promotion of substance abuse. Homeless camps and all the trash that accompanied that. Radical ideas that somehow this County had to provide free living for vagrants. Trashed neighborhoods. Schools that promoted anything and everything except providing a real education.

It used to be conservative, rural oriented, friendly. The County came under attack for trying to keep the dams on the Klamath River with the State of California harassing our farmers and ranchers for their water.

Valuing fish over people. Shutting down commercial timber operations for which this area was noted and loss of important income to the schools. All this has made our County poor. An easy target for forcing people from their homes who lived in the rural areas. Devastating whole communities. For what?

Sorry this isn't a glowing review. Don't let it happen to your community.

This place is incredible! It's a perfect blend of modern comforts and natural beauty. We've been hiking through lush forests, kayaking on crystal-clear rivers, and stargazing under the clearest skies. The local food scene is amazing, with farm-to-table restaurants and craft breweries galore. The people are so friendly and welcoming, and the sense of community is strong.

Siskiyou County truly is a hidden gem!

Wish you were here,

I visited a lovely county in northern California where the natural beauty is maintained while steady economic growth is still encouraged.

There are health care facilities and mental health facilities surrounded by the healing properties of nature and staffed with happy employees who make a living wage.

There is sustainable farming and ranching.

There is tourism that is managed to keep out-of-county garbage from piling up, but that still brings money.

Everyone has respect for themselves, their friends and family, the environment and the community.

I want to live there forever.

Siskiyou County is a flourishing region that respects its biodiversity, cultural diversity and economic diversity. Young people in this community gain support in learning skills that will not only support them and their families but the community as a whole. Opportunities in the area include attending anything from trade schools to their local university. Jobs are plentiful in worker co-ops, small businesses, regenerative agriculture and environmental restoration. Every socioeconomic class has access to affordable sustainable safe housing and healthy locally sourced foods. Recreational activities are as diverse as its people and include local festivals celebrating the communities local talents in music, arts and the environment. Citizens are happy to listen to new ideas while upholding their most precious value of sustainability.

Sustainable Siskiyou is an amazing place to experience and learn from.

The volcano finally erupted. It reminded us all that we fought over petty politics when we could have been preparing for a future with hotter temperatures and less precipitation. Most of the agriculture was wiped out by debris torrents when the glaciers collapsed. Farming will never come back to the Shasta Valley, but fish will eventually since this is just another blip on their evolutionary pathway. It has been devastating, but it is so quiet and has already began to recover, at least from a biodiversity standpoint. Our manipulated use of the lands will not be able to be rebuilt and so nature will finally be able to heal after 200 years of colonizing influence. The tribes understand this process and it has created an equalizer in our societies. Maybe we won't ask so much of land the next time around and try to live within our means without taking too much.

Siskiyou County is a fun place to visit! There are a lot of vibrant and sustainable small towns that have their own little quirks. There is so much to do in the County! You can go on a backpacking trip, fish in the rivers, swim in the lakes, as well as go out to dinner, catch a movie, or listen to some live music in the park. The best part is that you're able to access transit here and they have available Uber and Lyft.

Our "small" town trip was a huge success! I can't believe we were still in California.

The towns in Siskiyou County had modern amenities with an old west flair. It was so inviting.

The people were genuine and kind, real salt of the earth kind of people.

Of course we went for the hiking and was not disappointed, but we also loved our tours of HWY 96, 89 and 3. The historical information was very interesting and it was neat to have local points of interest pointed out by our guide.

Siskiyou County is a great place to visit. It has outdoor activities year round. Fishing, boating, skiing, hiking and more.

Friendly community.

We had the opportunity to explore each area of Siskiyou County! Each community had it's unique offerings in restaurants, embraced the local heritage, art and outdoor spaces both recreationally and relaxing. So many boutique shops to find one of a kind items.

The County has moved to sustainable management of its amazing natural resources that balances the needs of the ecosystem and its human occupants. The County government and community addressed the hard issues that were splitting the community in the mid 2020's in order to achieve this. Difficult conversations were had, and equitable decisions were made, that prepared the community for rapid climate change. Forests were managed to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire and agriculture made significant changes in recognition that water was a limited and decreasing resource. Living wage jobs were created based on the new economy, which resulted in young families remaining in the community resulting in schools, churches and community events that are full of life and energy.

Siskiyou County with all its natural wonders has avoided over development and is a great place to visit and then go back home.

A perfect place- I found it! All of these remarkable, clean, walkable mountain towns. I feel like I am in Europe! Siskiyou is a storybook place, with tidy, energy efficient-- healthy buildings and walkable streets. The front yards and business districts here are so proud. It seems like a place that is planned for everyone to live with dignity. I can walk, stroll, and spend time in at least six quaint cities with ease-- these are tidy historic towns where people seem to be out-- biking, walking, strolling, where historic buildings are reimagined and upgraded, and there is a fillable water station, bathroom and a precious bit of grass to sit, and enjoy on every main business street. It's easy to hop on the "stallion" the reimagined, exciting persona of the bus route between these mountain towns. The schedule is easy to read and understand, and-- its the thing to do here-- to hop on and hop off the EV bus route, to visit inspiring places around the county.

## Appendix C: What Do You Love About Siskiyou County?

This section showcases all feedback received through this workshop exercise at both the in-person workshops as well as through online surveys and exercises.



# WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SISKIYOU COUNTY?

Please provide your top three responses, either by placing a dot or writing in a response.



Additional Responses:

The People

Open Spaces  
Small population  
Natural Resources



# WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SISKIYOU COUNTY

Please provide your top three responses, either by placing a dot or writing in a response.

Additional Responses:

Unique Values and Quality of Life

Strong Sense of Community

Communities with Small Town Feel

Natural Environment

# SISKIYOU

Accessible Recreation and Open Space

Agriculture

Colorful History

Hiking and Trails



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Natural Environment

Communities with Small Town Feel

# SISKIYOU

Agriculture

Accessible Recreation and Open Space

Colorful History

Hiking and Trails

Additional Responses:

Diverse population

Home of my ancestors

Love the character  
who live here

more consultation with  
Tribe

Tribe has helped us; county  
doesn't care

- Disappointed in the county's  
service. They only come  
here when disaster happens.

**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SISKIYOU COUNTY EXERCISE RESULTS**

**What do you love about Siskiyou County? Please provide your top three responses.**

Open space, outdoor activities, no big cities, last frontier! Mount Shasta provides headwaters to the Mid-Klamath and Upper-Sacramento - the second and third largest rivers in the contiguous western United States. Outdoor recreation opportunities - skiing, skating, natural swimming, hiking, climbing, camping etc. Historic charm and grit, talent and skills of residents.
Natural and diverse beauty - the potential for creative community development - the appeal of large uncrowded natural areas - coexistence of diverse lifestyles and beliefs - leadership in cooperative conservation and restoration - respect for Native American cultures and sovereignty - DIY mentality coupled with frontier vigor and ingenuity
quality of life-values agriculture community
Remoteness, quality of life, community closeness
Values & quality of life. No Woke Agenda. Small town communities. Recreation & open space. Unique values and quality of life Accessible recreation and open space Natural Environment
- Rural, conservative, small-town values  - Variety of natural resources and environmental tourism (hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, agriculture)  - Distance and/or absence from the limelight, politics, urban environment
Country living Community History Many activities throughout the county ie...festivals, car shows, etc
Quality of life Accessible recreation and open spaces Agriculture History More jobs less welfare
It's a changed place from when I lived there in the 1980's. Better economy back then. State govt is out of control now. Almost like a intentional implosion of state+ economy! Rural. Conservative (but that's being attacked) Natural resources (those are also being attacked - Klamath River)
Small town feel, nature powerful communities natural beauty open space recreation opportunities year round
independence, community, natural resources Open spaces, community, agriculture, wildlife, outdoor recreation It's a beautiful, natural place, and people can be friendly and hard-working. Natural environment and recreation - rivers, biking Quality of life- quiet, remote, small-town feel Music/arts/ close to Ashland and the Britt Festival
Open space, uncrowdedness, more relaxed lifestyle, and pretty good access to other areas via I-5 and the Medford airport My community. Nature.
Mount Shasta, the views and one of my favorite-trees (though I am not against logging. Timber company's do a better job managing their lands then the federal government.) What drew my family to Siskiyou County is its unequalled biodiversity which every biologist knows is the foundation to sustainability. I grew up in a small town after living in a larger city and longed to raise my children in a rural environment. Having lived here now more than two decades I still maintain that when people come together and prioritize families, their communities and their environment, sustainability and a thriving, supportive community will prevail. Scenic vistas, clean air and water, open spaces, diversity of landscapes and recreation opportunities
1) The natural environment 2) My family history here 3) recreation Lack of people. Four seasons, opportunity
Unique values and quality of life, accessible recreation. Community Access to natural resources Conservative values Small & nice Great little stores but we need more
The mountain, the quality of life and the small town feel. Natural environment Low population Natural resources beautiful surroundings, community feels safe for the most part, many outdoor spaces
Natural environment, wildlife, local businesses, small town feel Natural environment, communities and small town feel. I live in Scott valley and appreciate rural living.
Wide open spaces 1: Freedom of choice (used to be) 2: Water rights (used to) 3: Land use freedom (used to)

## Appendix D: Countywide Issues

This section showcases all feedback received through this workshop exercise at both the in-person workshops as well as through online surveys and exercises.



# COUNTYWIDE ISSUES

Place a **RED** sticker to identify the issues of highest concern to you. Maximum 3 stickers per person.



**HOUSING**



**COMMUNITY SAFETY**



**COMMUNITY HEALTH**



**HAZARDS**  
(wildfire, snow, evacuation)

Comments and Additional Areas of Concern:

Sustainable Ag - WATER ISSUES

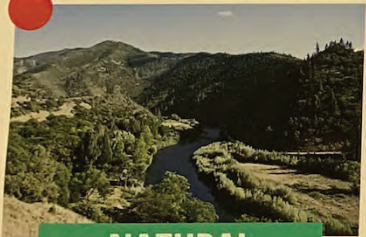
No rewilding (oppose it)

No water restrictions

- land grabs

No meters on Ag wells

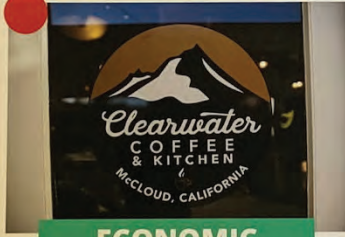
We need a grocery store w/ produce + healthy food!



**NATURAL RESOURCES**



**EDUCATION**



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
(roads, bridges, utilities, parks)



**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**



**TOURISM**



**RECREATION**



**OTHER**  
(specify in box to the right)



# COUNTYWIDE ISSUES

Place a **RED** sticker to identify the issues of highest concern to you. Maximum 3 stickers per person.

Comments and Additional Areas



**HOUSING**



**COMMUNITY SAFETY**



**COMMUNITY HEALTH**



**HAZARDS**  
(wildfire, snow, evacuation)



**NATURAL RESOURCES**



**EDUCATION**



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
(roads, bridges, utilities, parks)



**OPPORTUNITIES**



**TOURISM**



**RECREATION**



**OTHER**  
(specify in box to the right)



# COUNTYWIDE ISSUES

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**HOUSING**



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**HAZARDS**  
(wildfire, snow, evacuation)



**NATURAL RESOURCES**



**EDUCATION**



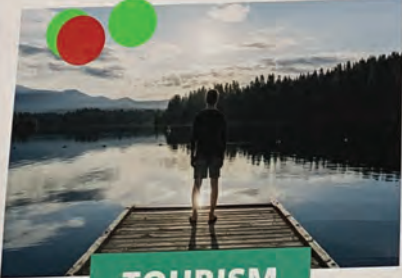
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
(roads, bridges, utilities, parks)



**OPPORTUNITIES**



**TOURISM**



**RECREATION**



**OTHER**  
(specify in box to the right)

Comments and Additional Areas of Concern:

Grey back access =  
Code enforcement + (animal control)





# ASSETS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

## What county ASSETS should the General Plan capitalize on?

Write your thoughts on an orange sticky note and place it here.

Agriculture  
Tourism  
Employment

Open spaces  
livestock grazing  
agriculture

Housing  
Tourism  
employment  
Food desert  
Preventative health

## What CHALLENGES should the General Plan address?

Write your thoughts on an orange sticky note and place it here.

Illegal Marijuana  
Grows  
Infrastructure  
Overpopulating  
county

Legalize  
Marijuana  
Free up Sheriff's  
& Free up Courts  
& Jails  
Let Farmers Grow  
LEGAL \*

Legalize marijuana  
Increase Sheriff's staff  
& presence  
Cure Welfare Town Problems

↑ police presence  
Illegal marijuana  
grows  
Housing  
Employment

## What OPPORTUNITIES should the General Plan explore?

Write your thoughts on a green sticky note and place it here.

Public Safety  
Open Space  
Water  
Safety & Health

Tourism -  
capturing it  
from travelers  
coming through

Fight  
Globalism

Fight  
Communitarianism

# ASSETS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

What county ASSETS should the General Plan capitalize on?

Write your thoughts on an orange sticky note and place it here.

Tourism -  
Natural  
Environment

What CHALLENGES should the General Plan address?

Write your thoughts on an orange sticky note and place it here.

Ensuring enough water is available for the community.

What OPPORTUNITIES should the General Plan explore?

Write your thoughts on a green sticky note and place it here.



# ASSETS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

## What county ASSETS should the General Plan capitalize on?

Write your thoughts on an orange sticky note and place it here.

Creating a Community database to meet need of locals

Working with the Karuk Tribe

People to hard sell but included

## What CHALLENGES should the General Plan address?

Write your thoughts on an orange sticky note and place it here.

How to include minority populations needs

Creating Training or work force classes.

Set up county offices in Happy Camp!

Update the guidelines at Planning Dept -

Streamline General Plan

Deal Rural Residency down to actual use

## What OPPORTUNITIES should the General Plan explore?

Write your thoughts on a green sticky note and place it here.

How to coordinate with the Karuk Tribe

Establish Government to Government relationship w/ the Karuk Tribe

MORE Business Zoning



**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE ASSETS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES EXERCISE RESULTS**

**What county assets should the General Plan capitalize on? Please give a few short examples. Some examples of assets include: recreation opportunities, close-knit communities, etc.**

Large Ranches, supporting them to stay in ag production, timber tracks, making the survivable, local ownership. Keeping our water!
Clean, cold water flowing instream Once regal forests that could prevent fire hazard with regenerative management Biodiversity Natural beauty Proximity to major thoroughfare Historic charm and character
Agriculture
Distinctive location and character as an accessible wild rural landscape of richly multifaceted heritage and a bright future for people who combine big ideas and bold action with a sense of place and purpose.
Create more opportunities to bring money into the county - ie - close off Miner St in Yreka and have more functions there. Create transportation opportunities to bring in people from Ashland/Medford or Redding to get them to the county - ie - train trips - like the Montague train rides of the past.
Tourism
Farm-to-table avenues Socialization venues Recreation to include out-of-town visitors
Timber harvesting, Small-town feel, close knit communities, embracing our rural roots.
Agriculture, ranching, family, community Recreation ( now limited due to dam removal)
Protection of our Wilderness area Lakes and trails. Develop ways our Farmers and ranches can use their land for recreational opportunities.
Gold dredging, logging, saw mills
Ranching and farming - what this County was noted for. Tourism - the historical assets the County has.
Activities for kids, recreation opportunities. Help farmers market be successful, and downtown businesses.
open space incredible asset of agricultural production use of prescribed burns to reduce intensity of fire through the use of PBAs
Trails, parks
natural mineral deposits, lumber, agriculture, tourism, conservation
Recreation, skill trade's workforce , species diversity, wildlife habitat,
Beautiful scenery can help tourism if it is encouraged and regulated. We also have lots of natural spaces where mental health facilities could be built in order to help citizens who need them and give jobs to others. We could have a four-year college here, as well.
Recreational opportunities (rivers, biking, back-country activities, fishing, hunting, etc.) and the arts (music festivals, theater)
Recreational opportunities (hiking, biking, skiing, swimming), large acreage of public lands, relatively uncrowded roads and towns, (usually) clean air, moderate winters, several good museums
Community. Natural beauty.
The ratio of population versus acres in the county makes it unique. I have seen an uptick in tourism without the resources to maintain it. I love the small town vibe of the county, how do we maintain that?
Our counties plan needs to capitalize on the fact that our unique and remote region has the potential to become a model of sustainability through applying the practices outline in the book I share with one of your county supervisors. The book is titled, "Ecosystems as Models for Restoring Our Economies" by John H. Giordanengo a former resident of Siskiyou County
Scenic landscapes, outdoor recreation, natural resources, clean air, clean water, maintain open spaces and focus development near existing cities
Recreation
Water, Timber, Agriculture, tourism.
Assets: recreation and tourism.
People- our people are genuine, kind and caring. Also we have so many different natural environments and they are so beautiful.
We need more tourists to come to Yreka. Bring more Art, businesses, restaurants (no more Mexican)
Better roads, more signage to identify roads, more brush clearing for fire prevention.
Recreation opportunities Natural resources Environment
recreation, beauty, small town feeling in certain areas
Recreation opportunities, country (rural) feel, wide open spaces
Rural environment, rivers, streams, and fish, close kit communities
Rural living outside of cities.
Can we not... Let's maintain & improve what we have and not put capitalize in the thought process
Legalize marijuana grows in the county. Fast track building permits. Simplify codes to reflect reality.
Sue the Klamath River dam removal idiots.

**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE ASSETS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES EXERCISE RESULTS**

**What county challenges should the General Plan address? Please give a few short examples. Some examples of challenges include: environmental hazards, infrastructure, etc.**

Fire safety, working with the USFS as a neighbor and the do nothing as to Fire safety.

Threats of catastrophic fire and drought  
Lack of workforce housing and resilient job opportunities  
Mistrust of government  
Rural demographics that do not justify provision of basic public services  
Political unwillingness to reverse anthropogenic climate disruption  
Rising cost of living  
Decreasing regional self-reliance  
Archaic policies and practices that enable wasteful, polluting, unsustainable, and inequitable land-use and natural resource management.

Over regulation

Funding for infrastructure and community development is a major limiting factor in the county's ability to navigate the future and attract new investment. Compounding this, outside perception of the county and residents suffers from poor public relations, messaging, and presentation in an increasingly dynamic data-driven world. The county is losing energy, momentum, population, relevance, and potential and must take a hard look at why that is, with so much opportunity and freedom here. Fear, resentment, and anger too often condemn the best intentions and prerogatives for healthy growth and learning. Change is inevitable, but good advance planning and prep sure ain't!

Homeless camps - eliminate them - no one wants to walk the creek train in Yreka or even go to Raleys to shop, mental illness, education regarding wildland fires and emergency service protocols - (explain the process so people understand it - from report of incident to dispatch to incident management) Get spay and neuter opportunities out there for dogs and cats. The community - ie Snip, Essex etc - is trying but once is not enough to curb the kitten and puppy numbers.

More competent handling of grants by qualified sources

The fact that Siskiyou County has one of the highest poverty levels in the state  
Distance between cities  
Out-dated buildings and facilities

Homelessness, rampant drug abuse

Housing availability, road conditions, lack of opportunities, no economic opportunities.o

Water for farmers and ranchers Replanting of trees after fires make sure the people that live and work here have year round recreational things to do More jobs

The biggest challenge is to keep this County focused on it's rural life style - the reason many of us moved here. Staying conservative and fighting the left-wing push that we see in Yreka.

Illegal marijuana grows, the use of illegal chemicals. Water issues.

water, as always: use patterns, irrigation effectiveness

Old outdated buildings, abandoned store/restaurants

legalizing cannabis production and implementing tax base and environmental regulations

Keeping our open spaces, not allowing prime ag land to be developed. Egress on remote properties for fire safety. Maintaining water rights, keep our water in our system.

Lack of employable population due to not enough jobs.

threats to our rivers such as water sustainability and ag, not enough infrastructure for outdoor family activities (river walkways/bike paths/trails), mental health/drug addiction facilities  
vacant buildings that are eyesores, lack of job opportunities, homelessness

Recruiting specialist medical staff like cardio, derm, ent

Homeless folks. Drug addiction. Get rid of the entrenched evil of Republicans. More funding to spay animals.

Roads, roads, and roads. We have had an increase in tourism that has affected our roads in the county. Is there a five or ten year plan to upgrade our roads? Or are we just a patch and fix later county?

According to Johns book; Entrepreneurs are the backbone of economic restoration and sustainability. I propose the establishment of, Career Academy pathway programs in every high school in our county where students can earn elective credits for apprenticing with local business owners who supply critical goods and services to our local communities.

Outdated regulations that are difficult to understand, collapsing infrastructure (i.e. Everitt Memorial Highway, Old Stage at the Canterra Loop area), the county government needs to partner and work with the city governments more on regional initiatives, connectivity of services, better public transit that is free, accessible, and convenient to use for commuters and visitors, food insecurity, increasing prices of goods, lack of housing near employment centers, little to no farm worker housing, lack of funding for libraries and children focused programming

public trust, climate change adaptation

State Regulations and how to avoid the states over reach

Challenges: inability to change or adapt, lack of housing, infrastructure, stable industries with well paying jobs.

We are not fire prepared as a community.

Some of our roads have damage and potholes everywhere.

There is no place to legally dispose of hazardous waste in the county.

Housing & homelessness

Fire prevention for vacant lots owned by people that don't live here or maintain them. They should be given fines if they don't comply.

Environmental hazards

Lack of diversity in government

Education

very poor area, hard for businesses to survive here, fire season

Impacts of homeless population on citizens, housing without encroaching on established neighborhoods, drug abuse, mental health resources, healthcare

Subdivision and development

Environnental hazards.

Maintaining our small town country feel way of life. Over use of our natural resources & wildlife areas by various groups.

Stop unnecessary social infrastructure ie. homeless shelter.

Review Supreme Court ruling.

**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE ASSETS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES EXERCISE RESULTS**

**What county opportunities should the General Plan explore? Please give a few short examples. Some examples of opportunities include: natural resources, agriculture, etc.**

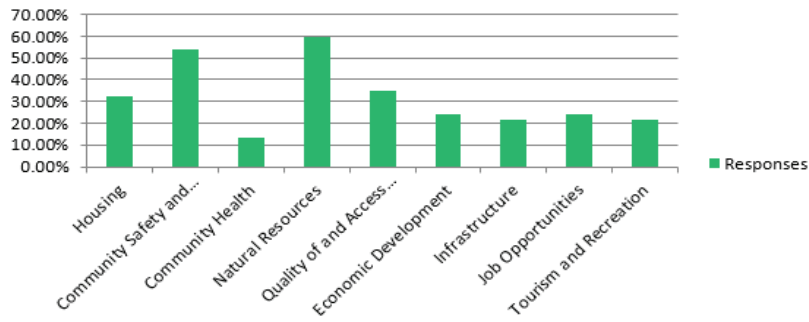
Timber, ag. Do something with the door growing, embrace or make it illegal and enforce it.
Restoring healthy forests, rivers and ecosystems Refurbishing vacant structures & historic assets (i.e. rails) Encouraging data access and community involvement Accommodate outdoor recreation Streamline permitting process to encourage regeneration and discourage exploitation
Agriculture
Grant funding to help establish local artisan's cooperatives where traditional and innovative cottage/craft industry can take root in a supportive environment Transportation alternatives especially geared towards bike/ebike/cart path users. Revive passenger and tourist rail service linking the Shasta and Rogue valleys. Improved access to a range of natural areas and features throughout. Innovative zoning to allow smart clustered development and alternative occupancy models that boost flex capacity. Support, influence, and incentives for better private land management practices that increase overall resilience.
Make logging a priority - not clearcuts but thinning to create and maintain firelines around communities - cut the red tape - work with the USFS, private industry to do a better job and encourage fast tracking.
Agriculture
Small, cottage operations to improve local economics Providing local foods to local people Our natural resources and down-home sentiments
Natural resources, hunting and fishing
Agriculture, recreational, small town gatherings, Sports facilities for young people Pools playgrounds Bike paths Museums Libraries Water so crops can be grown Land use for jobs Make it faster and easier to build houses Ranching and farming - what this County was noted for. Tourism - the historical assets the County has. Keeping it rural.
Water issues. open space for healthful vacations. making it easier for local business to thrive while holding corporate stores accountable. Give local business the help and education to success.
Agriculture, Agri tourism. We can maintain our natural beauty and still use it as an encouragement for tourism.
Destination recreational activities such as development of backcountry ski/snowboard/biking/running/hiking; Encouraging diversity of ag crops that are as water intensive as alfalfa Bring in larger scale employers, Main Street American type programs that will help with restoring and maintaining older buildings, a swimming pool for Yreka
Natural resources. Permanent farmers market in weed. I want to say agriculture, but my concern is I just had a neighbor put up a huge greenhouse next to my residence. We're in a mixed use zone, so legal. It would be nice to look at zoning in areas that are good for housing, so we don't lose it to agriculture.
Siskiyou County as part of the State of Jefferson has historically strived for independence and sovereignty for our citizens. This goal is more important than ever with what we have learned about supply chain issues during Covid. Through striving to be as self sustaining as possible in our county, we can become a model for small communities nation wide in self sufficiency.
Effective, interconnected transportation hubs that allow people to travel the county without the use of a single-occupancy vehicle, County-wide scenic bike network, flexible land use regulations, increase opportunities and incentives for small-scale farming that focuses on local markets reinventing the economy to restore rather than extract resources
Water, timber, agricultural, wind, geothermal, minerals. Opportunities: available space and land for industrialization.
Biomass plant Alternative schools (home school, charter schools) encouragement Technical school(s) for our kids to learn a trade and stay in the area.
Taking care of our senior citizens More tree thinning around the City of Mount Shasta, cleanup of trails and empty lots.
Natural resources Recreation Water quality small businesses, agri-tourism, natural resources
Do NOT pillage all the natural beauty here and turn our neighborhoods into Section 8 housing tracts. Leverage the natural resources for ecotourism and provide family opportunities on the lakes, rivers et al. Increase support for small local businesses and farms. Farm to table dining events. Supporting growth of non-extractive and value added resources based jobs, such as small diameter wood products, biochar, low impact recreation.
Leave the natural resources alone. Agriculture is existing, so how could it be an opportunity? Maintaining & growing our wide open spaces Let the people do what people do without bureaucratic interference. The government serves the people, not the other way.

**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE ASSETS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES EXERCISE RESULTS**

**Countywide Issues: Please identify the issues of highest concern to you. (Select up to 3 issues)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Housing	32.43%	12
Community Safety and Hazards	54.05%	20
Community Health	13.51%	5
Natural Resources	59.46%	22
Quality of and Access to Education	35.14%	13
Economic Development	24.32%	9
Infrastructure	21.62%	8
Job Opportunities	24.32%	9
Tourism and Recreation	21.62%	8

**Countywide Issues: Please identify the issues of highest concern to you. (Select up to 3 issues)**



**SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ONLINE ASSETS, ISSUES, AND OPPORTUNITIES EXERCISE RESULTS**

**Are there any other issues besides the ones mentioned above which are of concern to you? If so, please briefly explain them below.**

Fire safety elements, requirements, lack of support for local fire departments.

Economic disparity and lack of access to preventative mental and physical healthcare

Acceptance of local people to the fact that we need economic growth and that local dollars spent circulate 6-7 times.

Senior services for seniors outside the city limits.

Take care of the people that live and work here

Ranching and Farming operations must be protected from being wiped out.

Homeless community. What to do?

responses to climate change

Yreka is hideous

run away cannabis farms

I am concerned about political division within our communities, as well as adaptation to drought and climate change with agriculture and fires

More resources in the south county.

I know it's not a county per say issue, but Yreka needs to get a handle on homelessness. It's the county seat, it's a reflection on the county.

Native peoples have inhabited and sustained our regions health for thousands of years. It is critical that we partner with our local tribes and listen to what their cultures can teach us about sustainability.

We continue to pretend that we can act like our planet is not changing, so the longer we wait to reinvent our economy and our relationship with our natural resources, the worse off we will be.

Public health, quit making dependence on state

Affordable housing

The heavy traffic on Everitt Memorial Hwy. and lack of speed control around housing.

"Catch and release" policies related to misdemeanor crimes, lack of respect for land owners

Keep Scott Valley Rural.

Keep the bureaucrats out of the business of the public as long as it does no harm