

# County Completes First Round Outreach Meetings

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A team of El Dorado County staff wrapped up the first round of community outreach meetings for the Land Use Policy Programmatic Update project. The project includes environmental review for targeted amendments to the General Plan and comprehensive zoning ordinance update, a General Plan Housing Element update, and development of a new travel demand model.

County staff conducted a total of six meetings including El Dorado Hills, South Lake Tahoe, Somerset, Cameron Park, Cool and El Dorado. Attendance at the meetings ranged from a single person at the Tahoe meeting to more than 60 in El Dorado Hills.

"Our goal with these initial outreach meetings was to begin equipping the community with information about this project with emphasis on opportunities to participate and provide input" said Kim Kerr, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer. "We made a good start, and look forward to expanding the dialogue during the environmental scoping meetings."

The scoping meetings represent the public's first official opportunity to comment on proposed land use policy changes. The purpose of the scoping meetings is to gather public feedback to help define the project that will be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report. Scoping meetings are expected to occur in mid to late April. The scoping period will last 45 days. The Environmental Impact Report will take several additional months to complete.

"At the end of the day this whole process is about making El Dorado County a better place to live and work," said Kerr. "The environmental analysis will help inform the Board of Supervisors and the public whether the land use policy changes under review accomplish that goal."