

General Plan update process reaches board consideration

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A 12-year odyssey could come to an end as the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors considers adoption of a new General Plan.

The General Plan update has been in the works since late 2006 and the board is scheduled to begin public hearings on the document beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 30. A second day of hearings has been set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, and the board has reserved a third day if necessary.

The Calaveras County Planning Commission after a series of hearings late last month adopted a resolution recommending the board certify the updated Environmental Impact Report and adopt the new General Plan.

Supervisors on Tuesday discussed the timeline for adoption of the General Plan and decided to add a third day for consideration on Aug. 14.

District 5 Supervisor Benjamin Stopper suggested the need for the extra day of hearings.

“We need to be sure we have a full and complete conversation,” District 4 Supervisor Dennis Mills said about the process.

Over the past dozen years, the update process has cost the county taxpayers more than \$2 million.

Approval of the update could face a rocky road. The Calaveras Planning Coalition has outlined numerous issues it has with the plan.