

County's General Plan update approaching the finish line

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It took 10 years to complete the Panama Canal. It only took eight years from the time President John F. Kennedy announced the national goal of putting a man on the moon to accomplish that feat and half-dozen years to build the Transcontinental Railroad.

On Tuesday, the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting an update of the county's General Plan and all of the accompanying documents.

That task has taken Calaveras County 13 years to complete.

Numerous board members, planning directors and county administrative officers have come and gone in the meantime.

Tuesday's board meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Board Chambers at 891 Mountain Ranch Road in San Andreas. The board will go into a closed session and reconvene in public at approximately 9 a.m.

California law requires that each county and city in the state develop and adopt a General Plan.

The General Plan addresses important community issues such as new growth, housing needs and environmental protection.

Update of Calaveras County General Plan has not been without controversy.

Approval of the General Plan update is moving forward without inclusion of some community plans. That move has drawn criticism and the board has said completion of those plans will be a high priority.

In addition, members of the Calaveras Planning Coalition have suggested numerous changes to the document, which could face a legal challenge.