

# County's General Plan update enters final stage

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An update of Calaveras County General Plan moved closer toward reality this week after two days of lengthy hearings before the Board of Supervisors.

The General Plan is required by the state and is a document that provides a long-range vision for development within the county.

This General Plan update has been in the works for nearly 13 years.

The board concluded the Tuesday and Wednesday hearings by tentatively approving modifications they agreed upon during the two-day session and directing staff to bring back the appropriate findings and a resolution to adopt the General Plan amendments at a future meeting. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

When Board Chairman Jack Garamendi asked Planning Director Peter Maurer how soon the final documents would be ready for approval, he responded, "As soon as we possibly can."

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13.

Approval of the General Plan update is moving forward without the inclusion of some community plans.

The board agreed the inclusion of community plans for Copperopolis and Valley Springs should be the highest priorities.

Waiting completion of all the community plans would be a bad idea, Garamendi said, as the update needs to move forward.

"Progress trumps perfection in this case," he said.

Video of the hearings can be viewed at the Board of Supervisors website, <http://bos.calaverasgov.us/>.