



**Natomas Joint Vision
Broad Visioning Workshop #2
January 28, 2009
6:00-8:00 PM**



**Inderkum High School Auditorium
2500 New Market Drive
(NW corner of Truxel/Natomas Blvd and Del Paso Road)**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Purpose & approach of *Broad Visioning* effort and workshop series
3. Overview of tonight's agenda
4. Summary of *Workshop #1* & key survey results
5. Planning considerations
6. Presentation of map layers
7. Exercise – comments matrix
8. Conclusion/Next Steps
 - Workshop #3 – March 2009
 - 2-3 Alternatives

Key Survey Results from Broad Visioning Workshop #1

An informal survey was provided to participants of the November 12, 2008 Broad Visioning Workshop #1. This survey was also available for completion on-line until December 4, 2008. The following is a summary of some of the key results from all surveys and does not represent a scientific analysis of each question. The information provided valuable insight into potential visions for the Natomas Joint Vision Area.

Overall, the preferred vision for Natomas included urban development with high quality designs, materials and landscaping balanced with permanently preserved open space. The development would be linked to active and passive recreation areas with areas of compact, traditional neighborhood development similar to Land Park and Midtown. It would emphasize the unique features of the area such as the vast areas of habitat and active agriculture and proximity to the airport and downtown Sacramento. Accessible open space and waterways/detention basins could be designed to buffer ongoing agricultural practices from urban uses.

The most desirable time to begin planning for Natomas was thought to be now to insure that flood protection, habitat lands, and business/job development needs are all met. Permanent protection of non-urban land would allow for the new development while habitat areas, both accessible and inaccessible, would provide benefits to the nearby residents. Fees from the new development would assist in the preservation of habitat and open space.

Urban Form:

- Highest rated qualities of a great planned community included: compact, walkable, mixed-use "village centers" served by frequent public transit and quality design, materials, and landscaping.
- Highest rated visions for the Natomas Joint Vision Area included Land Park and Midtown.
- Flood protection was ranked as the most important planning consideration, followed by habitat lands and business/job development.

Agriculture:

- Home buyers and business owners in the new development should not bear the entire burden for supporting ongoing agriculture in the basin.
- Support for the use of 5 acre ranchettes and 20-40 acre parcels to provide agriculture/urban buffers.
- Highest rated features for designing successful agriculture/urban interfaces included: accessible open space buffers; waterways and detention basins; and parks.

Open Space:

- Support for the concept of tangible open space:
 - Open space within and around a community is a factor when choosing a place to live and work.
 - Interaction with nature is beneficial and limited access to habitat (viewing platforms, educational tours, etc.) is supported.
- Highest rated types of open space included: active recreation, passive recreation, and water features.

Habitat:

- Support for the idea that new development should be required to provide funding for habitat protection, enhancement, and maintenance.
- Support for new residents, businesses, and taxpayers throughout the region contributing to habitat preservation.