

Listening Session Meeting #1
Edna Batey Elementary School
April 28, 2009
Key Notes

Floodplain Protection

- Define floodway vs. floodplain
- Need clarification on the floodplain type and delineation of the boundary
- Provide protection for the floodplain area and agricultural lands
- Concern of City encroachment in floodplain
- The floodplain area is considered one-of-a-kind
- Activities foreseen along Cosumnes is appropriate development, protection of habitat, and preservation of heritage
- Educate more citizens regarding the floodplain
- Provide floodplain discussion in future staff reports and presentations
- Public officials have always maintained that no development is allowed in the floodplain
- Allow no development in the floodplain

Public Access & Recreation

- Establishing public access and recreation lands that are not associated with mitigation lands
- Consideration of lands outside of SOI to fulfill open space

Urban/Rural Interface

- The extent and magnitude of the SOI should be tailored and based on urban need
- Compatibility issues between urban development and existing agricultural uses may occur (i.e. odor)

Farmland & Agriculture

- Preserve farming activities in floodplain
- Ensure continuance of agricultural uses in the future (20-30 years from present)
- Develop agricultural policies

Habitat & Open Space

- A qualified entity should be in charge of preservation of habitat and open space
- Evaluate how the City is growing and promote smart growth between the City and County
- Promote coordination between the South Sacramento HCP and SOI
- Assurance that City is a good steward of mitigation lands

Other

- Motivation for SOI application and interest of annexing parcels west of State Route 99
- Need to demonstrate responsibility to protect resource in current boundary
- Wilton Action Group opposes SOI and believes the City is the least qualified for administering lands within the floodplain
- Listening Sessions do not provide perspective to the average citizen and not effective to the general public
- Concern that SOI area would add 10,000 acres to current 8,000 acres of undeveloped infill lands
- Focus on infill development within current city limits
- Review County areas that went through similar process and establish benchmarks for growth
- City vs. County in providing urban services to SOI area (i.e. police, fire, etc.)
- SOI discussions between City and County need to be open as process proceeds