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**DRAFT IONE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE TO BE PRESENTED AT JOINT MEETING  
*COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE INPUT***

IONE, CA – After almost a year of public workshops, meetings, data gathering and writing, a draft of the Ione General Plan Update will be presented at a joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting on April 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting, to be held at City Hall, is an opportunity for community members to learn about the contents and provide their comments on the Draft General Plan.

City Manager Kim Kerr said, "The City is really looking forward to hearing what Ione residents and business owners have to say about the draft General Plan. Support from the community has been and will continue to be the key to Ione's success."

Two subsequent meetings will be held on May 5, 2009, and May 19, 2009, in order for staff to walk meeting participants through the details of each element of the Draft General Plan Update and to gather additional input. Once initial public comments have been gathered and the City Council and Planning Commission have provided direction on the Draft Plan, a Draft Environmental Impact Report analyzing the impacts of the General Plan Update will also be released.

This is an important opportunity for residents to share their views and give insight on how to maintain Ione's quality of life while planning for a thriving and enriching future.

**General Plan Update  
Joint City Council/Planning Commission Public Workshop  
Release of the Draft General Plan  
Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.  
Ione City Hall  
Ione, CA**

**About the Ione General Plan Update**

The Ione General Plan Update is a blueprint for guiding and developing the City of Ione's future. It addresses land use, circulation, housing, natural resources, open space, community character, economic development and safety.

Your participation and contribution to our meetings will be essential as we strive to preserve our history and create a viable and flourishing community that current and future generations will be glad to call home.

To learn more about the Ione General Plan Update, please visit our Web site at [www.ionegeneralplan.com](http://www.ionegeneralplan.com).

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