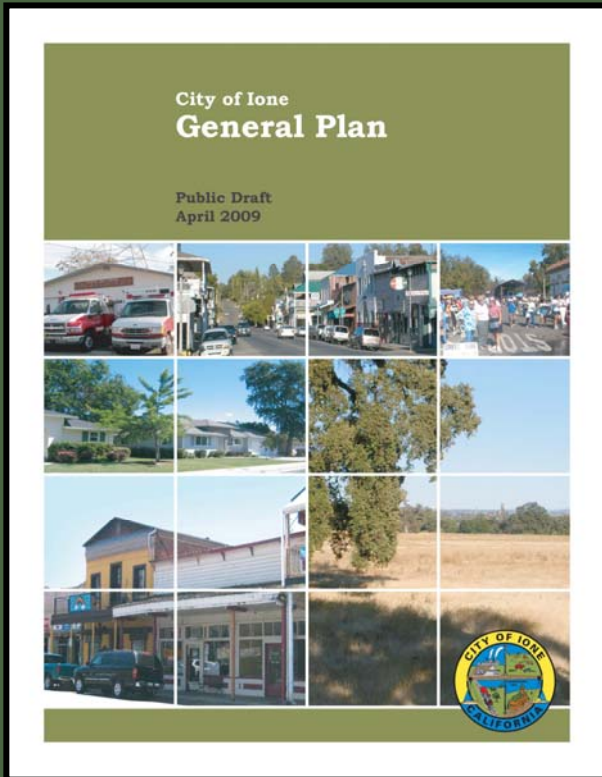




City of **Ione**  
General Plan Update

# 2009 Ione General Plan Public Release

April 21, 2009

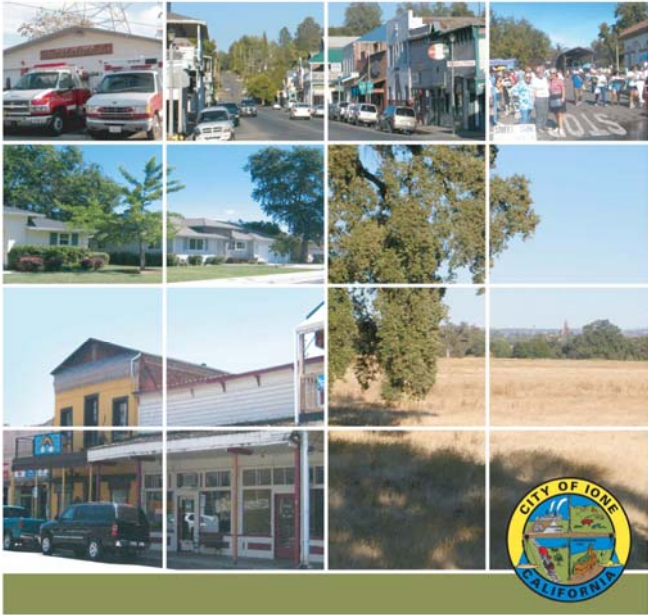




# Purpose of Workshop

## City of Ione General Plan

Public Draft  
April 2009



- What is the General Plan?
- How we got to tonight
- What's in the new Plan?
- How to read the General Plan
- Next Steps



# What is the General Plan?



- A blueprint for growth and planning now and in the future
- A reflection of community goals
- A framework for land use decision making
  - Existing GP dates to 1982
  - Does not reflect community development since that time
  - Does not set forth a vision for the future



# Who uses the General Plan?



- **City Council** – to make decisions about the future of the community.
- **Planning Commission** – to review individual projects for consistency with the community's goals.
- **City Staff** – to perform the programs and policies to direct the growth and development of the City.
- **Property Owners** – to guide and inform their projects.
- **Citizens** – to understand what the City will look and feel like as the community grows.



# How Did We Get to This Point?



- City Council initiated comprehensive Update to the General Plan in December 2007
- Work began in May 2008
- Land Use alternatives were considered in November 2008
- City Council selected a Land Use Plan in January 2009
- City Council and GP Executive Committee provided policy direction throughout process





# General Plan Update Process





# What's in the New General Plan?

## Nine Issue Areas

- **Land Use** – maps, designations for all properties
- **Housing** – State requirements, new homes
- **Circulation** – roads, pedestrians, bikes, traffic
- **Open Space** – public and private, locations and plans
- **Conservation** – natural resources, environment
- **Noise** – standards, requirements, noise reduction
- **Safety** – seismic, weather, fire, environmental safety
- **Economic Development** – business development
- **Public Services** – water, sewer, police, fire, etc.



# What's in the New General Plan?

## Seven Elements

- Land Use
- Housing
- Circulation
- Open Space and Conservation
- Noise and Safety
- Economic Development
- Public Services



# How to Read the General Plan

Each Element contains the following structure to the background of the General Plan:

- **Introduction** – Explanation of the Element
- **Vision** – Statement of the City's desires for that topic
- **Purpose** – What the Element will attempt to do
- **Related Plans and Programs** – documents affecting the City's growth or development on this topic
- **Relationship to other Elements** – overlapping topics
- **Setting and Issues** – background on the community
- **Issues This Element Solves** - known issues in the community that the Element addresses



# How to Read the General Plan

Each Element contains the following structure to the Requirements of the General Plan:

- **Goals** – Big picture statements about what the City wants to accomplish during the lifetime of the GP.
- **Policies** – Specific statements of intent for how projects, programs, or conditions must be designed to bring about the goals.
- **Action Items** – Specific projects, programs, or conditions needed to implement the policies.



# How to Read the General Plan

Example of how these appear in the GP:

- **Goal CO-4** – Protect the quantity and quality of the City’s water resources
  - **Policy CO-4.1** – Promote water conservation within existing and future urban uses
    - **Action Item CO-4.1.1** – Implement standards that require water conserving appliances and fixtures in all new development.



# Next Steps



- Two upcoming joint Planning Commission/City Council workshops to discuss GP Elements
  - **May 5** – Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Noise, Safety, Economic Development, and Public Services
  - **May 19** – Land Use, Circulation



# Next Steps



- Environmental Impact Report released for public review in late May (45 day review period)
- Planning Commission and City Council consider adoption of the new General Plan in July and August of 2009.

