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SECTION ONE  
INTRODUCTION





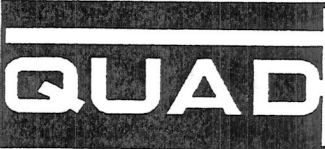
## SECTION ONE INTRODUCTION

This document contains background information compiled for the Yuba County *General Plan Update*. It describes the existing conditions that apply to the subject areas to be addressed in the Plan, and also serves as the "environmental setting" portion of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the *General Plan Update*. The document is organized to correspond to major headings that will appear in the EIR.

Yuba County, California, is located in the eastern Sacramento Valley and the western foothills and mountains of the Sierra Nevada, approximately 45 miles north of Sacramento, as shown on Figure 1-1. The county encompasses approximately 640 square miles extending east from the Feather River to the counties of Nevada, Sierra and Plumas. Located in Yuba County are the incorporated cities of Marysville and Wheatland. The major unincorporated settlements include Linda and Olivehurst, south of Marysville, and several smaller foothill and mountain communities.

In June 1992, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors authorized an update of four elements of the *Yuba County General Plan*. The four elements to be updated are the *Land Use, Circulation, Open Space and Conservation* elements. The remaining three mandatory elements, *Housing, Noise and Safety* are assumed by the County to be sufficiently current and not in need of update at this time. In the event that proposed changes in the four elements being updated result in a need for changes in the remaining three elements to retain consistency and adequacy, a program for updating them will be prepared and implemented at that time.

A program was developed for the *General Plan Update* that entailed the preparation of a series of Working Papers to be released at intervals during the process. The first Paper released was the *Issues, Opportunities, Assumptions, Vision Statement and Goals*. The *Environmental Setting and Background* was the second Paper in this series. It was followed later in the process by an *Objectives, Alternatives, Policies and Implementation Measures* Paper. Upon review and discussion of the three Working Papers, a draft *General Plan* containing the four elements and a draft EIR has been prepared.



**VICINITY MAP**

**FIGURE  
1-1**



The Board of Supervisors appointed a General Plan Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the staff and the General Plan consultants. During the period of Plan development eight meetings were held with the Citizens Advisory Committee as well as a number of community workshops to solicit public comment and direction.

Because only four of the seven mandatory *General Plan* elements are being updated at this time, this document and the subsequent process rely, to an extent, on the content of the three remaining elements.

