

# Volume I

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County of Calaveras  
801 Mountain Ranch Rd.  
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RE: Input for the General Plan Background Report

Dear Director:

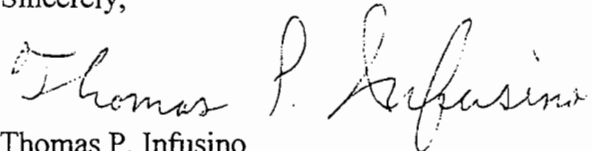
The Calaveras Planning Coalition (CPC) is composed of community groups, organizations, and individuals interested in growth and planning issues in Calaveras County. The Coalition is united in its belief in the need for a comprehensive update to the Calaveras County General Plan. Further, the Coalition believes that citizen participation is the key to a successful update of the General Plan, and necessary to the update of area specific plans throughout the County.

As you know, the County and its consultants are preparing a background report to help inform the update of the Calaveras County General Plan. The CPC is providing the attached materials to assist the County and its consultants in preparing that background report.

The Government Code requires each County to prepare a comprehensive general plan. (Government Code, Section 65300.) There are seven mandatory elements: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety. (Government Code, Section 65302.) "The degree of specificity and level of detail of the discussion of each such element shall reflect local conditions and circumstances." (Government Code, Section 65301, subd. (c).) In the documents that follow, we identify some of the local conditions and circumstances in Calaveras County that must be addressed in the general plan update. For other useful sources of important background information, please see OPR's 2003 General Plan Guidelines, pp. 36-42, Chapters 4 & 6, 274-281, and pp. 282-283 for internet info.) The 2003 General Plan Guidelines are at [http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/PDFs/General\\_Plan\\_Guidelines\\_2003.pdf](http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/PDFs/General_Plan_Guidelines_2003.pdf)

As soon as the County's draft background report is available, please send us a copy for our review, and/or alert us to its availability on the County web site. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our input. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Infusino". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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