Planning is the process of deciding how a community uses its land and other resources. The planning process involves analyzing the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of development and infrastructure projects. Planning decisions usually require local political approval, and reflect the desires and interests of the community. Local and state laws define the process for making planning decisions. (Government Code Sections 65000-66037).

3/19 – Topic: The Butte County Grand Jury
Speaker: Joe Putyrae: Lived in Butte County for 17yrs. However have owned the property for 45yrs. Served on the 2009-2010 Butte County Grand Jury. Member Butte County Chapter Calif Grand Jury Assoc. (CGJA). Owner of an Independent Manufacturer's Representative Company through-out the West for 35 plus years. Served on the ISSA (International Sanitary Supply Association) Board of Directors. Married 47 yrs, two children and two grandchildren.
Speaker: John E. Welton: Born and raised in Lansing Michigan. Graduated from MSU with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. Was offered and accepted a position with the Bureau of Reclamation, Dept. of Interior in Sacramento. Worked on a number of water resource projects including Sites Dam, San Luis Dam, the Tehama Colusa Canal, and El Dorado Irrigation System. Accepted a job with the Development and Resources Corporation. Moved to southern Iran to design, construct and operate the 250,000 acre Dez Irrigation Project. Accepted a job with Bechtel Corporation. Worked on water resource projects in numerous countries, including Algeria, Bolivia, South Korea, Thailand and Hong Kong. Volunteered as a STARS (Sheriff’s Team of Active Retired Seniors) with the Butte County Sheriff’s Office. Was a member of the 2008/09 Butte County Grand Jury. Was the Foreperson for the 2009/10 Butte County Grand Jury. With other members of the 2009/10 Grand jury started the Butte County Chapter of the Calif. Grand Jury Association.

Butte County is required by law to impanel a grand jury to serve for a term of one year. The number of impanel on this jury is 19. This body is mandated to investigate and report on both criminal and civil matters within the county.

3/26 – Topic: Butte County Sheriff's 2nd Chance K9 for Veteran's program
Speaker: Eric Lyon:
The BCSO 2nd Chance K9 for Veteran’s program is a collaboration between BCSO, Butte County Veteran’s Services, and Northwest SPCA. Dogs that are in the care of Northwest SPCA are brought to the BCSO 2nd Chance K9 program when SPCA deems them not adoptable due to behavioral reasons. Butte County Sheriff’s Office Alternative Custody Supervision Participants, who have been trained in dog training techniques, train the dogs to be good companion animals. Once the dogs are trained, they are available for adoption by a Veteran who can benefit from the companionship a trained dog can provide.
4/2 – Topic: The Three Concert Bands of Butte County plus a little music

Speakers: John Taylor & Eric Zancanella: Both are long time participants in local community bands. Eric Zancanella is working on a history of community bands in Butte County. The Paradise Community Concert Band, Oroville Community Concert Band, Chico Community Concert Band and Paradise High School Band will present a combined concert on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Paradise Performing Arts Center in Paradise.

Note: Special date, Friday, 4/13 – Topic: African American Migration to Butte County

Speaker: Dr. John Henry Rivers, PhD.: Dr Rivers attended Chico State University, earning a bachelor degree in sociology in 1968. He received a master's degree in psychology in 1970 at Sonora State, and a doctorate in psychology in 1973 at Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rivers is a published author and teaches black history at local schools. One of his most proud achievements is helping to develop the South side Oroville Community, doing what he can to help residents and to restore the neighborhood. Under the leadership of Dr. John Rivers and a Board of Directors, the Society promotes awareness of the accomplishments of the historical South side community of Oroville. “We are the only historical society between Sacramento and Portland, Oregon that is engaged in research, preservation, and presentation of the history of African Americans in Oroville and surrounding locations”.

4/16 – Topic: Butte Bots

Speaker: Jon Andrews:
Students from various schools in Butte County build robots as part of an international competition. Jon Andrew, an industrial technology teacher at Las Plums, is leading the project. He said students come with varied interests. "We have people who want to design, build and create, graphic design and even photography and videography," said Andrew. "Any student who has any aptitude, we'll take them.

4/23 – Topic: The Bard of Butte County

Speaker: John Rudderow:
Meet Pres Longley, know as the Bard of Butte County. He lived and mined here, and wrote poems, over 300. More than a century after his death in 1912 at the age of 88, John Rudderow and Nancy Leek, two local people who shared an interest in local history, and Pres Longley in particular, teamed up to publish a collection of more than 100 of his poems into a book, The Miner Poet: Poems of Pres Longley. Rudderow worked in the aerospace industry in Southern California prior to moving to Butte County. John lives in Butte Creek Canyon, near the Honey Run Covered Bridge.

4/30 Topic: Walking Paths of Butte County