

VISION STATEMENT

County decision makers, staff and the General Plan Citizens Advisory Committee have examined a number of growth and development scenarios for Glenn County as a part of the general plan development process. These scenarios have focused on implications for natural resources, public safety and community development. From this process, a potential future for Glenn County has been identified and reflected in the preferred alternative. This future condition embodies several general concepts and actions, which form a vision for Glenn County as described below:

- Growth and development will occur predominantly within and adjacent to existing developed areas. A preponderance of the growth will occur within Orland, Willows, Hamilton City, and Artois, and to a lesser degree in Butte City and Elk Creek. Other established communities will continue to serve as local service centers, although actual growth within those communities will be limited. Urban limit lines will be placed around the six major communities, and most growth of an urban nature will take place within them. New areas for growth and development will emerge along I-5 at major interchanges. These new growth areas will be carefully planned, including requirements for establishment of specific plans for development and urban limit lines. Within the urban limit lines of Orland and Willows, the cities and the County will continue close communication and cooperation, to ensure that land resources and public services are utilized in the most beneficial and effective way.
- Housing types will become more diversified in the county. More planned unit developments (PUDs) or mixed use developments will occur as the scale of development enlarges. Such amenities as golf courses and lakes will be planned in conjunction with development. Cluster housing will be utilized to preserve agricultural land, and low and moderate income housing needs will be met utilizing a variety of new programs. People will be able to find high-quality, affordable housing in reasonably close proximity to their workplaces. Day care and other similar necessities of modern life will be planned for in conjunction with new housing developments.
- Agricultural land will continue to be carefully conserved, and new and more effective steps will be employed to preserve agricultural land. The preservation of agricultural land will not just be for nostalgic reasons, however. The agricultural sector of Glenn County's economy and the county's rural heritage will remain prominent. Outside the six major development centers, population density will remain low, with scattered homesteads and some non-farm rural residential settlement around established communities.
- An increasing emphasis will be placed on tourism and recreation as economic generators, including hunting and other active use of private and public lands. The local economy will attain greater diversification, with a concerted and adequately funded economic development effort. New industries which no longer find urban environments attractive and efficient places to do business will locate within or near Orland and Willows, in industrial parks created through public and private action. Examples of new businesses which will locate in Glenn County include a variety of proprietary industries, outdoor equipment manufacturers, and packaging, assembly and recycling operations. This emphasis on creation of jobs will