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LUPIN (Land Use Planning Information Network) is an information service that supports and addresses California land use planning issues via the CERES web.



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General Plans

(Fact Sheets 8, 9, 10, 14 and 16)

Many county general plans and zoning ordinances are available online from the California Land Use Planning Information Network (**LUPIN**). County information is available at: <http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/counties/>.

Sierra County's General Plan is not currently online. Plumas County's General Plan is at:

http://www.countyofplumas.com/building_planning/general_plan.htm

The City of Portola's General Plan can be accessed from the city's website <http://www.ci.portola.ca.us>. Click on "Portola Government" and then on "Public Documents."

The **Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)** encourages collaborative and comprehensive land use planning at the local, regional, and statewide levels to achieve sustainable development goals of protecting the environment, maintaining a healthy economy, and ensuring equitable treatment of all people."

OPR General Plan Guidelines are online at: <http://www.opr.ca.gov>.

A Citizen's Guide to Planning is at: http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/planning_guide/plan_index.html;

California General Plan Glossary is online at: <http://www.cprroundtable.org/cprwww/docs/glossary.html>

Library users may borrow plan documents through any local library's inter-library loan process.

The Housing Element of the General Plan must be updated every 5 years. See the Department of Housing and Community Development website for deadlines for a particular county. www.hcd.ca.gov

Brown Act (Fact Sheet 13)

The First Amendment Project produces a **Pocket Guide to the Brown Act**, available as a PDF file at <http://www.thefirstamendment.org/bringownact.html>.

The California Attorney General's Office publishes **The Brown Act: Open Meetings for Local Legislative Bodies**. For a PDF file, go to http://ag.ca.gov/publications/2003_Intro_BrownAct.pdf.

Local Agency Formation Commissions (Fact Sheet 4)

Fifty-six of the 58 Local Agency Formation Commissions in California—including Plumas County's and Sierra County's—belong to the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions. The organization's website, www.calafco.org, provides a host of useful links from its "Resources" page.

More Fact Sheets & Websites

Land Use Terms, Zoning, Permits and Variances, Private Property Rights, Cost of Community Services, Growth & Development, CEQA, Property Tax Distribution, etc. can be found at <http://ucanr.org/landusefactsheets>.

For regional scope and an activist spin, try the Sierra Nevada Alliance at www.sierranevadaalliance.org,

For Collaborative Efforts in land use, visit <http://landuse.org/guidebook.html>

For a thumbnail summary of census data, visit <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states>.

For a comprehensive toolkit on land use and health, visit http://www.healthyplanning.org/toolkit_edrd.html

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