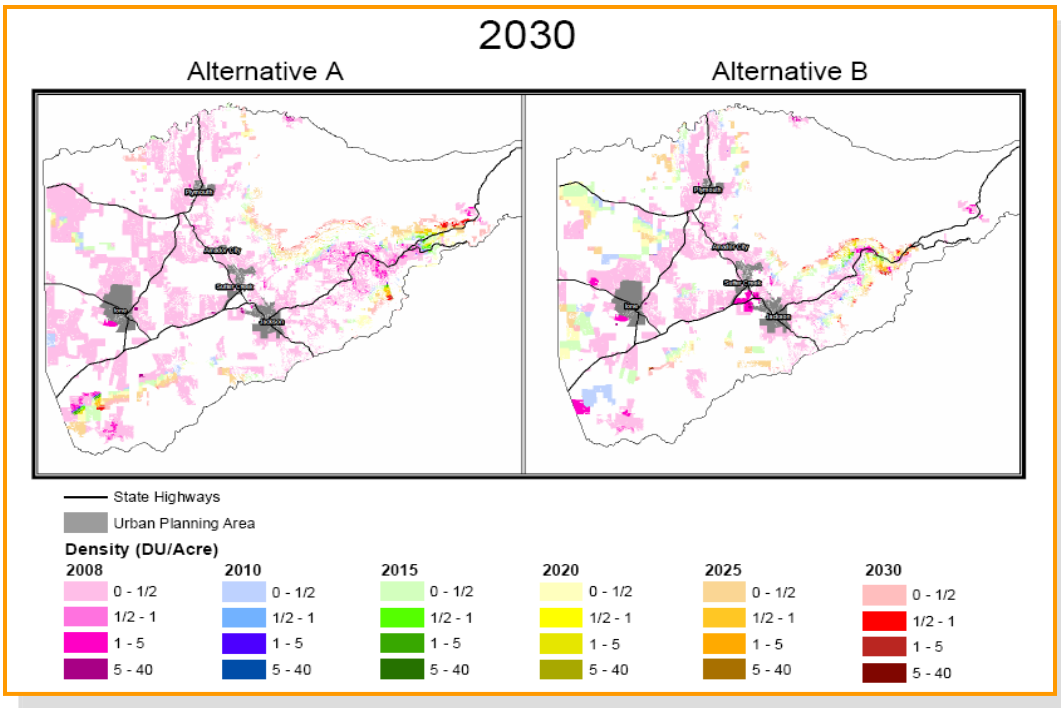
Project Snapshot

Public Participation in Regional Watershed Profile and Policy Plan Assessment Stage

Client: Local Government Commission
General Location: Calaveras and Amador Counties

Placeways partnered with PlaceMatters to assist the LGC in the Regional Watershed Profile and Policy Plan assessment stage for Calaveras and Amador Counties. As part of this process, the LGC held one-day a workshop for education on issues related to development and associated water impacts. The first half of the workshop looked at analysis of potential future land use scenarios for Amador County. The three main alternatives were analyzed for water-related impacts such as impervious surfaces, stormwater runoff, land preservation, access to county water and sewer infrastructure, proximity to streams and water bodies and water consumption.

The second half of the workshop allowed attendees to participate in a table exercise for future development surrounding a small town in Calaveras County. They were given poker chips representing dwelling units, commercial development and preservation areas. The chosen plans were linked via laptop stations to a central CommunityViz model. This allowed participants to immediately see the impacts of their choices.