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Community Plan Update

Public Responses and Answers

Public Meeting July 24, 2010

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*Tonja Dausend Constitutional Advocate, Burson
Minority Report*

Valley Springs Town Meeting Aug. 11, 2010

Supervisor District: Gary Tofanelli

Committee Members Present

<i>Ron Randall</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Valley Springs</i>
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<i>Tonya Dausend</i>	<i>Burson</i>

Aug. 11, 2010

VSCP Public Meeting

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Residents of Valley Springs:

You are invited to attend a public meeting held by Supervisor Gary Tofanelli and Supervisor Russ Thomas, Calaveras County Board of Supervisors

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M

TOPICS: Cosgrove Creek (Flood Mitigation and Creek Maintenance)

Valley Springs Community Plan Update

LOCATION: Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial Hall, 189 Pine St., Valley Springs

Cosgrove Creek will be the first item on the agenda with representatives from the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers providing a presentation. The Valley Springs Community Plan update will follow.

*August 11, 2010 Public Meeting
Valley Springs Community Plan Update
Draft- Citizens Committee*

Friday, August 13, 2010

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Frustrations aired concerning Cosgrove Creek

By Nick Baptista

Preliminary work to solve frequent flooding along Cosgrove Creek is on track, but some residents attending Wednesday evening's town hall meeting hosted by Calaveras County District 1 Supervisor Gary Tofanelli and District 5 Supervisor Russ Thomas voiced frustration that the county was not doing enough to help them or compensate them for their losses.

Tofanelli began the meeting by outlining three phases of Cosgrove Creek flood-prevention maintenance scheduled to

begin in mid-September.

Yearly, routine maintenance work along the flood-prone creek was suspended in 2007 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the creek could be habitat for the California red-legged frog, a threatened species protected by the endangered species act.

County, state and federal officials a month ago met and cleared up some of the issues that have prevented the removal of vegetation and debris from the creek.

CalFire crews from the

Vallecito Conservation Camp will clear the creek, Tofanelli said, but their first priority is fighting fires and other public works projects that were scheduled before the Cosgrove Creek work. He anticipates much of the work will be completed before the rainy season starts.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting, some of whom were victims of the April 2006 flood that damaged approximately 20 homes and businesses.

Kim Carsell, the lead planner from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, gave an overview of

the joint flood control study being pursued by the Army Corps of Engineers, the county and the Calaveras County Water District.

The channel survey, hydrologic study and hydraulic modeling have been completed, she said and the next phase is selecting a plan of action that will be presented at a public meeting in January of next year. A draft report will be completed in May 2011, followed by public review of the report and a final report in March 2012.

The design and construction (See Page 16)

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phase would begin in 2013.

Measures under consideration include removing, elevating or flood proofing structures within the flood plain, modifying and raising bridges along the creek, detention and retention basins, a series of drop structures in the creek, floodwalls, sediment removal, zoning restrictions, channel widening, flood terracing, channel deepening, bank stabilization, public education, emergency

evacuation plans and a flood warning system.

Grouse Drive resident Chris Ferguson questioned what is the county itself doing to compensate those residents who suffered in the flooding. He said the county is primarily responsible for allowing construction in the first place in flood-prone areas such as Grouse Drive.

"A lot of people feel your pain," said Carsell.

"This is part of what we're doing," Tofanelli said, alluding to the creek maintenance project and working with the Army Corps of Engineers on long-term solutions to the problem.

The county has spent \$380,000 through the study to solve the flooding problem, Thomas added.

Tofanelli said it was one of his campaign pledges to solve the problem and he has been working diligently the past two years to do so.

Muriel Zeller said she spent \$25,000 to repair her rental on St. Andrews Drive after the

flooding and she had a practical solution she'd like the county to entertain to help residents.

She told how she received no help at all to fill sandbags to protect her rental and said she would appreciate it if the county organized a volunteer effort to help residents in those instances.

She also told how the county dropped the ball and forced property owners such as herself to use private instead of state labs to test their buildings for contamination after the flood.

Such action or inaction by the county gives the public some basis for skepticism about county government, she added.

Tofanelli said he would work on organizing a volunteer sandbag-filling program this year.

The county also received low marks for how it handled the recent flood map update and forced residents to obtain costly verification that their homes were out of the flood plain.

Tofanelli also outlined a new, low-impact, no signal or roundabout proposal to solve traffic woes at the downtown State Route 12/26 intersection.

The two alternatives being discussed – the signal or roundabout – essentially would create a freeway running through town and that motivated him to think about

another alternative, he said.

Tofanelli began discussing the possibility of introducing a right turn lane from SR 26 to eastbound SR 12, and a left turn lane from westbound SR12 to SR26 with the engineers and consultants.

In this scenario, only the Century 21 building would have to be removed and the north side of the intersection would remain nearly unchanged. Work would also include removing the wall separating the 76 station from the Valley Oaks Center to improve traffic flow in the area.

Another workshop is being scheduled to seek public comments on the new alternative.

Public comments were also accepted on the draft Valley Springs Community Plan update being prepared by the citizens committee formed by Tofanelli.

The Calaveras Council of Governments and MyValleySprings.com are also preparing a community plan update and most of the comments centered upon the differences in the two rival updates. Proponents of the CCOG-MyValleySprings.com plan said it adhered to public sentiment for a more compact downtown with less urban sprawl than the plan prepared by Tofanelli's citizens committee.

The citizen's committee plan takes into consideration existing land use designations and property owners' desires for future land use changes.

Valley Springs has long night of

By *Brionna Friedrich*

Some dedicated Valley Springs residents, along with their county supervisors, might have been a little tired Thursday morning.

They stuck it out for a meeting about the Valley Springs Community Plan update produced by Calaveras County Supervisor Gary Tofanelli's committee. The meeting piggy-backed onto an already planned Cosgrove Creek flood meeting in order to give the public more time to see the plan and comment, and didn't wrap up until just after 10 p.m. Wednesday.

One resident commended the readability of the plan, particularly citing committee member

Pat Perreira's contributions.

Another resident said he worried his property, currently zoned for heavy industry, would be indirectly impeded by noise restrictions in the plan. He did thank the committee and Tofanelli for their efforts to protect property rights.

Muriel Zeller asked how planners would reconcile the plan's call for open space buffers with their commitment to maintain existing zoning.

Tofanelli said the plan encourages buffers, but does not require them. He added that the Williamson Act, a state land conservation policy, would allow a contract between property owners and the county that

allows lower tax rates in exchange for leaving the property as open space.

Different counties have used the Williamson Act in different ways; Calaveras currently has a requirement that a property owner must demonstrate at least \$2,000 of annual income from the property in order to qualify for a contract. Tofanelli said his committee's plan lifts that requirement.

An issue still drawing debate was the development of pedestrian and bike paths. The plan calls for a two-thirds majority to seek grants for their development, though not for their construction, and some residents think it should do more to encourage those sorts of com-

munity improvements.

Others applauded the enthusiasm for walking and biking, but encouraged their development within gated communities, not using public funds.

Burson resident Lew Mayhew has been attending public meetings throughout the process, and said he was concerned that some land use changes to mixed residential and commercial zones could allow pockets of commercial development outside of downtown. He said his interpretation of public feedback has been that Valley Springs residents want their commercial center to remain downtown, and avoid strip malls in other areas.

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community planning

A resident commented that this plan allows three times the density downtown as the plan developed by the Calaveras Council of Governments and MyValleySprings.com, and said she might be driven to shop outside the county if downtown became too cramped.

Katharine Jackson said that while she thought the land use in the plan didn't make sense, she thought the different parties had more common ground than they realized.

"I really think all of us have the same thing in common: We like our space, we like our rural community.

"There's been so much emotion behind the term 'smart growth.' To me it's just a simple return to the past, to an old-

timey little town, and remove from it the muddy horse hooves and little trails. ... We're not willing to give it a chance, and yet it is what will pull the county together."

Tofanelli said his committee needs time to address the comments made, and may not present the plan to the Board of Supervisors next week. He said all suggestions and concerns would be considered.

People interested in viewing the plan can do so at the Valley Springs Public Library, area banks and Starbucks.

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Supervisor: New VS plan best represents constituents

By Nick Baptista

District 1 Supervisor Gary Tofanelli was pleased with the outcome of Tuesday's vote on a new Valley Springs Community Plan and believes the action by the Board of Supervisors represents the bulk of his constituency.

After lengthy discussion on

the matter, the board voted 4-1, with board Chairwoman Merita Callaway opposed, to approve what is being called the May 27, 2010, map as the preferred map and the earlier May 4 Calaveras Council of Governments map as the alternate map.

"What we came up with was well represented by the commu-

nity people involved who were representing certain community groups and the people at large," Tofanelli said after Tuesday's meeting.

Tofanelli said he knew when the process to revisit the Valley Springs Community Plan began it would not please everyone. However, many of the con-

cerns expressed with the May 4 map were addressed.

"I'm sorry that one group (MyValleySprings.com) decided not to participate," Tofanelli added. "I believe it was a mistake on their part."

From the feedback he received, many District 1 constituents (See Page 16)

VS Plan

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ents were not supportive of the plan developed through COG, Tofanelli said. They did not see the process as neutral and many of their concerns raised in the public meetings were ignored.

MyValleySprings.com representatives voiced their concerns with the May 27 map at Tuesday's board meeting.

"(T)he new map being presented today is not a refinement of, or a compromise with, the May 4th Community Plan consensus map," said Colleen Platt of MVS.com at Tuesday's meeting. "This is a totally new community plan map, with different boundaries and significant land use changes. This new map has not been re-

viewed or vetted by the community."

"Some of the changes are extreme," said Joyce Techel of MVS.com. "For example, the existing 1974 Valley Springs plan has no land designated Mixed Commercial and Residential. The May 4 community plan update 'consensus' map proposed 106 acres of Community Center with Mixed Use, located in the town center. But this new proposed May 27th community map proposes over 600 acres of Mixed Commercial and Residential, located mostly outside of the town center and on land currently zoned Agriculture."

Tofanelli said this is only one step in the General Plan update process. The preferred map will be analyzed along with the alternative to a lesser extent and they will re-emerge when the General Plan update is up for consideration.

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Sign-In Sheets

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*Valley Springs Community Plan Citizens Committee
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Valley Springs Public Meeting Aug. 11, 2010
Subject: Cosgrove Creek, Hwy 26-12, VSCP Update
Sign up Sheet

District 1, Supervisor Tofanelli

- 1. Betty Snyder 1290 Paloma Road/772-1265*
- 2. Lucille Allie VSPUD/ 150 Sequoia St./*
- 3. Joyce Techel Burson*
- 4. Gene Quarton VS Township/772-1405*
- 5. Andy Whitaker 145 Sequoia/772-1755*
- 6. Phyllis Maxfield 151 Chestnut St.*
- 7. Bud DeMasters Watertown Rd., VS*
- 8. Joanne Randall Paloma Rd., VS*
- 9. Peggy Passetti Paloma Rd., VS*
- 10. Val Passetti Paloma Rd., VS*
- 11. Patricia Pereira Campo Seco*
- 12. Tom Coe Paloma Rd/ Saratoga354-2139*
- 13. David Silva Paloma Rd/ 4417 Calvaritas Rd*
- 14. Mike Dausend Burson*
- 15. Tonja Dausend Burson*
- 16. Pat Bailey Wallace*
- 17. Jackie Neill Wallace*
- 18. Cathryn Jackson Wallace*
- 19. Jean Fox Valley Springs/no phone*
- 20. Chris Ferguson Valley Springs/ no phone*
- 21. Lew Mayhew Burson (Keep it Rural)*
- 22. Kathy Meyhew Wallace*
- 23. Mulan Jam(?) Valley Springs*
- 24. Joe Bechelli Paloma Rd./ 15 St.Andrews(Bus.)*
- 25. Ron Randall Paloma Rd. VS*
- 26& 27 Kathy and Heather (?) Valley Springs*

Sign Up Sheet, District 1, Continued
Valley Springs Public Meeting Aug. 11, 2010
Subject: Cosgrove Creek, Hwy 12 & 26 Intersection
And draft VSCP Update

- 29. *Muriel Zeller VS*
- 30. *Richard Stockton 167 St. Andrews*
- 31. *Brian Mark 117 St. Andrews*

- 32. *Supervisor Tofanelli Burson (not signed in)*

Calaveras County Representatives/ other's

- 1. *Ed Pattison CCWD*
- 2. *Jess Olundson CCWD*
- 3. *Tim McSorly Council of Government*
- 4. *Tyler Summerset Council of Government*
- 5. *Clay Hawkins Cal.Co. Admin. Office*
- 6. *Zacharah Allun(?) Admin. Office*
- 7. *Jeff Davidson (not signed in) CCWD*
- 8. *Tyler Stalker Army Corp of Engineers*
- 9. *Brionna Friedrich Calaveras Enterprise*
- 10. *Nick Baptista VS News (not signed in)*

*Valley Springs Public Meeting Aug. 11, 2010/ Continued
Subject: Cosgrove Creek, Hwy 26-12, VSCP Update
Sign up Sheet
District 5, Russ Thomas*

- 1. Plez Hill P.O. Box 628 786-2460*
- 2. Katie Clough 6816 Stabulis Rd. 772-7805*
- 3. Unreadable TPT*
- 4. Russ Thomas Copperopolis 785-2020*
- 5. Karen Sisk 8863 Rosalie Lane 786-6108*
- 6. R. Clough 6816 Stabulis Rd. 772-7805*
- 7. Elle Dunigan 8649 McAtee*
- 8. Al Duncan 741 Blue Herron Ct.*
- 9. Darren Spellman 6873 McCauley 380-1718*
- 10. Dave Andres 531 Catridge/ No phone listed*
- 11. Randy Johnson Hwy 26, VS 772-1238*
- 12. Lora Most 4114 Farris Lane 772-772-0652*
- 13. J. Alice Raines 7311 Stabulis 786-2470*
- 14. Stan Chanman 2201 Vista DelCapoDr. 772-3544*
- 15. Wayne B. Meyers 7312 S. Hwy 26 772-2752*
- 16. Char Stanton 8279 Hedgpeth 772-2752*
- 17. Bob Stanton 8279 Hedgpeth 772-2752*
- 18. Barbara Witter 3568 Hartvickson 772-0101*
- 19. Andy Ballentyne Rancho Calaveras*

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Muhum Jim Valley Springs, CA

~~Jim Jim~~
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Darren Spellman	6873 McCauley	380-1718
Wave Andrus	531 Cambridge	
Brian Mark	117 St Andrew Rd	772-0795
Richard Johnston	107 St Andrew Rd	772-3158
Kandy Johnston	1147 Valley Spring	772-1238
Tom & Mest	4114 Ferris Lane Hwy 5	772-0652
J. Alice Kaines	7311 STABULIS	786-2470
Stan Channon	2201 Vista Del Lago Dr	772-3544
Wm B. Murr	7312 S. Hwy 26	772-2752
Cher Stanton	5279 Helgeland Vb	786-0279
Bob Stanton	"	"
David Sinker	4419 Cameron Rd 9A	754 5613
C. Hawkins	Cal. Co. Admin. CE.	754-6302
Brianna Friedrich	Calaveras Enterprise	
TOM COE	SARATOGA, CA 95070	408-354-2139
MIKE & TONIA DAESSEN	Bueson	
Barbara Witter	3578 Hartwickson	772-0101
Jacobus Allen	Count Calaveras	

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Tim McSorley

V

Bud & Master

VS

Lynne Epler
Janne Randall

Ranch Calaveras

Valley Springs

CHRIS FERGUSON

VALLEY SPRINGS

Pat Bailey

Wallace

Miriam Geller

Valley Springs

Janine Galt

Wallace

Carthyn Jackson

Wallace

Tyler Summerset

Hatbaway Pines

Jean Fox

Valley Springs.

Kathie & Kathie

V. S.

Lew Maghew

Burson

Kathy Maghew

Wallace

Al Duncan

V.S

Peggy Passet

VS

Valentino Passet

VS

Patricia Perera

Campo Seco,

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Andy Ballentine

Rancho Calaveras

Gene Stanton

V. S TOWNSHIP

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*VSCP Public Meeting
Informal Minutes*

*Valley Springs Community Plan Citizens Committee
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Informal minutes for the Aug. 11, 2010 Public Meeting:

7PM – 8:30 PM Cosgrove Creek Issue

Break, 9:00 PM –

- 1. Introduction Hwy 26 and 12 changes*
- 2. VSCP draft - Citizens Committee*

*Supervisor Tofanelli opened up the public meeting
for public comment on the
VSCP draft*

*The audience was not asked to introduce themselves or
where they lived so some comments were made by unknown
persons. There were 4 video 's recording the public
meeting.*

*Tom Coe: #1 Appreciated the efforts to preserve property
Rights.*

*#2 His real estate is outside the VSCP
boundaries, he is concerned with the
industrial development uses, light industrial.
He wants to preserve the heavy industry and
preserve the economic potential of a
proposed industrial school, heavy industrial
and mining.*

*Needs to stay in place-the M2 zoning, he
Purchased for that specific purpose*

*#3 Discussed the economic opportunities he
is planning: a trade school, would like
incorporated into the VSCP*

*#4 Noise and Noise Abatement may impede
their M2 zoning plans and what can be done
on mining and industrial property.*

Unknown female: Right turn lane she supports.

Like the idea of taking the wall down at the zippy mart and opening up the area.

Darren Spellman: M2 zoning- currently before the BOS.

Will zoning stay or will it change?

Tofanelli: Special mixed Use – CCL/ Coe has requested that zoning. He is not removing any zoning designations unless the landowner has requested to.

M.Zeller: Buffer between areas re Paloma, Campo Seco, Burson, Jenny Lind and industrial lands.

Tofanelli: Areas are not forced they are encouraged to permit open space.

M. Zeller: Williamson Act lands- Open space and the Removal of restriction \$2,000. Income incentives, one of the ways to promote buffer zones with Ag Preserves.

Tofanelli: Yes, A restriction on minimum income and paper work must be completed annually. Stanislaus Co. doesn't have this restriction. Under this program, they will not have to produce the \$2,000 or fill out the paper work. One of the ways to encourage open space and a buffer between communities.

Katie Clough: Commends P. Pereira for work on the VSCP Binder.

Joe Bechelli: The 2/3 vote , bicycle path what was the thought behind it?

Ron Randall: The 2/3 vote to approve the grant money. Valley Springs has a \$400,000. bike path No one uses. And a \$250,000 grant for the VSCP that no one wanted. The public should have some say on the grant and how the money is being spent.

Unknown man: It's a complex of moving parts, where there Are obstacles there are opportunities. Sees additional services. Density in urban center attracts jobs, entertainment. Hates to hear all the controversy. Like to see pedestrian and bike plan connect.

Peter Racz: Sewage Plant: Would sewage plant handle the next 20-25 year capacity? It will be obsolete in 20-25 years? Cut into commercial growth? Funding? Could remove possible problems now. Also suggests bicycle license fee's to finance Bicycle paths.

Tofanelli: Public facilities will complete "will serve" Letters to assure the services can be provided for. Developer has to pay to do the Improvements.

*Discussion re Commercial zone
Discussion about private easements for walking and bike paths. There are a couple plans. CCOG- Cosgrove Creek & Pathway. Working with property owners, federal funding, for bike and pedestrian trail.*

Tofanelli:

The Path Vision is to be able to walk to school or bicycle there.

CCOG – trail to La Contenta, Gold Creek, to VS to Paloma and connect to the Coast to Crest Trail.

Depends on funding, love to see it himself.

Unknown Man: Analysis comparing both plans, public hearing, time frame schedule?

Tofanelli: Goals, Policies, & Implementation has not been final for this VSCP. The analysis will be done on the preferred plan (4-1 vote of the BOS) and the other map is an alternative.

Public Comment on the General Plan and any community plan comments will be responded by the General Plan coordinator.

M. Zeller: Will the Alternative Map receive the same comparison. How will the public compare both maps?

Unknown man: Can the BOS blend the plans?

Tofanelli: Yes, depends what they say?

Mayhew: Went to all the meetings, his perception people want to preserve land and to avoid sprawl and want a compact town. 15

*Re acting to the land use map- question
North-residential community 2 to 3 times
more area for residential- double or triple
the people. Wants change in downtown
residential. NW to SE residential-
commercial beyond downtown core creating
islands of commercial that compete . Plan
should develop downtown area.*

*Another area, So. Lime Creek Rd. to start
and to end commercial designation to keep
strip development away from highway
corridors, would open up strip mall
development. Needs policies and procedures
that help insure open space to avoid leap
frog development, rural sprawl, strip mall
development.*

*Good sentiment to protect open space,
historical. Dislike the policies and
procedures. Better to protect than to only
inventory. Help insure, move to protect and
preserve what they value.*

*Process important to compare with the
consensus plan versus the citizens plan.
Important history for Valley Springs.
Implications of each plan and the choices
will be clear.*

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Darren Spellman: What Mayhew and CCOG wants in the VS Community – 72% responded from CCOG survey wanted Mar Val to be changed back into AG zoning. People want Places for their horses and animals.

McSorley: The addresses came from Valley Springs. Couldn't tell where they lived or voted from.

Mayhew: Based his comments from meetings he attended.

Rich Clough: Not enough involved in the community. Not happy with the community when people Plan should be planning for the children. Ask the children what they want.

Peter Racz: Interest expressed, the solution is the CCR's, Accomplished in their community. Encourage their own gated community to do their own plan and he would support it. Pay for it yourself, your utopia. I moved here to the middle of the boonies so I don't have to look at my neighbor's face.

Wallace: Downtown 3 x more than the other plan. (no name) Tries to shop local, if can't get down the road, she will shop in San Joaquin Co. Tom Tryon will be after you.

*Tofanelli: Announces Photo Contest
\$100. First Prize
75. 2nd
50 3rd
Deadline Sept. 9*

(Photo contest)

Awarded Sept. 30

*Send to: P.O. Box 191, Valley Springs
95252 Call 772-1405 Gene Quarton*

Unknown female: Working camera for MVS.com

*Large Property Owners working on
Land Use Map?*

*Tofanelli: We asked them what their plans were for
their property and what zoning they wanted.*

Same unknown

*Female: What process the land owner should have to
Follow to change land zone change?*

*Tofanelli: long standing process, property owners
could express how they want to change
zoning. Now is the time to do it. CCL
changed- Can't split property on the land
use designations. There was an issue with
approximately 380 acres.*

*The whole piece has to be included. No
property splits. Land use has to be
consistent.*

Same unknown

Female: Any property owner can change?

*Tofanelli: You will see that in the other community
plans as well, example Wallace. Not
inconsistent with others given opportunity to
change zoning.*

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M. Zeller: Any land owner can change property to this land use- whatever he wants?

Tofanelli: Has to be consistent, no land designation created islands. Same guidelines, a lot of acreage in other community Plans. Wallace plan changed 30-40 acres.

Mayhew: Application already planned?

Tofanelli: Overlaid new one, over old one will show.

Jackson: On the map off of the grid, huge white gray area, what is the policy, plan for that area?

Tofanelli: CCWD public service & VSPUD area.

Jackson: Sewage Ditch, heavy commercial area VSPUD-sewage ditches that are not identified need to get back on the map.

Unknown female: Ponte ranch surrounded by ag lands on The north side of Lime Creek Rd. is commercial, mixed commercial surrounded by Ag lands.

Tofanelli: Not completely surrounded by Ag, we will address that.

Unknown female: Except Lime Creek

Jackson: Smart Growth is a return to the past, old timey, two centuries ago- remove the horse hoofs and wagon trails. It's how a township grows from, what will pull a town together, Beginning of a place, fragmented out over 640 acres.

You have mixed use where you should disallow it.

Peter Racz: Propose a law to Washington D.C. officials about Smart Growth. A certain flow of suggested living. Realize, not everyone is going to go along with that living. I don't want you to do it. Life, liberty and property I obtain legally. The grant and it's conditions.I don't want you to decide for me and don't push your idea and your value on someone who doesn't want it.

Jackson: Very small county, No one is taking or losing their homes.

Peter Racz: It's property rights.

Jackson: Jobs, improve traffic, floods I'm through!

Peter Racz: Your opinion!

Tofanelli: Don't argue.

R. Clough: Muffled comment, couldn't hear.

Mayhew: On the Map draft shows 6 square miles Equaled 640 acres should be 3,840 acres.

P.Pereira: It was corrected.

Thomas: In the way of rural, country life, in San Jose, Menlo Park standards, sidewalks and curbs add to costs. Unavoidable design standards. Development can reduce those requirements example Carmel prohibits street lights, curbs, and sidewalks, no numbers on the houses and they created 20 communities.

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McSorley: Can soften design standards.

*Can build neighborhoods where parking is
in rear, in allies behind homes, landscaping.*

D. Spellman: Change make it look attractive.

*Thomas: Never tried to change the area,
misunderstood his intentions.*

End 10:15 PM

PHOTO CONTEST

THE VALLEY SPRINGS COMMUNITY PLAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES A PHOTO CONTEST FOR THE COVER OF THE VALLEY SPRINGS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE.

PHOTOS SHOULD BE OF ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK REPRESENTS VALLEY SPRINGS. FOR EXAMPLE VALLEY SPRINGS, THE TRI DAM AREA, HISTORIC BUILDINGS, OPEN SPACES, AG LANDS ETC. ANY PHOTOS THAT REPRESENT THE BEAUTY OR UNIQUENESS OF OUR AREA.

1 ST PRIZE	\$100.00
2 ND	75.00
3 RD	50.00

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY.....SEPTEMBER 9
PRIZES AWARDED.....SEPTEMBER 30

SEND YOUR PHOTOS TO:
GENE QUARTON

P.O. BOX 191 VALLEY SPRINGS, CA 95252
772-1135 (PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED)

August 11, 2010

VSCP Update Public Meeting

*Valley Springs Community Plan Citizens Committee
Valley Springs Community Plan Update
2010-2035*

*Written Responses & Thank You Letters
Public Participation*

Mail comments to:

*Supervisor Gary Tofanelli
891 Mt. Ranch Rd.
Government Center
San Andreas, California 95249*

OR

E-Mail to: gtofa@yahoo.com

*Public Meeting discussing the Valley Springs
Community Plan Draft and Cosgrove Creek will be
held August 11, 2010, 7 PM, at the Jenny Lind
Veterans Memorial Building, 189 Pine Street,
Valley Springs.*

*We would like to hear your comments and
concerns.*

All comments are reviewed and evaluated.

*Thank You
Valley Springs Community Plan
Committee*

Written Comments Received

8-11-2010 Public Meeting

- 1. Joe Bechelli*
- 2. Richard Stockton*
- 3. Franziska Schabram*
- 4. Lew Mayhew, Keep it Rural*
- 5. M. Zeller, Grant writer, MVS.com*

8-11-2010 E-mails

- 6. Michael Siligo, Foothill Fire*
- 7. C. Jackson, Vice President: MVS.com*
- 8. Colleen Platt, Secretary: MVS.com*

Responses to Written Comments
Public Meeting Aug. 11, 2010
Valley Springs Community Plan Citizens Committee

District 1

Joe Bechelli

Richard Stockton

Franziska Schabram

Michael Siligo

C. Jackson

Colleen Platt

Lew Mayhew

M. Zeller

Responses to Written Comments

Public Meeting Aug. 11, 2010

Valley Springs Community Plan Citizens Committee

District 1 Supervisor Tofanelli

- | <i>Name</i> | <i>Address</i> |
|------------------------------|---|
| <i>1. Joe Bechelli</i> | <i>15 St. Andrews Road
Valley Springs, Ca 95252</i> |
| <i>2. Richard Stockton</i> | <i>167 St. Andrews Road
Valley Springs, Ca 95252</i> |
| <i>3. Franziska Schabram</i> | <i>3206 Gillam
Valley Springs, Ca 95252</i> |
| <i>4. Michael Siligo</i> | <i>Foothill Fire Protection Dist.
3255 Helisma Rd.
Burson, Ca 95225</i> |
| <i>5. C. Jackson</i> | <i>P.O. Box 43
e-mail:
cathrynjackson@comcast.net
Wallace, Ca 95254</i> |
| <i>6. Colleen Platt</i> | <i>No Mailing
e-mail: MyValleySprings.com</i> |
| <i>7. Lew Mayhew</i> | <i>P.O. Box 746
Burson, Ca 95225</i> |
| <i>8. M. Zeller</i> | <i>No e-mail given
No return mailing
No signature</i> |

*Valley Springs Community Plan Update
Citizens Committee*

*Formed by Supervisor District One, Gary Tofanelli
Gene Quarton - P.O. Box 191
Valley Springs, California 95252*

*Joe Bechelli
15 St. Andrews Road
Valley Springs, Ca 95252
Aug. 13, 2010*

Dear Joe :

Thank you for attending and sharing your comments and participating in the August 11, 2010 public review of the Valley Springs Community Plan Update.

All comments were reviewed and evaluated.

The VSCP is an area approximately 2 miles x 3 miles consisting of approximately 3,840 acres.

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Sincerely,

The Valley Springs Community Plan Citizens Committee

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Public Meeting – Aug. 11, 2010

District 1 Supervisor Gary Tofanelli

Meeting Held: 7PM, Veterans Memorial Bldg.

Valley Springs, Ca 95252

Written Response to the Public Meeting 8-11-10

Joe Bechelli

15 St. Andrews Rd.

Valley Springs, Ca 95252

Question No. 1

We want walking and bicycle paths. The 2/3 vote idea is not the answer to excessive spending.

Answer No. 1

Your concern for walking and bicycle paths has been received. However, there is an issue of property rights, proper notification and full disclosure when presenting those projects to private land owners.

New developments can incorporate those trails into their project. However, established areas are more difficult to agree that these trails are of a benefit to their community areas. An example: Rancho Calaveras had approximately 40 miles of equestrian, vehicular and pedestrian trails. A vote was taken by the property owners and they abolished the trails due to incidents of burglary, dogs running loose, noise from motorized vehicles (dirt bikes) intrusion of private property and destruction of fences and liability concerns. The argument would be “not in my back yard”.

The idea of the free grant money is troublesome also. Some come with specific conditions that may jeopardize property rights. It will take time to negotiate and consider all the factors so that these projects you request are available in the future to the public.

An alternative would be to enjoy the many walking, bicycle and equestrian trails at New Hogan Reservoir, Camanche Lake, Coast to Crest Trail. There is also a nature trail at the Jenny Lind Memorial Park in Valley Springs.

These facilities offer, safe, scenic trails for public use.

The 2/3 vote assures that the people within the Valley Springs Community boundaries are not only notified but approve of how their community is planned and changed in the future, will be included in full disclosure and will know when grant money is used and what those conditions are so they will be assured that their property rights will not be in jeopardy.

Case in point: A four way stop and a bike trail that was installed without adequate public notification. The Valley Springs homeowners in that location were not informed, asked for public input, or had they been solicited for the improvement. The project upset the community.

End

8-11-10
Public Meeting

Please make your comments or
recommendations under your:

Name

Address

Phone

Joe Dechelli

15 St. Andrews Rd

772-3681

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Valley Springs, California 95252

Richard Stockton

167 St. Andrews Road

Valley Springs, Ca 95252

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*Meeting Held: 7PM – Veterans Memorial Bldg.
Valley Springs, Ca 95252*

*Richard Stockton
167 St. Andrews Rd.
Valley Springs, Ca 95252*

Comment:

Go the route through Ponte's to Lime Creek.

Answer:

That appears to be the most logical route for a by-pass.

Please make your comments or recommendations under your:

Name Address Phone

Dwight Stedman 1675 Andrews Rd 772-3158

(A) Go the route through Pontie's to Lime Creek

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*Mrs. Franziska Schabram
3206 Gillam
Valley Springs, Ca 95252
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Dear Franziska :

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Franziska Schabram

3206 Gillam

Valley Springs, Ca 95252

Comment:

Terrific job putting the draft together.

Answer:

Thank you!

Please make your comments or
recommendations under your:

Name

Address

Phone

Tranziska Schabovarr *3206 Gilliam* *209-419-1811*
Valley Springs, CA 95252

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Michael D. Siligo

Fire Chief, Foothill Fire Protection District

3255 Helisma Rd.

Burson, Ca 95225

Aug. 13, 2010

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Written Responses - 8-11-10 Public Meeting

E-Mail 8-9-2010/ 3:16 PM

*To: Gary Tofanelli
Calaveras County
Supervisor District 1*

*From: Michael D. Siligo
Fire Chief
Foothill Fire Protection District*

Question: No. 1

Having read your proposal I am generally surprised not to see more said for public safety, specifically local fire protection.

On page 51 it states that "County shall provide Law Enforcement and Fire Departments". Is this a proposed change, back to County Fire?

Answer: No. 1

No, It is not a change back to County Fire.

The Valley Springs Community Plan is in draft form.

You may recall our telephone conversation asking for information regarding Foothill Fire so that we could provide more data. A full page(page 38) has been added covering Foothill Fire Protection District and a map(page 38A) of the district boundaries. Page 37 was also added covering CALFIRE.

Question No. 2

Secondly, on page 18 the only reference to Foothill Fire is that a fire station is located across from the Mar Val shopping center. I think if we are trying to give the public an entire vision of a plan we need to give all details, for instance, both fire agencies in the western portion of the County are volunteer agencies.

Answer No. 2 Refer to answer number one.