

CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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***20 ACRES REZONED IN CUMMINGS VALLEY**

Commendations to CVPA members, Jim and Debi Eaton for a rezoning from residential to agricultural. On December 14, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Eatons' application to change the zone designation of a 20-acre parcel from E 20 RS (Estate -20 acres - Residential Suburban Combining) to A (Exclusive Agriculture). The land was also approved for inclusion in the Agricultural Preserve under the Williamson Act. This gives Jim and Debi 40 contiguous acres of Ag land on the west side of Sasia Road just south of Hidden Oaks Drive.

This is the kind of rezoning we like to see. Previously Bob and Missy Sutton of CVPA returned acreage in the Hidden Oaks area from residential to agricultural.

***NEW CVPA PROJECT**

At its December 30 meeting the CVPA Board approved a motion that we support a quarterly Cummings Valley agricultural newsletter for a trial period of one year, provided all the details can be worked out. The project was proposed by Agricultural Committee Chairman, Les Hansen, who agreed to edit the publication. We hope to defray at least part of the cost by paid advertising.

Such a publication appears to have substantial potential for promoting the goals of CVPA by increasing the awareness of the value of farming and ranching in the valley. More details will be provided later if the project proves feasible.

***CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

On December 15, twenty - six Board and committee members and spouses got together at the home of Chuck and Lorraine McCollough for a bit of holiday cheer. Included were a few other members who have provided special help to CVPA.

The event was an expression of thanks for all the contributions these members have made, and appeared to be enjoyed by all. (In case anyone wonders, CVPA funds were not used.)

***KEEPING CVPA ACTIVE**

The economic recession may have given us some respite from the march of developers, but this doesn't mean we should become complacent. When the economy rebounds, developers and land speculators will certainly be looking for areas of inexpensive land for development.

We must retain and build our strength for two major reasons:

1. We need to let land speculators and developers know that there is major opposition to premature and haphazard development of Cummings Valley. This can be done through continued newspaper publicity, communication with the Planning Department and Supervisors and word of mouth.

Forewarning allows speculators and developers to evaluate potential risks before investing large sums of money, and thus adds an element of fairness.

2. It is imperative that we maintain a roster of concerned individuals so that an immediate strong response can be mounted when the threat of harmful land use changes arises. We need to be ready to flood the Planning Department and Supervisors with letters and phone calls to solidly establish our position.

***NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 1993. We expect to have Planning Director, Ted James, as our speaker. If you have heard him speak at previous meetings, you know he makes an excellent and interesting presentation.

Ted has been supportive of our kind of activity and encourages public participation in the planning process. We need to let him see that we are a strong, active organization, and certainly a good turnout at the February meeting is important. Please mark the date on your calendar right now and plan to be there.

The time will be 7:30 PM and the place will be the Stallion Springs CSD meeting hall.

We will not send the usual postcard notices to those outside the Tehachapi calling area as we hope this notification will suffice.

***MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership has dropped from 507 to 461 as a result of members moving away or other reasons, including the recent deaths of Shirley Svitenko and Chuck Connors.

We welcome new members, and encourage everyone who is a resident of Cummings Valley and surrounding communities to become members.

The form below can be used to assist potential new members in joining.

THE CVPA BOARD WISHES YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!

CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Enclosed find my family membership dues of \$12.00 for 1992 - 1993

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