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Answers to Questions about the Valley Springs Community Plan Update Now Available

Valley Springs. Community residents and stakeholders can now access answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Valley Springs community plan update process on the Calaveras Council of Governments website: http://www.calacog.org/vs_cbtp.shtml

Accessing the FAQ and other information on the website will be especially helpful to those who attend **Planning for the Future** at the Valley Springs Elementary School multi-purpose room, 240 Pine Street, 6:00-8:30 p.m., on August 27. This interactive workshop is the next public meeting in the Valley Springs Community Plan update process and will include growth projections based on a build-out of what current zoning allows, a discussion of plan area boundary alternatives, and the FAQ.

“There has been some confusion about what the community plan is, why it’s needed, and how it will affect existing developments,” said Tyler Summersett, Project Manager for the Council of Governments. “So the project partners have addressed these and other questions in a clear, easy to read document. The questions are important, and we want to make sure there are definitive answers available to the public.”

Rancho Calaveras, a large development close to Valley Springs but outside its existing community boundaries, has generated substantial concern, because it is governed by a Special Plan. Although a “Special Plan” is not defined by state law, County code defines a Special Plan as “an adopted plan supplementing the general plan for an area with unique historic, scenic or community values in order to better represent the desires of residents and property owners (17.06.1810).” Inclusion of Rancho Calaveras within the Valley Springs Community Plan boundaries would have no effect on the land use designations and associated zoning as designated by the Rancho Calaveras Special Plan. County planners will be at the upcoming meeting to address this and other issues.

The public may also view proposed community plan boundary alternatives on the website and an outline of the August 27 presentation, during which sandwiches, cookies, and beverages will be provided. The Valley Springs Community Plan update is funded by a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant. Led by the Calaveras Council of Governments, the regional transportation planning agency, the project partners include Calaveras County, the Local Government Commission, and MyValleySprings.com. For more information contact Tyler Summersett, 754-2094.