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PRESS RELEASE

Valley Springs Community Plan Update: Here's the Rest of the Story, Released!

The Draft Valley Springs Consensus Plan is being released for public review and comment. The Plan is available on the Calaveras Council of Governments website at, http://www.calacog.org/vs_cbt.html. The plan will also be available on a compact disc (CD), free of charge, at the Valley Springs Library, Valley Springs News, Showtime Video, Calaveras County Planning Department and the Council of Governments. Hard copies, in binders, will also be at these locations for those who wish to review them.

The Consensus Plan is the result of a community-focused process that began in March 2009 to update the outdated Valley Spring Community Plan. This process has received input from more than a thousand (1000) community members. Residents of the area have participated in community questionnaires, come to public meetings, given their opinion on new boundaries, values, and sentiments on what they would like to see in the future for Valley Springs.

The update of the Plan has received vast amounts of feedback from many segments of the community, and it hasn't always been congruent. This is to be expected in this type of planning process. However, clear themes emerged within the community that resonated through this process: Folks love their homes and properties, the rural nature of Valley Springs, New Hogan Reservoir, area businesses, and the small town feel. These are the primary items addressed in the Consensus Plan.

Residents also shared broad agreement that traffic and circulation can be problematic, water and sewer questions need to be answered, and that jobs are lacking. This feedback was used as the basis for planning for the future of the community.

The Consensus Plan documents the extensive outreach process, clearly states the themes which unite the community and offers a strategy to protect these valued characteristics, while addressing the need to focus on circulation within the community, water and sewer and jobs.

The DRAFT Consensus Plan is ready for community review. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Valley Springs Elementary, Multi-Purpose Room.

The evening will be structured as follows:

- 5:00PM-6:30PM, Open House, to view the plan
- 6:30PM-8:00PM, Presentation of the Plan followed by community comment and discussion

Comments on the Plan will be accepted from now until Friday, September 17, 2010. At this point, all comments will be addressed and a Final Draft Valley Springs Community Plan will be submitted to the County Planning Department for consideration in the General Plan update.

Questions regarding this process or plan comments can be submitted to:

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