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## **Valley Springs Community Plan Update: Here's the Rest of the Story!**

Dear Valley Springs Area Resident, Property Owner, and Business Owner,

This is an open letter to you, members of the community, who have participated in, have been following, or would now like to contribute to the update to the Valley Springs Community Plan.

Great progress has been made recently, but there is still work to be done! The Community Plan needs your continued input on the meat and potatoes of the work that has taken place over the course of the last one and a half years.

As you may have heard, or read, or witnessed firsthand, on June 1, 2010 the Board of Supervisors accepted two different Land Use and boundary maps for the region. One of the maps is the product of community input generated as part of an ongoing public process being conducted since March 2009. The second map was developed by Supervisor Tofanelli with the assistance of a steering committee put together to represent the interests of the community. The map Supervisor Tofanelli oversaw will be the "preferred map" as the General Plan update moves forward. The map developed as part of the grant-funded community plan effort will be the "alternative map" in the General Plan process.

So, here's the rest of the story! The community generated map and plan is still a work in progress. The Draft Land Use and Circulation Diagram presented to the Board on May 4 is but a simple illustration of the desired land uses and proposed road network in your community. The real talons of a Plan, is in the Goals, Policies and Implementation Measures included as part of the full community plan report. This section of the report is currently being worked on, and will be available in draft form for the next Community Meeting. **The DRAFT plan for Valley Springs will need your review and input.** I encourage your participation in helping to finalize this community plan update.

Throughout the many public workshops and meetings that have been sponsored by the grant, the community has shared its values, hopes, needs, and opinions on future growth and development. This has been captured in the Community Plan work to-date: the Draft Land Use and Circulation Diagram, Community Values and Priorities, and the Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. These are still in draft format pending public input.

If you haven't weighed in on the community plan, now is your opportunity. If you have been engaged in the process, don't miss your chance to see what you have helped create.

For project details to this point please visit the project website at: [www.calacog.org/vs\\_cbtp.shtml](http://www.calacog.org/vs_cbtp.shtml) or call 754-2094 for more information.

A community meeting is being planned for August. Thanks for staying involved.

Respectfully submitted, Tyler Summersett