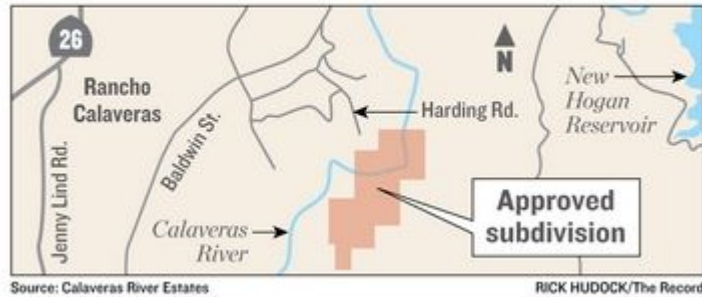


## 4-HOME RANCHO CALAVERAS PROJECT WILL INCLUDE VAST WALKABLE PRESERVE

### Calaveras River Estates

The recently approved Calaveras River Estates subdivision will provide hiking access to the Calaveras River next to Rancho Calaveras.



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VALLEY SPRINGS - A small housing subdivision that will soon be developed on the edge of Rancho Calaveras will give public hiking access to the Calaveras River and also preserve more than 300 acres of habitat in the river canyon. The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors approved the project Tuesday.

The project subdivides more than 500 acres to create a 359-acre preserve and four house lots of about 40 acres each. To further protect habitat and to keep human waste out of the Calaveras River - which flows downstream to provide Stockton's drinking water supply - the homes and septic systems will be constructed only on small, defined portions of the lots well away from the river.

In addition, the developer will create a conservation easement that will allow the public to walk along the Calaveras River where it flows through the four lots. Pedestrian access will come from the dead end of Harding Road.

The Mother Lode Trust will take title to the preserve and will also receive an endowment to fund management of the property.

"The quality of this project serves as an example of responsible development," said Colleen Platt of MyValleySprings.com, a group that advocates to preserve quality of life in the Valley Springs area.

Michael Gurev of Stockton is the developer of the project.

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