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Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Videos Available on Community Action Project Website

Murphys, CA. Videos of the weekly Board of Supervisors meetings are now available on the Community Action Project (CAP) website, calaverascap.com, beginning with the January 4, 2011 meeting. Each new video is posted within a day of the meeting and a complete archive of meetings can be accessed on the site. Preparation, posting, and archiving of the videos are made possible through a partnership between CAP and MyValleySprings.com (MVS). Videos are provided courtesy of Calaveras Public Access Television (PATV).

Making these important county meetings available to the public demonstrates the commitment of both CAP and MVS to citizen participation in local government and land use planning. Citizens who are not able to attend Board meetings will be able to view the meetings in their entirety at their convenience. Making the videos easily accessible will help the people hold their elected officials accountable and foster county decision-making that is open and transparent. The videos are an invaluable record of past discussions that inform future planning.

Posting of the Board videos is an extension of a joint venture between CAP and MVS that began in 2008 with the filming and posting of county Planning Commission meetings. In addition to now providing video of Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings, CAP and MVS also tape and post study sessions, public hearings, and community meetings related to the General Plan Update process. All current and archived videos are easily located, by date, from the "Video" box at the top of the CAP website home page. Every effort is made to post current meetings either on the day they take place or the following day.

CAP and MVS are grassroots non-profit community organizations that promote public participation in local land use planning. They are funded by donations, events, and private foundation grants. CAP has just received a donation to initiate a major redesign of its website, which will make access to its wealth of planning-related information even easier. Both groups welcome your financial support for the video project. Donations are tax deductible. Please visit calaverascap.com and myvalleysprings.com.