

Board limits support for community plan updates

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Community members working on updating the Valley Springs Community Plan will be able to proceed, but with limited support from the county.

That was the decision of the Board of Supervisors during a meeting at the San Andreas Town Hall Tuesday.

The board said the Valley Springs plan, along with a few others, can be done simultaneously with the current General Plan update and will be included in the final Environmental Impact Report.

However, the county doesn't have the staff to help with creating the individual plans. This all could change with a pending grant and with final budget hearings in September.

In the meantime, the county will offer limited services, such as GIS mapping and web services.

Nearly 100 residents showed up to the meeting.

Joyce Techel, board president of MyValleySprings.com, says the current Valley Springs plan is 30 years old and only five pages long. After the board's decision, Techel said, "As long as we can move forward, I'm pleased."

Other communities selected to move forward with their plans were Copperopolis, San Andreas, and the West Point area.

Supervisor Tom Tryon told residents that if for some reason the individual plans take longer than the General Plan Update process, they would be dropped from the EIR.