

Group speaks out on plan, college

Editor:

A new community college and new community boundaries have recently been talked about at Valley Springs Community Plan meetings.

MyValleySprings.com has been asked what the proposed boundaries are and what our position is on a community college.

First, the community plan update is a work-in-progress. Boundary options will be presented by plan consultants at the next public meeting on August 27th, 6-8:30 p.m. in the Valley Springs Elementary multi-purpose room.

Second, MyValleySprings.com supports a Delta College satellite campus in Valley Springs. This could bring local opportunities for education, training, jobs, and could boost area businesses and investment. A new campus could serve as a model for green building and development techniques, including environmentally-friendly site design to reduce flooding and habitat impacts.

Whether or not the public has any influence on Delta's decision, a campus should be part of cur-

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rent community plan discussions. If ideas and solutions aren't shared, the left hand designs a new road over here while the right hand plans a different road over there. With good communication and coordination, potential sites can be considered, benefits enhanced, and questions addressed — such as how water and sewer will be provided, will residents be able to walk or bicycle to campus, will our rural character and beauty be enhanced, and how will traffic impacts be addressed? Solutions can be found through good planning and exchange of ideas.

MyValleySprings.com is enthusiastic about this unique opportunity for the Valley Springs community.

MyValleySprings.com supports development that serves the economy, the community, and the environment. This is what "smart growth" is. We support projects that provide this balanced community benefit.

The Valley Springs area Community Plan is being updated. Now is the time for all stakeholders to come to the table — residents, businesses, developers,

landowners, agencies, and organizations. Democracy is not a spectator sport — those who show up and participate can change the future. The future of the community is being decided at Valley Springs Community Plan meetings. The next meeting is Aug. 27. Will you be there?
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