

Planning vote faces appeal

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A decision earlier this month by the Calaveras County Planning Commission to eliminate some previously required offsite road improvements at State Route 26 and Olive Orchard Road could be heading for an appeal.



Filing an appeal on the recent Olive Orchard decision are, from left, Don Most, Joyce Techel, Clyde Clapp, Lora Most, Don Kuhn and Carol Parks.

A group of six area residents gathered Thursday to sign a letter of appeal for presentation to the county Board of Supervisors. The appellants are Clyde Clapp, Don Kuhn, Don Most, Lora Most, Carol Parks and Joyce Techel.

The commission voted 3-2 on Aug. 13 with Commissioners Ted Allured, Lisa Muetterties and David Tunno in favor of removing the agreed-upon improvements to Olive Orchard Road and the intersection with State Route 26, while Fawn McLaughlin and Kelly Wooster were opposed to the change.

County code provides for an appeal of planning panel decisions within 15 calendar days form the date of decision. The appellants are required to pay a \$100 fee and the matter moves to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

The issue concerns agreements associated with the Olive Orchard Estates development. Action to remove the road and intersection work came after a recent traffic study determined those improvements were unnecessary. The appellants are questioning the validity of those findings.