



WHAT DO RESIDENTS HAVE TO GAIN?

Please consider the following advantages of being included in the updated community plan boundaries no matter where you live.

Inclusion in the Valley Springs Community Plan will provide:

- 1. a stronger voice to protect the rural character of the area.** By bringing together under one umbrella the many neighborhoods and subdivisions that make up Valley Springs, the updated community plan will create a stronger, collective voice that will have more influence with county government when it comes to the future of Valley Springs.
- 2. increased quality of life and protection for the human and natural environment.** The updated community plan comprehensively considers land use, transportation and circulation, and community growth and development in relation to infrastructure, services, population, the natural environment, and rural character.
- 3. a true sense of “community” and the expression of shared interests and values.** None of the neighborhoods or subdivisions that make up Valley Springs exists as an “island” in the community. Our strength is in our common commitment to home, community, and rural living.
- 4. an additional layer of protection for residents of Rancho Calaveras and provisions of the Rancho Calaveras Special Plan,** which protect the subdivision from urban-type development such as commercial businesses and multi-family housing.
- 5. recognition of the important role of Rancho Calaveras in the community.** As one of the first and the largest subdivision in the Valley Springs area, the population of Rancho Calaveras has had the greatest impact on Valley Springs and will continue to influence community growth and development by sheer force of numbers.
- 6. the continued right to vote on any proposed assessments or assessment districts,** which require a two-thirds vote of the people to pass.
- 7. the opportunity to help implement a community plan that aims to balance growth with preservation of the rural environment.** Implementation of the updated community plan is the next step in the process. The current plan has no implementation measures (i.e., mechanisms to ensure the vision is realized) and has allowed our community to "sprawl" out to include a much larger area than is covered in the existing plan. Containing the entire community in the new boundaries can control growth within those boundaries and protect the surrounding open space from urban-type encroachment.
- 8. an updated, contemporary approach to growth for the entire community that will be more competitive for state and federal funding** and, therefore, the potential to bring our state and federal tax dollars back to the community is increased.

Valley Springs Community Plan Workshop Jan. 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. & Open House Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Valley Springs Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 240 Pine Street

For information on planning, land use, and current development, visit www.myvalleysprings.com. For additional information on the Valley Springs Community Plan update, contact Tyler Summersett with the Calaveras Council of Governments (754-2094), or view plan maps and documents on the CCOG website www.calacog.org/vs_cbtp.shtml. You may also contact your county supervisor for District 1 (Gary Tofanelli) or District 5 (Russ Thomas).