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MyValleySprings.com announces new community action group and website

COMMUNITY ISSUES, COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

"Our Goal - Your Voice"

Valley Springs, CA

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MyValleySprings.com is both a website and a group of local citizens concerned with the impact of rampant growth on Valley Springs and their rural way of life. They strongly believe that growth should be carefully planned, that citizens should have a voice in how the area grows, and that the 30-year-old Valley Springs Community Area General Plan should be immediately rewritten.

MyValleySprings.com was founded by a politically diverse group of citizens after hearing about a huge housing project being proposed on a 455-acre undeveloped ranch on the edge of town. Co-founder of the group and Valley Springs resident Seana Hogan says, "Now is the time to ask yourselves, do we want development of this size in Valley Springs? Sure, progress is inevitable, but on a mega-scale? All at once? A thousand homes on one-tenth-acre city lots?" (Calaveras Enterprise, Tues. Nov. 29, 2005). 30-year resident Joyce Techel compares the current rush of building to a "tsunami about to hit our community." La Contenta resident Carol Barzee thinks that "if a developer wants to build a large number of homes here, he needs to provide the services the project will need, like a firehouse, a school, parks, and new roads."

MyValleySprings.com will use the web site and the press to inform the community of current and proposed development in and around the Valley Springs area. They intend to engage local citizens in a community dialogue, thereby creating a strong community voice. The website was created in order to give citizens who might not ordinarily speak out an opportunity to voice their opinions from the comfort of their homes and computers.

MyValleySprings.com intends to gather community dialogue and share it with county officials showing that there is a groundswell of opposition to the current frenzy of development. The group and website will encourage residents to become involved in a new Valley Springs Community Plan that supports smart growth principles.

The public is invited to participate and check out the new website at www.MyValleySprings.com. For additional information email myvalleysprings@myvalleysprings.com

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