

# Valley Springs Community Plan proposal going online

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The public will have an opportunity to view online a rough draft of a new Valley Springs Community Plan and make comments as soon as today.

District One Supervisor Gary Tofanelli gave a Valley Springs Community Plan update at the end of Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

He and District 5 Supervisor Benjamin Stopper held a public meeting Oct. 16 to discuss status of the community plan update.

The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors is days away from adopting an update of the Calaveras County General Plan, but it will not include a Community Plan for Valley Springs and several other Calaveras County communities.

However, the board has agreed to eventually include all of the community plans and Valley Springs and Copperopolis have the highest priority.

Valley Springs has two competing versions of a community plan that were drafted nearly a decade ago.

Tofanelli said both versions will be posted on the planning department's website in addition to the rough draft combining elements of both. He asked for the public to post their comments between now and the December holidays.

Early next year, a second public meeting to discuss the Valley Springs Community Plan update will be scheduled, he added.

Supervisor Stopper, whose district includes a small portion of Valley Springs, also encouraged the public to take a look at the website and leave their comments.

County Planning Director Peter Maurer on Wednesday said his department has been busy focusing on the General Plan update and recent cannabis ordinance, but hoped to have the Valley Springs Community Plan items posted on Friday for comment.