

Community plan moves forward

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Editor:

It has been a long road, over many years, but a Copperopolis Community Plan has made its way to the Planning Commission. Thank you to the commission for carefully reviewing and approving the plan, which now goes to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for their approval.

Initially, citizen-designed plans for communities throughout Calaveras were to be included in the County General Plan when it was completed. That would allow communities' individual character and concerns to be addressed in the plan. But the General Plan adopted in 2019 by the Board of Supervisors left out plans for Copperopolis and the Highway 4 corridor: Murphys, Douglas Flat, Avery, Hathaway Pines and Arnold. Those omissions are part of what the Calaveras Planning Coalition is challenging in its lawsuit, intended to complete and improve the plan.

Now is the time for interested residents of the Highway 4 communities to work with the county to update their community plans and draft design standards, so their unique intentions can become part of the General Plan.

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