

CVPAC minutes Feb. 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Bob Quirk. Judy Kidd read the minutes of the previous meeting which were discussed. Ron Thrower moved and Mike Noland seconded to accept with one deletion.

The group set the agenda for the meeting which is as follows:

1. Ron Thrower suggested developing a more concise email list.
2. Marty Eifrid's offer to set up a website for CVPAC.
3. Develop questions for Supervisor Centeno's Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Tom Mounts to give an update on Ranchoil Estate development.
5. Judy Kidd to update air quality meeting and Williamson Act information.
6. Ron Thrower to explain his endorsement of Centeno for Supervisor.
7. Decision on what will happen with our group.

The meeting followed with the agenda items but not necessarily in the above order.

Tom Mounts reported that the Ranchoil Estates sub-division is legal. It was created in the 1950's and is about 1 mile west of New Cuyama. Tom bought a house there 30 years ago and now lives there. There are 3 single-family houses on the property. He was notified 1 year ago there would be a development built there. On Feb. 2, 2006, the second LAFCO meeting was held to annex the parcel proposed for development to New Cuyama's sewer and water systems, and it was accepted. Tom has heard the parcel proposed for development has been resold but no confirmation. There are 40 lots plus 2 more acres which will include 20 units of condos. There are 66 parcels open for development. He'd like the committee to get sanctioned to help with this. He also has concerns about the types of houses in the development.

Judy Kidd discussed her findings on how to get out of the Williamson Act. Also she reported on a meeting she and John had with SLO and SB Air Resource Board members. Jan Hensley and other school employees also attended. She is hoping to get some means of monitoring the quality of our air in Cuyama Valley.

Jenny Lee gave her concerns about the effects mining will have on transportation, water, and air quality in the Valley.

There was discussion on who is and who isn't for a Valley-wide Community Plan.

Marty Eifrid said this group has power and energy and has brought in much information. We need to keep the group and keep interest in what is happening in the Valley. We should get organized, communicate, be an action group, and go to the Board of Supervisors if necessary. We need to keep the flow of information going. A Valley-wide plan probably wouldn't be approved and would be expensive.

Mike Nolan asked how a Valley-wide plan would change things in the Valley. He felt it wouldn't as the present County Plan is restrictive.

Pam Doiron stated the Williamson Act has been changed. It is basically a tax break for property owners. People will get out of it mainly for development and have it rezoned.

Judy Kidd felt most people wanted a plan to prevent change.

Mike Nolan said the Santa Barbara Comprehensive Plan protects Cuyama. Politics dictates development. We should perhaps form a neighborhood awareness group to keep things going. Also anyone can go to a website that shows permits given out in our area.

Cathy Sharum suggested our group could keep everyone aware of things happening in the Valley. We could know about parcels that are coming up for sale. This would help protect the area.

Ron Thrower suggested some questions for Supervisor Centeno. How do we protect what we have? How do we prevent land owners from selling their land for anything? Discussion followed.

Tom Mounts feels Cuyama Valley's head is on the chopping block. Someone wants to develop it and make it into another San Ynez. Santa Barbara is mandated to have low-income housing. One thing that might help is to have Hiway 166 declared an historic highway.

Mike Nolan suggested we have New Cuyama declared an historic town or scenic highway.

Jenny Lee would like to know from Supervisor Centeno if Cuyama Valley will get low-income housing?

John Kidd said we have political "clout" with our meetings. We should get together and stay informed.

Mica Harris told us how a small group where he is from stopped El Toro AFB from becoming a large air terminal.

Tom Mounts said there is not enough water to irrigate the 900 acres next to him: yet, they have enough water for a housing development.

Ron Thrower said he is speaking for the kids in Cuyama Valley. The Recreation Dept. has received less and less money since Prop. 13. They loan out the building and field over 200 times a year. He has things worked out with Mr. Centeno who has done many things for the Rec. District. We may get a new community center; so he wants to keep

working with him to keep what is going on and happening. That is why Ron is supporting him for the up-coming election. Discussion followed.

Tom Mount said that he did meet a man from the road department that stated Mr. Centeno told him Cuyama Valley has been overlooked for too long and more needs to be done there.

What will happen after tonight?

Bob Quirk feels we should keep the meetings going to discuss what is going on in the Valley and keep abreast of things that are happening.

John Kidd thinks we should have more social gatherings. He recommended we meet in March and discuss what we are going to do after we see what happens on Feb. 15.

Bob Quirk asked how many would be interested in working on a plan for the townsite only? Discussion followed.

Pam Doiron suggested at the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting people introduce themselves and state where they live.

John Kidd moved we meet next month, March, and also adjourn.

Tom Mounts seconded.

Adjourned 9:10