



CAP BEGINS A NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2013! As CAP begins the new year we will continue to bring together individual community groups to promote a comprehensive update of the Calaveras County General Plan with full public participation.

With three new supervisors joining the Calaveras board, there is hope for positive outcomes for Calaveras's new general plan. During their campaigns, all stated that completing the general plan update was a priority. We hope that additional action will move the process forward in a positive direction.

Right now, just as the general plan update is heating up, the Calaveras Planning Coalition is preparing comments on the "Preliminary Environmental Impact Settings". Our presence will be critically important as the County attempts to set the future for Calaveras. This document can be reviewed by the public at [Calaveras Planning](#).

All Board of Supervisor Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings can be viewed in their entirety on the CAP website ([Community Action Project](#)). You can also watch the interviews of outgoing Supervisors Tom Tryon and Gary Tofanelli, and retired Supervisor Steve Wilensky.

There are few counties that offer their residents the type of service that CAP provides in encouraging citizen participation. **If you find this service useful and feel it is important for our county, please consider supporting it with a donation [here](#).**

CAP is a community voice for the future of Calaveras County and the Sierra foothills.

We attempt to answer the question of "what lies ahead". We promote dialogue among people from different economic backgrounds, as well as those individuals who speak different professional languages: planners, public health professionals, park and recreation officials, bike and pedestrian advocates, hunters, anglers, residential developers, and environmentalists.

We try to imagine social and land use policy that will bring us a full quality of life and prosperity for all. We remind the County to be especially mindful of the neediest among us—children, poor people, people of color, people with disabilities, and others who may have the least access to natural settings, and who may need it the most.

More than anything, CAP offers a vision of healthy, wholesome places, a vision that extends from close community centers to remote rural spreads, from the present to the future, from the most fortunate among us to the least fortunate, from the youngest child to the oldest adult. Conservation of land is central to this vision. Such places will promote our health, enhance our well being, nourish our spirits, and steward the beauty and resources of the natural world.

CAP believes that investing most heavily in environmental protection offer a higher quality of life. Thriving ecosystems pay important quality of life dividends in clean air, water, and soil; recreational opportunities; a connection to nature; and a decrease in environmentally induced health impacts including breathing disorders, learning disabilities, and cancers.

We believe that healthy communities include education, governance, religious institutions, neighborhood groups and associations, cultural diversity, languages, libraries, health-care facilities, community development corporations, and legal and police systems. We want Calaveras communities to receive all the benefits that can be offered, including safety and security, friendship and community, a sense of civic identity, and many others.

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Have a great year.

A SIMPLE WAY TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

If you shop at any of these three markets: **Angels Market, Sierra Hills Market, Sierra Hills Natural Foods**, you can earn money for CAP. Next time you are in one of the stores, ask for a community card application. Register for the **Community Action Project, Group #500042871**. Every time you present your card at the check out stand, a percentage of your purchase total will be donated to **CAP**. It doesn't cost you a thing! If enough of you do it, this can become a sizable part of our very modest annual budget. If you are already supporting another organization with your card, did you know that you can divide your contribution among up to three organizations? So you could still include **CAP**! Thank you so much!

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