

General Plan Update



Phase I Community Workshop Results

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General Plan Update Overview

The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors had approved a two-year program to update the County General Plan. The last comprehensive update was in 1996. General Plans typically look 15-25 years into the future, so this update provides a great opportunity for the County and its citizens to craft policies that will guide our collective future.

The General Plan establishes policies for regulating new development projects within the unincorporated portions of the County and for preserving a variety of natural resources. These policies are then translated into implementation tools (such as the zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and design guidelines) to assure that the County's vision is implemented. The General Plan also serves as a policy guide for how the County will interact with the single city within the County, Angels Camp, and with surrounding counties.



Phase I Workshop Overview

During May and June of 2007, the Calaveras County Community Development Agency held seven public workshops to help kick-off the General Plan Update. Approximately 526 people attended workshops in San Andreas, Murphys, Copperopolis, Arnold, Rail Road Flat, Valley Springs and Jenny Lind. The workshops provided an opportunity for the public to offer their thoughts on what they like and do not like about their communities and the County, and what important issues should be addressed in preparing the General Plan.

Each workshop began with a greeting from Calaveras County Community Development Agency staff, followed by a short PowerPoint presentation by the General Plan consultants—Mintier and Associates. The consultants presented an overview of general plans, reviewed the two-year process, and described how the public will be involved throughout the process.

Following the opening presentations, the participants broke into discussion groups and each group was asked to answer the following questions:

1. What are the top three assets of your community?
2. What are the top three problems in your community?
3. What are the top three assets of Calaveras County?
4. What are the top three problems of Calaveras County?

A summary of the top three responses for each question in each community is provided on pages 4-11. A detailed summary of all of the participants comments are included in Appendix A.

How Can You Be Involved?



Website

The General Plan website provides a one-stop location to get the latest information on the General Plan Update program. The website will provide up-to-date information on upcoming events and allow anyone to download copies of documents and reports created for the General Plan.

http://www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/gp_update.asp

Community Workshops

Additional rounds of community workshops will be held to gain input on issues and opportunities, alternative futures, and the General Plan documents. Dates will be posted on the website, local news websites, and noticed in the local papers when they are available.

Workshops/Hearings

Workshops will be held with the Board of Supervisors throughout the development of the General Plan. At the end of the process, formal public hearings will be held to consider adoption of the Draft General Plan.

Summary of Countywide Phase I Workshop Responses

Top 3 Community Assets:

1. Recreation
2. Rural Atmosphere
3. Open Space
3. History

Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

1. Natural Resources
2. Rural/Open Space
3. Tourism and Recreation
3. History

Top 3 Community Problems:

1. Roads and Traffic
2. Economic Development
3. Public Safety

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

1. Planning and Leadership
2. Roads and Traffic
3. Economic Development

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Summary of the SAN ANDREAS Workshop

May 1, 2007 San Andreas Town Hall

On May 1, 2007, approximately 40 people met at San Andreas Town Hall in San Andreas to discuss key issues important to their community.



Results

The following represents a summary of the top three issues for each question. Appendix A shows the full results for this meeting.

Top 3 San Andreas Assets:

- County seat
- History
- Medical services

Top 3 San Andreas Problems:

- Economic development/retail
- Traffic
- Sewer



Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

- Natural resources
- Open space
- History

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

- Lack of planning/leadership
- Roads
- Insufficient fees collected

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Summary of the MURPHYS Workshop

May 22, 2007 Native Sons Hall

On May 22, 2007, approximately 82 people met at Native Sons Hall in Murphys to discuss key issues important to their community.



Results

The following represents a summary of the top three issues for each question. Appendix A shows the full results for this meeting.

Top 3 Murphys Assets:

- Parks
- Historic Main Street
- Small local business, wineries

Top 3 Murphys Problems:

- Parking/traffic, roads
- Public safety
- Water and sewer infrastructure

Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

- Recreation
- Open space/natural resources
- Agriculture

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

- Population growth
- Roads and traffic
- Jobs/affordable housing

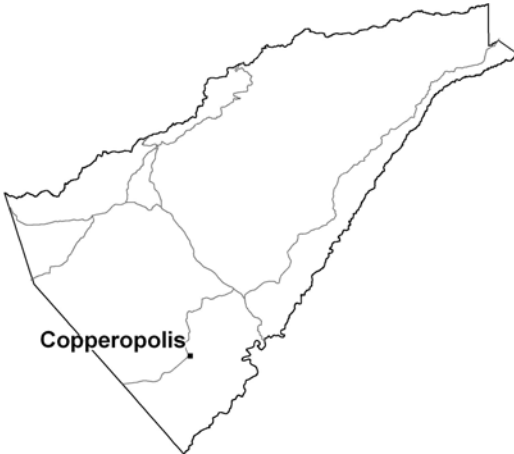


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Summary of the COPPEROPOLIS Workshop

May 23, 2007 Gold Hall

On May 23, 2007, approximately 60 people met at Gold Hall, Saddle Creek Golf Course in Copperopolis to discuss key issues important to their community.



Results

The following represents a summary of the top three issues for each question. Appendix A shows the full results for this meeting.

Top 3 Copperopolis Assets:

- Lake Tulloch
- Rural, small town atmosphere
- Open space

Top 3 Copperopolis Problems:

- Poor planning
- Public safety
- Jobs, economic development

Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

- Lakes and recreation
- Beauty, rural atmosphere
- History

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

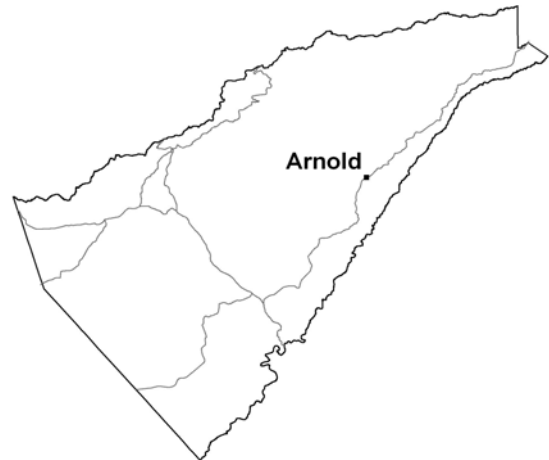
- Economic development
- Roads/transportation
- Public safety



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Summary of the ARNOLD Workshop
June 12, 2007 Independence Hall



On June 12, 2007, approximately 22 people met at Independence Hall in Arnold to discuss key issues important to their community.



Results

The following represents a summary of the top three issues for each question. Appendix A shows the full results for this meeting.

Top 3 Arnold Assets:

- Rural/ low population
- Scenic beauty/open space
- Recreation

Top 3 Arnold Problems:

- Roads and traffic
- Forest management
- Affordable housing

Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

- Tourism and recreation
- History
- Rural character/open space

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

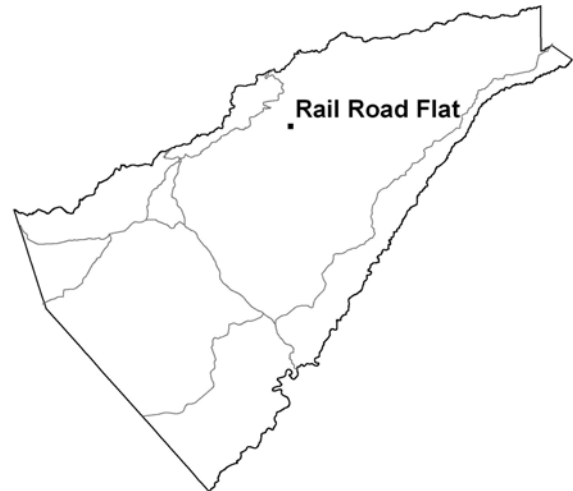
- Planning
- Affordable housing
- Traffic and transportation



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Summary of the DISTRICT 2 Workshop
June 13, 2007 Rail Road Flat Community Hall



On June 13, 2007, 160 people met at Rail Road Flat Community Hall in Rail Road Flat to discuss key issues important to their community.



Results

The following represents a summary of the top three issues for each question. Appendix A shows the full results for this meeting. Communities in District 2 are: West Point, Wilseyville, Glencoe, Mountain Ranch, Sheep Ranch, Paloma and Mokelumne Hill. Calaveras County issues were not a part of the District 2 workshop exercise.

Top 3 District 2 Assets:

- Community services
- Agriculture/rural
- History

Top 3 District 2 Problems:

- Planning and zoning
- Economic development
- Public safety

Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

N/A

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

N/A



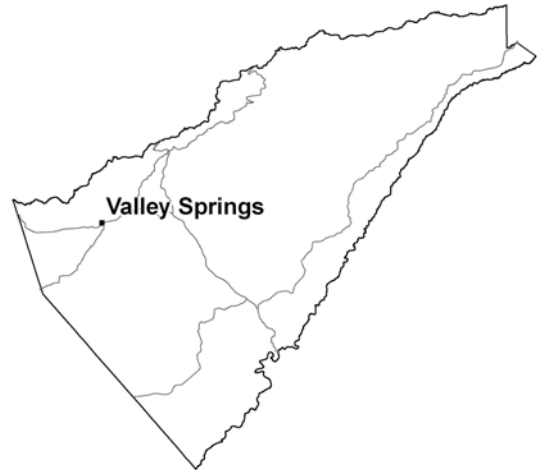
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Summary of the VALLEY SPRINGS Workshop

June 21, 2007 Valley Springs Elementary School &

June 23, 2007 Jenny Lind Elementary School

On June 21, 2007, approximately 117 people met at the Valley Springs Elementary School in Valley Springs to discuss key issues important to their community. Another meeting was held on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Jenny Lind Elementary School in Jenny Lind with approximately 45 interested citizens in attendance.



Results

The following represents a summary of the top three issues for each question. Appendix A shows the full results for this meeting.

Top 3 Valley Springs Assets:

- Lakes and recreation
- Open space
- Rural quality and lifestyle

Top 3 Valley Springs Problems:

- Roads/traffic
- Water and sewer
- Affordable housing

Top 3 Calaveras County Assets:

- Natural resources
- Tourism
- History

Top 3 Calaveras County Problems:

- Planning and government leadership
- Transportation/traffic
- Economic development



APPENDIX A

Complete Workshop Results

Arnold			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 1 *beautiful environment for living & recreating/Big Trees Park, *low pop. density-small-town rural atmosphere, *EPFD-paramedic-medical service- medi-flight, variety of groups/orgs/involved community-minded people, tourism-jobs/2 nd homes/ vacation residences, schools, snow removal	*deteriorating roads & buildings in downtown Arnold, *inadequate housing for low-inc. families, *clear-cutting, *youth programs-activities for kids, medical care-clinic not always staffed, law enforcement response, deteriorating air quality, vacancies & lapses in cell phone com., vacancies in buildings in downtown area, lack of child-care, drug & alcohol issues, snow removal	*tourism & recreation, *rich history-gold rush/logging, *beautiful-variety/open space, *volunteers all over County, sense of community, wineries, Santa's Express, library system	*drug & alcohol issues/increase in crime/lack of jail space, *not enough livable –wage jobs, *lack of affordable housing, lack of childcare options/ facilities, animal services inadequate
Table 2 *scenic beauty, *rural mountain nature, *avail. of recreation activities, friendliness, quietness, Trees, Big Trees State Park, Stanislaus River, White Pines Lake, transfer station-place to dump pine needles, lack of pop., sense of community, hope for a rim trail, lack of fences	*traffic, *lack of walkability & cycling safety, *lack of open space in Arnold, tourism, noise-especially on holiday week-ends, noise-leaf blowers/ chain saws, too long hrs for construct., lumber trucks too early in morning, lack of town center or park, problems due to lack of integrity in decision-making, lack of concern for trees and animals, lack of willingness to pay for improvements., little strip malls/no central shopping area, burning pine needles, poor cell/ radio/ TV reception, people drive too fast, clear-cutting, poor road maintenance.	*no big box stores/ few chains, *rural character/low population/ small town nature, *historic significance, scenic beauty, rivers & streams, Big Trees State Park, local community events, no McDonalds, logging museum	1) loss of sense of place, 2) affordable housing in certain areas, 3) outdated laws/zoning, Clear-cutting-land needs to be restored, road maintenance isn't good, second homes have driven up prices of real estate, fire danger, no support for local sustainable business practices

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Arnold			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 3			
<p>*people-cohesiveness of the community,</p> <p>*rec. activities-lakes, parks, forest</p>	<p>*traffic,</p> <p>*wildlife habitat-forest over rank (bio. slum &/ or monoculture),</p> <p>*congestion around PO</p>	<p>*low population,</p> <p>*water providers-good quality water,</p> <p>*good start on recycling programs-but need more public education</p>	<p>controlled residential growth, roads to Bear Valley & subdivisions,</p> <p>snow removal,</p> <p>transportation-no bus service past Arnold,</p> <p>lighting along Hwy 4, off Hwy 4 corridor,</p> <p>low sales tax base,</p> <p>lack of sewer for Co.,</p> <p>employment for youth,</p> <p>affordable housing-1st time homebuyers,</p> <p>revenue stream-poor use</p>
Table 4			
<p>1) sense of community/ rural character due to low pop.,</p> <p>2) natural environment. & open space/ recreation</p> <p>3) good community services, population density, White Pines Lake, Independence Hall, garbage disposal is good</p>	<p>1) can't get around without a car -poor pedestrian mobility/ infrequent transit/ bikes/no defined community center,</p> <p>2) no affordable housing for working people (people who work here can't afford to live here),</p> <p>3) terrible road maintenance/ snow removal, out</p> <p>-dated laws/zoning make it difficult/ confusing to build, loss of rural character/ sense of place,</p> <p>fire danger</p>	<p>1) historical value,</p> <p>2) natural resources,</p> <p>3)recreation opportunities</p>	<p>*overdevelopment on west end of County,</p> <p>*clear cutting,</p> <p>*lack of affordable housing for a range of people/public transportation,</p> <p>poor road maintenance,</p> <p>lack of willingness to pay for improvements,</p> <p>lack of healthcare,</p> <p>poor County services & departments,</p> <p>lack of public transportation,</p> <p>lack of funds to do everything we want</p>
Table 5			
<p>1) surrounded by natural forest/ privately-owned timberland/ rural character/State Park,</p> <p>2) White Pines Park/ Logging Museum,</p> <p>3) rural quality of life,</p> <p>4) recreational opportunities/ open space,</p> <p>5) minimal light pollution,</p> <p>6) well-maintained St. Hwy, natural environment., seasonal close of highways, well-planned residential dev.</p>	<p>1) lack of forest mgmt with regards to forest fuels,</p> <p>2) lack of adequate law enforcement presence,</p> <p>3) no downtown/city center, traffic,</p> <p>only one main road,</p> <p>no postal home delivery,</p> <p>snow removal,</p> <p>lack of sense of community,</p> <p>housing -own/ rent</p>	<p>*tourism,</p> <p>*rural character,</p> <p>*Arnold/ Ebbett's-Don't mess with us,</p> <p>healthy historic agriculture maintain open space,</p> <p>small population,</p> <p>schools,</p> <p>low crime rate,</p> <p>rural quality of life</p>	<p>traffic-road conditions (arterial roads like Sequoia need improvement)</p> <p>inconsistent Planning Dept. policies & enforcement,</p> <p>waste water issues,</p> <p>\$ to cemetery districts/ parks & recreation,</p> <p>Bldg & Planning Dept to develop consistent rules & policies (flexible enough for future growth) relative to preservation of sensitive habitats-oak woodland preservation,</p> <p>schools-new leadership/ Boards -schools average</p>

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District--2	
Community	
Assets	Problems
<u>Paloma</u> 1) agriculture, 2) water-fire protection, 3) historic country feel, old school house, Gwin Mine, mining heritage, monument, ag. land, Blakely cattle ranch, ranches surround Paloma, river below us, friendly people, ranchette size, not too dense, Middle Bar-fishing, quiet, rural living, potential for opening up a mine, views, small amount of traffic, small population, horse-back riding unencumbered, EBMUD-good neighbor/park, good for families children	1) keep open space, 2) limited development here, 3) small town center-of historical importance, the right to have animals, need small downtown area, prefer western/Gold Country/mining feel, open space/ag-how to preserve this space-incentive, general store/mail service/zip code. to remain unchanged, in support of ag & ranchers, streamline process for a land division when necessary, keep our open space/country feel, 20 acres or bigger henceforth in Zone 3
<u>Mokey Hill</u> 1) historic district & setting-heritage/culture, 2) town parks/hall-community property/gathering places, 3) agricultural land/open space around it, sense of place, size/layout-defined core/town center, small meandering roads, quiet/tranquil, private/ use land as wish, school-center/focal point, people/community spirit/support, library, volunteer fire department, we can take care of ourselves/solve own problems/support our resources, diversity of community (mental not ethnic), stable community-not transient, transportation-bus comes to town	1) want protection for community plan-clout, 2) Economic Development Element in the General Plan-what kind of business/where, 3) Cultural Resources Element in the General Plan, enhancement of wildlife corridors/habitats, ped/bike pathways-access/safety/path plan committee, transportation-bus only comes 1x/day, maintenance of private property balanced with govt. regulations, downtown-misuse of zoning/ consistency of compliance, grocery store/market, maintain open space-working landscape, adequate parking-where? control?, drinking fountains/ sidewalks, alternate energy-biomass/ alt fuel vehicles
<u>Wilseyville</u> 1) Shad's Lake, 2) General Store/Post Office, 3) SPARC/mill site/recreation, refuse disposal site, fire station annex, library, Campora, rural character, Lode Star Camp (meadow), natural environment (Middle Fork, South Fork, heliport, clinic, Air Scramble event, sewage/water treatment plant, wildlife corridors, BLM wilderness area, Amyotte culture, Indian culture	1) fire & public safety-fuel reduction, 2) jobs/ economic development, 3) zoning-commercial/ residential/recreational

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District--2	
Community	
Assets	Problems
<u>West Point</u> 1)rural nature of community & forests-rivers/ waters/wildlife population density/agriculture, 2)people & sense of community-youth center, community center, theater, service groups, library, park, families, 3)infrastructure/cottage industry, green / open space, medical services	1)population density/growth without negatively impacting rural nature of community, 2) economy-cottage industry & agriculture-self-supporting economy, affordable housing, 3) water & water-shed & water resource-protecting natural resources, social services, better retail services, bus to Mokelumne Hill, preservation of natural resources, drugs, bike & walking path, roads & lot sizes arts
<u>Sheep Ranch</u> 1)Sheep Ranch Fire House, 2) natural resources-open space/wildlife habitat/clean air, 3) 40 acre minimums (SR Community Plan), quiet & peace, open range/sheep, minimal light pollution, CCWD for water infrastructure, open space (privately-owned) behind firehouse	1) bring clarity to existing plan, 2) want PO back, 3) Sheep Ranch Rancheria-no casino, road maintenance, Sheep Ranch Volunteer Fire Co./ community group , address future water with CCWD with our input, preserve open space behind fire-house, appropriate zoning in town of all parcels, preserve rural community, law enforcement/ gun-fire & 4-wheeling/irresponsibility in neighborhood
<u>Mountain Ranch</u> *park, *roads, *Mountain Ranch Community Hall, *water, open space, *lack of infrastructure, *affordable property (somewhat), *little noise/ light pollution, *distance between dwellings, *location, *climate, 4 seasons, diverse microclimates, Sender's, gas station, Blunder Inn, Youth Alliance, fire department, post office, community involvement, the people (taxpayers), farm land, wildlife, no big box stores, caves, trees, rocks, no ATV's, beauty-views, scenery, no billboards, not too large, isolation, Jesus Maria Creek, elevation, no cell phones	1)land use & zoning, 2) roads, public transit & traffic, 3) emergency services, 4) septic, sewer, water, & solid waste, 5) jobs

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Copperopolis			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 1 a) natural beauty & location in the Sierra foothills, b) setting among Natural Forest & parks, c) natural resources (water, charter of open space)	a) understanding & planning for future growth, b) no community park & trail system, c) What is "our community?"-- more than historic area (10 miles x 10 miles)	a) abundance of land with great character, great climate (out of fog/out of snow), b) recreational amenities, c) access/proximity to major urban areas/Bay Area	a) lack of resources for adequate plan for future growth (human/ financial), b) inability to properly access regional recreational assets like Melones Lake, c) not under-standing diversity of the County as an asset
Table 2 *Lake Tulloch, *rural environment, *Town Square, *small town atmosphere, Saddle Creek Resort, community involvement, history, churches, tourism	*sales tax \$\$ going elsewhere, *bridge (Tulloch), * emergency medical facility, not enough police, not enough to do, youth activities	* Lakes, *scenery, *tourist facilities, ski resorts, wineries, tourism	*roads, *assisted living, *access to New Melones, public transport, more jobs/businesses
Table 3 1) small community atmosphere, 1) open space, 2) still able to drive on week-days only (but can't walk on them anymore), 3) still affordable to live here, utilities, safety, etc.	1) too much dev./ not enough money upfront for utilities, etc., 3) no public transportation, 3) water, sewer, garbage becoming a bedroom community-no industry (they don't spend their money here to increase our tax rev. but put a drain on fire, police, sewer, water and garbage),	1) relaxed rural atmosphere during the week, 2) natural beauty, 2) Lake Tulloch ("all lakes"), 3) open space, 3) ag, 3) ranch land	1) no infrastructure roads in/ out, no public transportation, no plan or money to improve, 2) lack of industry or jobs of any kind that pay enough to live on, 3) accessible medical care, 3) lack of adequate police/fire protection
Table 4 1) Lake Tulloch, 2) rural character, 3) scenic vistas/beauty, quiet/lack of noise, limited ambient light	1) inadequacy of sewer & water, 2) amount of activity/boats on the Lake/danger/on Lake dev., 3) fire & police infrastructure, lack of emergency healthcare, roads	natural beauty, history & landmarks, recreation	insufficient zoning for employment-commercial & industrial, roads (also vital), subdivision of land into smaller parcels of land, lack of conservation program

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Copperopolis			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 5 *Lake Tulloch- water sports, *Saddle Creek Resort-recreation, *open space, rural atmosphere retirement, friendly environment, Copper Elementary School, oak trees, rolling hillsides	*roads, water, bridge, Hwy 4, *lack of jobs, *Co. transportation-bus connections, fire protection, retail, collective impact of development basic stores to buy merchandise without having to travel, parks and rec., rec. for kids/teens, movie theaters, varied restaurants, medical facilities, traffic, sewer, lack of activities and programs for kids	Lake Tulloch, county atmosphere, open space, oak trees	*lack of retail for tax base, *roads, *bridge by the Lake Tulloch, * lack of jobs, water, understaffed Co. Depts., medical, lack of activities and programs for kids
Table 6 1)Lake Tulloch, 2) rural atmosphere 3) Town Square (when it is finished, rented and occupied), schools, golf course,	1) drugs & crime, gangs, policing the crimes, slow emergency response time, 2) promote community activities 3) no senior care facility, need a Jr. high school now!, water resources	1) our natural resources: lakes, tourism, vineyards, 2) human liberty, 3) community involvement	1) over-regulation (change of staff becomes change of interpretation of existing laws), 2) more commercial opportunities, ie shopping, industrial, 3) transportation, i.e. mass transit, jobs, senior care facility, senior facilities/ assisted living, air service, Highway 4/12, connect to BART, road connection to New Melones
Table 7 1) Lake, vistas/open areas, 2) close to other rec. areas 3) small town atmosphere (no street lights/ big stores), economics, golf course	1) Lake not large enough to handle current growth, 2) excessive housing development, 3) condition of existing roads	Lakes & rec., rural atmosphere, wineries	uncontrolled growth, lack of effective police protection, pay scale
Table 8 Lake, close proximity to Modesto, Stockton, Merced, small-town atmosphere, Copper Town Square, golf course, churches	affordable housing (buy/rent), expanded health care, need for middle/high school, public transportation, need drug store, preschool or daycare	Lots of rec., modern hospital/ clinics, law enforcement, social services	public transportation, affordable housing for seniors, assisted living facilities, road problems

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Copperopolis			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 9			
*Lake Tulloch & New Melones, *clean water/air, *rural character, natural beauty of foothills, low crime	* lack of things to do/adults & kids, *no shopping, * no access to New Melones, lack of infrastructure, lack of rec. opportunity (parks & recreation), poor quality roads, no public transit, bigger library, overcrowding of Lake Tulloch, local newspaper	cultural & bio. resources, low pop. density, foothill environment/ climate, character & history of area, rec. activities (outdoor: hunting, fishing, boating, skiing), lack of education facilities/ op- portunities	*lack of jobs, *transit deficiency, *crime associated with drugs permitting process, no shopping, poor infrastructure (sewer, wa- ter, circulation), lack of adequate planning for growth,
Table 10			
1) Lake Tulloch, 2) rural country living, 3) golf course-Saddle Creek, new town center	1) over-development with inade- quate planning around Lake, etc., 2) inadequate law enforcement (on & off Lake), 3) establishing final authority regarding development on the water (Lake), litter/trash, lack of parks, road conditions, lack of medical care	1) New Melones Res., 2) Lake Tulloch, 3) rural countryside, history	1) lack of economic base, 2) inadequate law enforcement, 3) roads (Highway 4), litter, drugs (illegal), public transportation
Table 11			
1) Lake, 2) land available for dev., 3) Highway 4, history/copper mine, golf course-revenue, small community, wineries	1) lack of fire, police, 2) protecting the Lake/wildlife, 3) developers gaining control, asbestos mine, drugs, roads, water, hospital, no airport, better Hwy 4, no city police, master plan community	the lake, Highway 4, land available for development, history/copper mine, golf course-revenue, small community, wineries	regional dispatch facility, roads, no shopping, lack of jobs, drugs

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Murphys			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 1 business, wineries, location, park, creek, people, tourists	police protection, fire danger, traffic, lack of low density housing	recreation, agriculture, location	traffic, visitors casualness to our environment, lack of tapping local residents knowledge, creating jobs
Table 2 1) Murphys Community & Feeney Park, 2) quaint, small & scenic beauty, 3) wineries & tourism, schools, open space, people, Irish Days, Grape Stomp, Homecoming, shopping district-Main St., library, no franchises, Music in the Park, no parking meters, outdoor theaters & concerts	1) parking & traffic, 2) lighting downtown, 3) volunteer fire department needs funding, lack of communication, not enough bike & ped traffic, too much growth, losing open space	1) open space-beauty & people, 2) water activities-fishing, agriculture, Big Trees, recreation, Frog Jump, Bear Valley skiing, music festival	1) traffic, 2) uncontrolled growth, 3) make it hard to get anything done at the County offices, transportation, population density, medical availability, not enough senior programs, need hiking & walking trails, lack of coordination of recreation programs
Table 3 1) park/creek, 2) Main St. arch. sensitivity 3) community events/ participation/ wineries, history, community involvement, renewal & relief, arch. sensitivity, public relations value to all Cal. Co., good restaurants, wineries/ wine tasting/ Iron-stone, mom & pop stores, not on Hwy, sensitivity to aesthetics, paint color, planting, theater- Black Bart, library	1) parking, roads, 2) policing of traffic/speeding, 3) completion of sidewalks, power outages, signage-lack of ordinances	1) recreational facilities, 2) natural elements, 3) volunteerism, Murphys, no big box stores	1) jobs, 2) lack of conveying County recreational activities-advertising outside the Co, 3) lack of local tradesmen utilization, roads, lack of services-medical, fire, political representation, affordable attractive housing, trade school, lack of oak ordinance, clear-cutting

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Murphys			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 4 1) parks, Murphys Creek 2) a distinct, separate , historic downtown, 3) small, locally-owned businesses, great fire response, tourism, wineries, natural beauty, the people, multiple excellent restaurants, low crime rate, excellent cultural benefits, distinct residential complexes for various lifestyles	1) prevalence of drug culture, 2) lack of youth activities, 3) limited employment opportunities/low salaries, lack of walking & bike paths, need better emergency response time	1) expansive recreational opportunities with natural resources, 2) good roads and scenic byway bring in tourists, 3) small business friendly-no box stores, relatively rural, good networking of agencies to cover gap in services, good range of services for special needs children, wineries attract tourists, scenic byway	see #2- healthcare 1) prevalence of drug culture, 2) lack of youth activities, 3) limited employment opportunities/low salaries, lack of walking & bike paths, need better emergency response time
Table 5 1) people, 2) history, 3) good local stores/ restaurants, tourism, charm, lack of chain/franchise businesses, recreation, wine industry, Bay Area day trip, ambience, natural resources/ creek/varied terrain, quiet, local theater	1) parking/downtown/business district, 2) lack of affordable housing, 3) water-domestic & ag, sewer services, adequate light, recreation facilities, transportation.-need car, jobs, weekend traffic, facilities, diversified, sustainable ag, rising costs especially for senior citizens, lack of commercial growth, lack of econ dev council	1) ag lands, 2) recreation, 3) small population, diverse terrain, Calaveras Visitors Bureau, lots of interesting people, proximity to Bay Area/ Yosemite/ Tahoe/ Bear Valley, wine industry, waterways-fishing, boating, hiking	1) residential encroachment into ag lands, 2) affordable housing/jobs, 3) major roads in & out, drugs, crime, transportation, water, rising costs, climate change, lack of higher education, lack of parks & rec.
Table 6 1) trees on Main St., 2) historic downtown, 3) sense of community, scenery/ beauty, downtown wineries, safe community, the park, open space, children, Ironstone	traffic, mindless housing development, water & sewer lines, noisy motorcycles, no Thai restaurant, potential/ongoing loss of open space, too many special events	open space/ag land, history, rivers, the flume/ Big Trees-general scenery, relatively low population	1) lack of long-range planning, 2) watershed issues, 3) cutting of trees-primarily oaks, lack of safe bicycle routes, lack of employment opportunity

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Murphys			
Community		Countywide	
Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 7 * historical significance, * Main St (the community center) is off-Highway, controlled and tasteful growth to date, tourism, wine industry, permanent residents vs second homes, good school, creek through town	1) water & sewer infrastructure inadequate for approved growth, 2) inadequate parking on large tourist dates, 3) condition of roads, problems of new business development with Planning/Bldg Departments—too inflexible/bureaucratic, no current policy protecting against light pollution, afford-able housing, need permanent fire dept.	*natural beauty & rural character, *agricultural base, * large city problems (crime, etc.) lower on a per capita basis, abundant recreation, individual regional character	*Lack of affordable housing, *pressure on historic ag uses, *mega developers from out of the area, no incentives for local ag, lack of public transportation, overly bureaucratic Co Depts., lack of activities for kids
Table 8 clean water, open space, parks (Feeney & downtown), no corp. businesses (franchises), St. ambience, restaurants & bakery, wineries, small community, no snow, accessible parking , safe for children, school, mixed-use housing on Main St, time slows down here, Black Bart Theater, Stevenot Winery	poor security overall, poor roads/infrastructure, bridge over creek downtown unsafe, new bridge near feed store-traffic problem, lack of adequate street lights, 80 new homes at Rocky Hill, inadequate high density dev, no public parks for free play	* natural resources, * tourism, * good Board of Supervisors have entire community in mind not narrow interests, * great State parks & spaces, New Melones Lake, no box stores, great open space, Sierra Nevada forests with healthy watersheds & biodiversity, scenic view	inadequate high density development, inadequate road maintenance, lack of planning for growth, water, sewer, roads, too much developer influence, tree plantations-loss of forests
Table 9 *charming rural character, *trees-canopy, *neighborhood identity with nearby open space, small town social structure, historical values, unique retail as opposed to big box and franchise retail, community park, clean air/environment	*degradation of existing neighborhoods for the sake of new development, *parking/traffic on Main Street, *poor road conditions, poor planning for growth	*beauty, *wineries, *recreational opportunities-hiking, fishing, skiing, arts, historical/mines/caves, clean air	*problems in the planning department, *poor road conditions, *poor planning for growth, County transportation

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Murphys			
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Table 10 park (downtown community), Main St. attractions, safe, quiet ambience, climate, service community, tourism, fine restaurants, no chain/franchise stores, no shopping malls, schools, small town feel, added developments-the Arbors	*traffic/parking on Main St., * water/sewer capacity/age, * no tree ordinance-loss of heri- tage trees, * no sign ordinance, Co. with community needs im- provement pop expansion, appropriate \$ for fire protection, scarred hillsides for added resi- dential development, too many tasting rooms, lack of historical architectural overlay	1)various recreational facilities & opportunities, 2) no big box stores, 3) natural assets-rivers, mountains	population pressures

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San Andreas			
Community		Countywide	
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Table 1 *people, *open space, * historical sites, Co. seat, Co. services, sanitary dist., air quality, wildlife, CHS, PAWS, school dist., airport, hospital, Turner Park, baseball park	*traffic, *lack of economic development, *leadership, circulation, no child care, no shopping, no jobs, water, sewer	*open space, *historical, *tourism, recreation, National park, scenic beauty, lakes	*circulation, *leadership, *fees don't recover actual cost of services, General Plan, accepting community input, untrained Planning Commission, some Supervisors can't hear constituents, lack of process to hear constituents, jail
Table 2 1)government employment, 2) centrally located, 3) dedicated people who care about the community & are involved, history newspaper, Arts Council, museums, Town Hall, elementary school, Turner Park, Parks & Recreation, Commission, Master Gardener Demonstration Garden	1) lack of a business route/ congestion, 2) physically disjointed/not attractive, 3) lack of a variety of retail options, loss of historical architecture & sites, no place to eat, backup at Mountain Ranch Road/ SR49, need more low cost/ rental housing, lack of recreational opportunities for families and children	1)beauty and rural character, 2) citizens who care & will participate, 3)outdoor recreational facilities-lakes/golf /skiing, history, attractive to tourists, small enough for citizens to directly participate, can know neighbors, wineries, Big Trees State Park	1) history of poor governance that has left us in a financial hole, 2) out of Co. influence from developers and timber cos. that override local values on land use decisions, outpace infrastructure and resources, 3) decisions made on a piecemeal basis, not on a basis of a cohesive vision for the community, baseline deficiencies in a 25 year old General Plan (per Mintier) that have led to big problems in land use, public services, roads, utilities, with little funding sources adequate to meet future growth, lack of regulation to protect beauty from eyesores, and nuisances, clear cutting, limited vision on the Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission, dependent on outside resources, no vision for energy self-sufficiency, no ordinances to protect natural resources, too much dependence on property taxes, too beholden on developers for infrastructure support, increased fire threat from clear cutting, lack of public transit, lack of affordable housing, living wage jobs, smart growth planning, inadequate animal services, lack of jail space

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Table 3 * historical Main St, * Turner Park, *scenic back roads-view sheds, historical back streets, hospital, library, Government Center, Pickle Patch	*highway divides town-congestion, *sewer issues, *historical Main St not promoted, County jail insufficient, insufficient water treatment plant, Government Center-not enough room	*lakes/river/natural resources, *open space/rolling hills/oaks, *history, trails, rural atmosphere, recreational opportunity/tourism, neighbors concerned about each other	*jail insufficient-not enough law enforcement, *insufficient range of housing, *inconsistent approval process, roads/congestion/alternate emergency routes, insufficient space/courts/govt departments, lack of parks, lack of long range planning, flooding in some areas, vehicle & trash abatement/code enforcement, lack of medium to high income jobs, need economic element
Table 4 1) County seat, 2) unique identity, 3) medical services, public safety center, historical aspect, open space, schools, library, safe community	1) lack of aesthetics consistent with historical background, 2) maintenance of infrastructure, 3) lack of small retail services, no shoe stores, insufficient shopping, insufficient restaurants, lack of childcare & other family facilities	1) open space, 2) Gold Rush town, 3) natural resources, water, recreation opportunities, ag community, independent culture, low crime rate, rural atmosphere	1) infrastructure not keeping up with development, 2) uncontrolled, unplanned development, 3) roads not up to current traffic patterns, lack of retail services, meth epidemic, aging population with lack of adequate services
Table 5 *water, *Co. seat/State services, * affordable housing, *youth groups-4H/ gymnastics/ mentoring, airport, hospitals, library, Senior center/housing, historical aspects, CHS, sense of space, strong church community	*lack of small private business & industry, *lack of bike paths & recreational opportunities, *lacking childcare facilities, lack of aesthetics, highway runs through it, lack of restaurants, lack of youth jobs, increased crime	*beauty of natural resources, *caverns/ lakes/rivers/ recreation, *not overpopulated, *ag base /wineries, tourism, historical towns, ecological sense of responsibility, schools, Arts Council, Frog Jump, wineries	*roads, *lack of enforcement of the existing General Plan, weakness in leadership, * young people/adults leave because there are not enough opportunities, emergency services for outlying areas, lack of adequate jail

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Table 6 *medical care/ hospital/ helicopter, *County Government Center, *CDF, *no stop lights, *small community, senior center, public transit, DMV, 2 local parks, CHS, museum, Arts Council, airport, adult mobile home park, no traffic, beautiful scenery/ open space	*small jail, *sewer at capacity, *overexpansion, *loss of natural habitat, Caltrans, no retail, drugs, roads not adequate for growth, lack of oak conservation, heavy traffic, lack of reasonable water cost, noise & pollution, road paving	*recreation, *clean air, *good weather, agriculture, open space, "home," State Park, quiet, beautiful, friendly, variety of activities, Starbucks, historical values, caves, local events	*small jail, *drugs, *lack of accountability of Co. & Planning, not following California laws, traffic on major roads, development encroaching on agriculture, lack of oak conservation & habitat, public transportation., crooked realtors/ developers

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Valley Springs			
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Assets	Problems	Assets	Problems
Table 1			
1) open space/small town, 2) lakes, 3) La Contenta Golf Course, kids, good schools, oaks/ rural landscape ranches, wildlife, history, little light pollution, recreation opportunities	1) Hwy 26, 2) no jobs, 3) lack of affordable housing, lack of retail, no planning, sidewalks, bike trails, little medical facilities, no services for seniors, sign standards, light standards, flooding, have to drive to rec. facilities (movies, parks), no ballparks, no community center	1) caves/Big Trees Park/natural beauty, 2) tourism, 3) historic sites, lakes, recreational opportunities, wineries, ranches/agriculture/orchards/ vineyards, open space	1) healthcare facilities, 2) no General Plan, 3) lousy roads, newcomers who then decide no one else should move up here, no oak ordinance, lack of jobs, jail too small, Highway 26, have to drive everywhere for retail products
Table 2			
*the people, * rural lifestyle, our lakes/recreation (camping, skiing, hunting, fishing), quality of life, night site, open space, wildlife, farm animals rural living (small parcels, own acreage), low density 5 acre parcels, more than one newspaper	* traffic/dangerous roads, *rising crime/gangs, *public safety, lack of leadership/ experienced mgmt, 4-way stop, places to stay, graffiti, need more fast food restau- rants, lack of storm water mgmt, transportation (side-walks, bike lanes), egress& ingress out & in Co., affordable housing, need kids opportunities, lack of parks	*timber/cattle/agricultural/ natural resources, *recreation, *history	*traffic, *County government-planning in particular, *infrastructure
Table 3			
open space, rural quality, close to recreational pleasures, small community feel, good schools, people are family	water-quantity & quality, roads-bike lanes/sidewalks/ turnouts/merge lanes, sewage, lack of recreation	historic-quaint communities, State Park/scenic, tourism, lakes	water rights, unplanned communities with no vision, roads/ infrastructure, lack of jobs, lack of affordable housing, failure to recognize individual communities, drugs, proper collection of monies from contractors for infrastructure

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Table 4			
<p>1) wide open spaces, 2) trees, 3) lakes, quiet, relatively inexpensive land, no pollution, good recycling/hazardous waste program/landfill, tourism, separate community identities, agriculture, room for animals, Fire District is excellent, knowing neighbors-small enough</p>	<p>1) water availability-well production /quality, 2)not enough jobs, 3) inadequate roads, lousy sheriffs dept/ police protection/ jail, no public transit, no path-ways/ sidewalks/ walking paths, traffic, petty crime, existing sewer system, CCWD doesn't serve entire Co but all parcels pay taxes, need to preserve historical buildings/landmarks, too much hillside grading, bad cell service, not enough affordable rental housing, employment opportunities, childcare, not enough commercial services</p>	<p>1) lakes, 2) trees-shade-visual aesthetics, 3) large building lots, wildlife, wide open spaces, proximity to metropolitan areas, space between communities, kids, hillsides-varied topography, history-identity with history, recreational opportunities, friendly people</p>	<p>1)corruption in government, 2)no public transit, 3)inadequate commercial services/amenities, shortsighted Board of Supervisors, affordable housing dispersed across the Co-seniors/ disabled, no college-locally, transience of residents, ATV's/ motocross-dust & noise, "crack county," Co officials trading favors, accountability for taxpayer \$\$, Supervisors should divest investments-no conflicts of interest, too many relatives at Government Center, lack of forward planning by the Co, lousy Sheriff's Dept, shady legal negotiations-like insider trading</p>
Table 6			
<p>*lakes/tourism/recreation, *shopping, *medical facility, community involvement</p>	<p>*traffic circulation-no ped. or bike lanes/circulation, *unregulated development vs. available water/sewer, *affordable housing for workforce, lack of opportunities for youth, traffic re: schools-ingress/egress, lack of hotels/motels</p>	<p>*rural beauty, *fire protection, *tourism, historic towns, lack of urban sprawl, forests, oak trees</p>	<p>*repaired roads/circulation, *lack of low cost housing for workers, *economic dev. for continuing tax base, lack of parks, lack of protection of open spaces traffic, drug labs</p>
Table 7			
<p>1) lakes, recreation, 2) location-proximity to Lodi, Stockton, we are not lone, 3) small town atmosphere & identity, open space</p>	<p>1) roads, sewer & water can not accommodate proposed growth, 2)developers ruining the Co atmosphere, 3) no parks & not enough ball parks, lack of jobs, lack of diversity in zoning, uncontrolled growth, Sheriff's Department understaffed, not enough for kids to do, no bike trails, a lot of druggies.</p>	<p>1) lakes, recreation, 2) tourism destination, 3) beautiful undeveloped farm land, old 49er historical towns, roads lead to Murphys/wineries (good proximity)</p>	<p>1) not enough qualified people running government, 2) uncontrolled growth, 3) lack of jobs, no park system-money is available but County doesn't approve, lack of vision, no bike trails</p>

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Table 8			
*open space, *community participation, *location, Hogan Lake, rivers, commerce, small community, wildlife, golf course, Veteran's Hall, the people, youth center, no box stores	*traffic congestion/poor road conditions, *lack of basic services-fire/police/schools, *flooding-creek maintenance, inadequate current General Plan, water & sewer, lack of community parks, sprawl and unplanned growth, cutting down oak trees/loss of natural flora & fauna, not incorporated	*historical significance, *low population density, wildlife, community center, lakes/water rights, recreation, open space, location, diversity of climate, diversity of activities	1)lack of foundation/ community plan/Co office organization, *lack of enough money to draw good planning people/ insufficient tax revenue to support basic services, *traffic circulation/poor road infra-structure/current failing ratings on roads, increased crime/drug element, lack of childcare
Table 9			
*lakes & recreation, *rural atmosphere, *groundwater, Valley Springs News, water rights in Hogan & Pardee, peace & quiet, quality of life, climate, air quality, lack of light pollution	*over-development & ground-water shortages/weak wells, *roads-lack of improvement, lack of water/sewer networks, fire protection, not enough community parks	*encourages small business, *natural resources/tourism & "Gold Country"-historical values, *proximity for tourism & city shopping	*not enough local shopping/jobs, *roads/lack of repair, *Highway 12,26,4-significant improvements needed, not having community college campus/trade school
Table 10			
1) Rural lifestyle, 2) recreation (golf, fishing, boating), 3) the people, 4) land availability, community spirit, response to social issues/ caring, cost of real estate (low) affordability	1) shopping/services/retail, 2) 12/26 four-way stop, 3)utility/services (poor) h ₂ O/electric/cable, quality employment, safe pedestrian routes/trails, lack of sport fields	1) recreation, 2) volunteer fire department, 3)rural life style, the people, quality youth programs	1) transportation/traffic, 2) County leadership/ Board of Supervisors, 3) economic attraction/ development, low pay for law enforcement, lack of higher