

Tomorrow's Earth is



Today's Responsibility

Section 3: Calaveras High School Earth Club General Plan Team Input.

In October of 2012, the students from the Calaveras High School Earth Club took a field trip to Calaveras Big Trees State Park. During their hour long hike in the North Grove, they learned life lessons from the growth of the trees and the forest. They also learned about the Calaveras County GPU process.

Following that field trip, 19 Earth Club members formed the General Plan Team to ensure that issues of concern to them would get introduced into the GPU process. Throughout the remainder of that school year they formed issue groups, researched their issues, and prepared speeches. With the opening of this school year, they were immediately challenged by the County's GPU notice and form. At the Earth Club General Plan Team's very first meeting of this school year, they met that challenge. (See Attachment 5, Earth Club General Plan Team input.) The forms they filled out indicate that they would like the General Plan Update to:

- 1) Reflect the County's support for Wild and Scenic River Designation for the Mokelumne River from below Salt Springs Reservoir to the top of Pardee Reservoir;
- 2) Include a plan for a Teen Crisis Center in Valley Springs;
- 3) Include a plan for a skateboard park;
- 4) Include restrictions on open burning near sensitive receptors in community centers, coupled with planning for constructive options for disposing of yard waste; and
- 5) Provide effective strategies for economic development.

They will provide more detail regarding their proposals at the next opportunity for public input.