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Supervisors Approve Valley Springs Community Plan

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San Andreas. After a brief hearing on Tuesday, September 22, the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to add a long awaited Valley Springs Community Plan (VSCP) section & policies to the Calaveras County General Plan. The 1975 VSCP was eliminated by the 2019 update of the Calaveras County General Plan, leaving Valley Springs with no community plan at all. The Valley Springs plan that has just been adopted is not a comprehensive, stand-alone community plan, as previous plans were, but is a section of the Community Planning Element of the Calaveras County General Plan.

MyValleySprings.com, an organizational member of the Calaveras Planning Coalition, has been working to update the Valley Springs Community Plan since 2005 and was instrumental in the Calaveras Council of Governments (COG) receiving a \$200,000 Caltrans Community Based Transportation Planning Grant in 2008 to update the community plan.

By 2010, two community plans had been drafted for Valley Springs for inclusion in the update of the general plan. One plan was the result of the COG led process, which was based on public participation and included the Planning Department and MyValleySprigs.com, among others, as project partners. The other plan was drafted in response to the COG plan by a committee of citizens formed by District 1 Supervisor Gary Tofanelli.

In written remarks, Colleen Platt of MyValleySprings.com explained to the Supervisors, “The Valley Springs Community Plan section & policies currently before you is a ‘blended’ and condensed version, and includes a broad spectrum of goals and policies from both of the draft plans submitted by community members in 2010.” She encouraged the Board to support the addition of the Valley Springs section to the Community Planning Element of the Calaveras County General Plan “to help guide future economic development and conservation in the Valley Springs Community Area.”

Some Supervisors expressed their appreciation to the Planning Director, his staff, and to the stakeholders who participated in the process over the years. Planning Director Maurer indicated that he can now move on to the next community plan. In January the Board of Supervisors made the plan for Copperopolis the next one in line after Valley Springs. The community plans for Avery/Hathaway Pines, Murphys/Douglas Flat, and Arnold were rescinded by the Board of Supervisors in 2019. Their update was not among the top planning priorities set by the Board of Supervisors in January.