

Valley Springs Community Plan Update [handout for February 23, 2010 Community Meeting]

Directions: The draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles are based on public input from past workshops and meetings. Please use this draft document, including the reverse side to suggest improvements to the wording, whether anything should be removed or if anything is missing. Also if you wish to be on the mailing list for future meeting announcements and related information, please fill in the information on the reverse side. Thank you.

Draft Vision Statement

Valley Springs will have a small-town rural atmosphere, framed by open space vistas, ridgelines, and other prominent natural features. New Hogan Lake will flourish as a community attraction.

Valley Springs' historic core will evolve into a prosperous, walkable mixed-use district, building upon its roots as a late-1800s railroad town. The town center will serve as a focal point for commerce, public institutions and public space for community interaction.

A diversity of housing types within and adjacent to the town center will support local businesses and provide homes for residents of all ages and a variety of backgrounds.

A safe and effective transportation network will provide pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists with complete and attractive routes that honor Valley Springs' natural surroundings and respond to surrounding community needs, from rural edges to residential neighborhoods to the town center.

Guiding Principles

- Maintain the small-town ambiance, community character, design and scale for present and future generations of Valley Springs residents.
- Protect Valley Springs' natural, cultural, and visual resources, including mature trees, wildlife habitat, undeveloped open space and agricultural lands.
- Expand Valley Springs' economic base to provide shopping, services and jobs that better serve the needs of residents and businesses.
- Encourage new visitor and local-serving businesses, and new service commercial and light industrial businesses in Valley Springs' town center.
- Preserve and revitalize the historic central core of Valley Springs.
- Develop parks, trails and recreational facilities for children, youth, and adults to engage in both organized and spontaneous activities.
- Improve facilities and routes to support safe, efficient and convenient motorized and non-motorized transportation, including walking and bicycling for users of all ages and abilities.
- Include a mix of housing types in new residential development to meet the needs of existing residents and future generations in all life stages and income categories.
- Ensure new development keeps pace with the availability of public services and infrastructure by focusing growth where facilities and services currently exist.
- Protect the community's water resources and ensure new growth does not negatively impact water supply.