

# Cummings Valley Protective Assn.

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## Membership Renewal

We are getting very good response to our latest membership renewal reminder. Those of you who joined CUPA in late 1990 and early 1991 received only part of a year for your money. We appreciate your overlooking that fact, and renewing for a full 1991-1992 fiscal year. If we can handle all renewals at the same time, greater efficiency and lower mailing costs will result. Of course, new members joining throughout the current fiscal year will also get a partial year for their first year dues. We hope they will be comfortable with the concept that they are really getting their money's worth since CUPA has been working on their behalf the whole year.



## Meeting Schedule

After considering suggestions from the members and other factors, the Board adopted a meeting schedule. The day has been changed to the first Thursday of the month which has been well received by most members. Meetings will be held eight months of the year. Excluded will be December and January, July and August. The time is still 7:30 PM and the place is still the Stallion Springs CSD meeting hall.

Future speakers at the meetings will be:

- October 3, 1991 - Ben Austin, Supervisor 2nd District
- November 7, 1991 - Ted James, Director of Planning
- February 6, 1992 - Les Hansen, Ostrich Rancher
- March 5, 1992 - Native Plant Society ?
- April 2, 1992 - Neil McDougald, Oak Trees
- May 7, 1992 - Allison Cook - Long Range Plan
- June 4, 1992 - Open



## New Member Drive

Bill Dresser is heading a committee whose goal it is to significantly increase our membership this year. He has eight committee volunteers making personal contact with potential members.

We can all help, however, by talking to friends and neighbors about CUPA and urging them to join. Call Bill at 821-5871 if you need membership sign-up slips or printed background information for use in signing up new members.



## Long Range Plan

Allison Cook, the UCLA graduate student, has completed a lot of her background information gathering and has prepared an extensive outline of what will be considered her study. She expects to complete her analysis and preparation of one or more options for land use plans for Cummings Valley next spring. She will present her conclusions to the members at the April or May meeting.

## Roadside Cleanup



Pat Campbell, who volunteered to head up this event, has been working with the County for permits and assistance in this effort. The County is trying to iron out some liability problems before it gives us the OK to get out and gather debris along the roadways. We will let you know when all the problems are resolved.



# Tamaron Project

This proposed amendment to the General Plan would allow rezoning of 160 acres from 5-acre to 1-acre homesite development. The project is in the northwest corner of Brite Valley between Highway 202 and Cummings Valley Road, and abuts the area we have designated for protection in Cummings Valley. Because it is outside our defined area of concern, your Board voted not to take an official stand against it, but to assist the Brite Valley Preservation Group on an individual and unofficial basis.

Rezoning efforts on this property have been going on since 1984. It was taken out of the agricultural preserve and zoned for 5 acre estates in 1989, against the recommendation of the Planning Department. The landowner is in tax default (1989-1990) on the properties, although she contributed \$750.00 to the

Austin campaign in 1989. The Tamaron Partnership (listed in their campaign contribution records as a farming and mobile home park company) contributed \$600.00 to Supervisor Austin's campaign in 1989. It appears that these people may be playing money/political games with the

property, hoping that by getting it rezoned they can sell it for a higher price. If this were true, it would be land manipulation practice of the sleaziest kind.

We all stand to suffer from traffic problems due to ingress and egress at the Highway 202 entrance to the project and the loss of the scenic rural character of this area. It will no doubt also increase future pressure for high density development in Cummings Valley.

Anyone who can provide assistance to the Brite Valley Preservation Group by attending the hearing on this project October 7, 1991, is encouraged to do so. The hearing will be in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 1415 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, at 2:00 PM.

For information from the Brite Valley Preservation Group, call Mark Schneider at 822-3934 for Pat Campbell at 822-1283.

# mini-mart/ gas station



Nothing is happening at this time concerning the mini-mart/gas station (Highway 202 and Cummings Valley Road). We continue to make frequent checks with the Planning Department in Bakersfield, but so far no plans have been submitted. If plans are submitted, we will immediately get involved to assess the character of the proposed development in order to minimize the negative impact on the area.



The issue of larger real estate signs will not be resolved before October 7, 1991. The entire zoning ordinance change proposal heard at

the September 23 Board of Supervisors hearing was continued to October 7 because of several other items in the proposal that needed clarification. Chuck McCollough, Ben Rude, Dorothy Woods and Bill Dresser all presented arguments to the Supervisors against the proposed increase in allowable size from 8 to 16 square feet. The Supervisors listened attentively, but asked no questions and made no comment. Other than the Planning Department recommendation that 16 square feet would be more in accord with other counties, there was no testimony in favor of larger signs.

## CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Enclosed find my family membership dues of \$12.00 for 1991-1992

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