

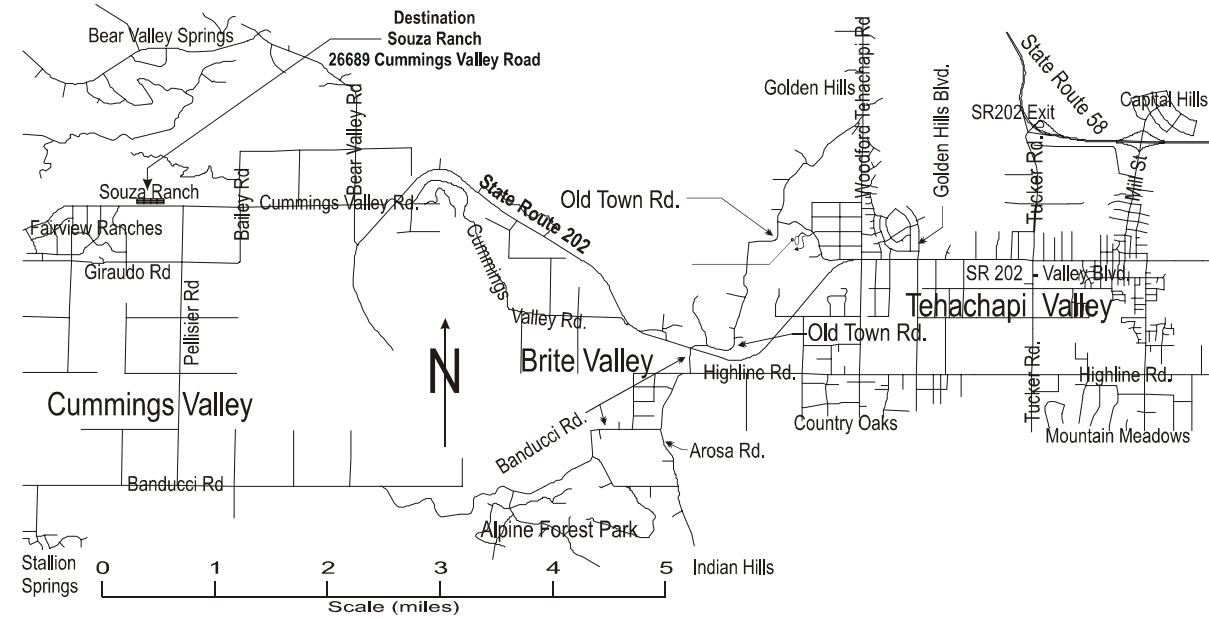
UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday August 23, 2008 - KC Planning Specific Plan Meeting, 9 AM SS Community Center

Thursday, September 4, 2008 - CVPA regular meeting, Bill Miller "Problems of the Delta"

Saturday, September 20 - September Barbecue

Save the dates.



They Have Given Us a Vision

The pioneering efforts and commitment in wine growing and wine tasting of Bob and Patty Souza have given us the basis of a vision for Cummings Valley and Tehachapi. This is a vision of economic benefit combined with preservation of agriculture and open space. It lays the foundation for developing our area as a tourist destination with the primary attraction being vineyards and wine tasting, but with many other kinds of attractions to follow.



The success of the beautiful up-scale Souza Family Vineyard wine tasting facility has wildly exceeded expectations. On Grand Opening Weekend, July 4, 5, and 6 more than 1,000 visitors enjoyed the wines and hospitality. The guest book shows visitors from seven states other than California. On July 11, 12 and 13 featuring the CVPA bus tour and displays by local artists, 400 wine tasters participated. The following weekend saw 200, and the last weekend of July brought 300.

With the development of numerous additional vineyards with wine tasting and development of other attractions our area could become the "crown jewel" of Kern County tourism. (See Cummings Valley Vision , below.)

Our hats are off to Bob and Patty for what they have accomplished!

Note: Visit our website, cvpainc.org, for color photographs of the Souza Family Vineyard, Wine Tasting Venue and the 2008 CVPA bus tour.

The Cummings Valley Vision and the Greater Tehachapi Area Specific Plan

All CVPA members are welcome and encouraged to attend a public hearing at the Stallion Springs Community Center on Saturday morning, August 23 from 9 AM to 1 PM. The hearing is being hosted by the Kern County Planning Department and it's purpose is to collect public input for preparing the Greater Tehachapi Area Specific Plan. This will be the only public hearing scheduled on this topic. Per the county, the purpose is for the "development of a single specific plan for the unincorporated Greater Tehachapi Area that will serve as a guidance document for decision makers

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and the Planning Department as to how future land use proposals within the planning boundary should be evaluated." In addition, the Vision Committee of CVPA will be presenting our positive Vision for the future of Cummings Valley. Additional information can be found at the county's website: www.co.kern.ca.us/planning and then click on Planning Programs.

We hope to demonstrate that there is broad community support for the vision we are developing. If you endorse the vision briefly described in the enclosure to this newsletter, please sign and return to CVPA, P.O. Box 1020, Tehachapi, CA 93581-1020. Copies of this vision brief will be available at the check-in table for all attendees of the August 23 meeting. The CVPA Vision Committee will have a table where displays of vision illustrations and a full description of the vision will be available. Copies of the brief signed by attendees, and those returned by non-attending CVPA members will be submitted to the Planning Department at the conclusion of the meeting.

If you will not be attending the August 23 meeting, and you support the concept, PLEASE sign and return ASAP. Isn't this potential alternative to breaking up the land for houses and strip malls worth the price of a stamp?

Late Breaking News on Cummings Valley Wine Growing

Phil Ryall, Bakersfield petroleum geologist and long time friend of Chuck McCollough, has purchased the 10.76 acres adjoining Triassic Legacy Vineyard on the east and plans to grow wine grapes. He plans to eventually make his home on the property.

The 14.47 acres adjoining Triassic Legacy Vineyard on the west has just been purchased by Frank Martini. Frank has major farming operations on Fiji and has a home on 83 acres in Bear Valley Springs. He plans a wine vineyard on the land and has ideas of wine tasting and other amenities. Frank says he just wants to create something beautiful like Triassic Legacy.

CVPA Board Changes

The election of officers at the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2008 resulted in the following Board positions:

President	*
Vice President	Chuck Boles
Treasurer	Clydell Lamkin
Recording Secretary	Sally Fox
Corresponding Secretary	Jo Anne Huckins

*The nominee for President found it necessary to withdraw at the last minute. Chuck McCollough is continuing as acting President until a willing candidate is identified.

We thank outgoing Treasurer, Priscilla Mester, for her meritorious service and Laurie Rude, past Corresponding Secretary, for hers.

September 4 General Meeting (reminder) Problems of THE DELTA and what it means to you

Bill Miller, General Manager of the North of the River Water District in Oildale, will give us a DVD-and power point-illustrated talk on the complexities of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, and the challenges to maintaining secure water supplies for much of California.

Bill, a former resident of Bear Valley Springs and CSD Director, now resides in Hart Flat. He maintains many ties to Tehachapi including being Treasurer and past-President of the Tehachapi Resource Conservation District.

We all need to become knowledgeable about the problems of the Delta, because sooner or later we will likely be asked to vote again on a proposal to build a peripheral canal to bypass the Delta and bring water to a

thirsty Southland. And in the more immediate future, restrictions upon Delta pumping are directly affecting the future supplies for Tehachapi. Those water supplies we once thought we had, may not be there anymore.

Mark September 4 on your calendar, and come to the meeting at 7:00 PM in the old CSD meeting room.

September Barbecue

Mark your calendar for September 20 as the date for the annual barbecue at the beautiful Souza Ranch. Festivities will start at 4 PM and dinner at 6:00. On the menu will be deep pit beef and pork, and sides, wine, beer, ice tea, and dessert - - all for \$20 paid in advance or \$25 at the gate. To get on the \$20 entry list, send your check to CVPA, P.O. Box 1020, Tehachapi, CA 93581. Tickets will not be issued, but your name will be added to the reservation list. Come for succulent seasoned deep pit meats with all the fixings, social time with old and new friends, and music in beautiful ranch surroundings. The Souzas' gorgeous new wine tasting room will be open until 6 PM for those who would like to experience it.

Time to Renew Your Membership?

If your mailing label shows a year earlier than 09, it is time to send your check for one or more years at \$12 per family per year. Our membership year has always run from July through June. We currently show over 300 memberships representing over 500 members, but as of July, many are now in arrears.

We need your support now more than ever as we face challenges to the rural qualities we came here to enjoy. Member numbers and money may be critical as we strive to preserve the integrity of the area. The positive vision we are developing for the area will require a great commitment of effort and funds to publicize and disseminate.

Please complete the membership form, if there are changes, and return it with your check. We would hate to lose you. Sending a check for the current membership year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) will put you back in good standing regardless of when your membership may have expired.

Cummings Valley Protective Association, Inc.

Membership Application - July 1 through June 30

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<input type="checkbox"/> Brite Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairview Ranches	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Hills	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand Canyon	<input type="checkbox"/> ?

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Annual dues are \$12 per family.

Please check one:

One year \$12 Two years \$24 Three years \$36

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