

Redwood Valley Community Action Plan Update Meeting
6/14/17 6:00-8:00 PM
Redwood Valley Grange

(NOTE: These notes are the facilitator's attempts to synthesize a large volume of comments. Some individual comments might be combined, but every attempt has been made to retain all ideas presented)

Agriculture

- Defining Redwood Valley's (RWV) niche
 - Preserving the RWV Appellation
 - Industry around GMO Free Foods
- Sustainability of Ag
 - Preserving and encouraging organic production
 - Encouraging local food economy
 - Supporting Local Farmers – meetings
 - Increasing traffic at Farmer's Market
 - Statement from Community about importance of Sustainable Ag
- Water
 - Oversight of wells
 - Ensuring access to water district water for all gardens
 - Taxes on water
- Agricultural Environmental Concerns
 - Pesticides
 - Concern about roadside spraying
 - Overspray
 - Legal but dangerous pesticides and herbicides
 - Water Pollution
 - Grading near streams
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Create wildlife corridors, preserve riparian and oak woodland
 - Native plant preservation for native fauna
 - Encouraging hedgerows
 - Agricultural waste – Cannabis and Grapes
 - Sustainable Management
 - Need for Protected Areas
 - Balancing wildland fire safety with native vegetation
- Support for Ag
 - Cottage industry – value added products
 - Slaughter facility
 - Goat Milk Dairy
 - Cold Storage
 - Code Kitchen for Community Use (Grange?)
 - Equipment Sharing Banks

- Seed Banks
 - Farmer's Cooperatives
 - Availability of Compost vs. Burning and associated pollution
- Preserving land for Ag
 - Maintaining current AG zoning
 - Maintaining minimum parcel size – restrict subdivision
- Preserving the character of RWV
 - “A Great Place” to live
 - Preserve Family feel
 - Creating an “Agricultural Mascot” for RWV
 - Creating community gardens
- Cannabis
 - Keep minimum parcel size for cultivation to 5 acres
 - Concern about overlays reducing 5 acre minimum
 - Concerns about large grows may dissipate over time
 - Concerns about individuals who remain in the underground economy
 - Security
 - Tax Base
 - Impacts on the Bel Arbres neighborhood

Public Safety/Security

- Speeding
 - Not enough posted speed limit signs
 - Community Fundraiser to buy more signs?
 - Contact CHP
 - Consider requesting lowering speed limit in certain areas
 - This is a difficult process
 - Requesting more patrols
 - Impact on elders, children, horses, bicyclists
- Fire Safety
 - Most “fire” calls are medical responses (75%)
 - More volunteers needed
 - Add a safety page to MAC website
 - Fire
 - Hazmat
 - Medical
 - Security
 - Concern over homes in wooded areas
 - No tight controls over homes from County
 - Home with hazardous conditions to be red tagged?
 - Locked Gates are a problem
- Crime
 - Concern over lack of full time Sheriff (MCSO) presence
 - How to change this
 - How to increase communications with MCSO

- Increased tourism could bring more drugs, alcohol, prostitution, loitering, homelessness
 - Cannabis related home invasion concerns
 - Drug paraphernalia and CO2 cartridge litter
 - Transients along railroad and river
- Community Preparedness
 - CERT training
 - Does one exist in RWV? If not where is the nearest?
 - Community Alert network
 - Neighborhood watch meetings and better signage regarding
- Improving Infrastructure
 - Improving trails
 - Rails to Trails (Talk with Ukiah Valley Trail Group)
- Impacts of Casino
 - How will adding a hotel impact?
 - How will enlarging casino impact
 - Coyote Valley looking to hire full time fire fighter
 - CV law enforcement
 - How to engage with the wider RWV community
- Drugs and Alcohol
 - Methamphetamine use
 - Alcoholism
 - Drunk driving
 - Increased cannabis presence

Environment

- Water
 - Dewatering of creeks
 - Legal vs. illegal diversions
 - Increase in number of wells
 - Impact on existing well users
 - Will there be any over all monitoring?
 - Enough storage
 - Old time cisterns/ other collection and storage options
- Wildlife
 - Preserving native habitat
 - Preserving oaks
 - Creating/preserving corridors
 - Fencing impact on wildlife movement
 - Health of fisheries
 - Creating brush piles for native
- Sewer
 - Desire for sewer in denser areas?
- Litter
 - Encourage neighborhood “Adopt a Road” clean up

- Alcohol litter on roadsides a problem
- Sustainable Practices
 - Promoting Sustainable Agriculture
 - Encouraging carpooling, rideshare, parking via social media
 - Encouraging tool sharing bank (wood chipper, etc.)
- Community education
 - MAC could sponsor a Community Forum on Sustainability
 - Who would the target audience be?
 - Education on importance of native species
- Vegetation
 - Concerns over herbicide use (Both legal and illegal application)
 - Could community offer to string trim instead
 - Creating hedgerows of native flora
 - Wildflowers in community spaces
 - Encouraging highway department to plant native species
- Fire
 - Wildlands vs. Fire Safety
 - Defensible space
 - Clearly posting addresses
 - Assisting CDF and RVFD with pre-planning
- Community Gardens
 - Work with Gardens Project to create in RWV
- Air Quality
 - Diesel Particulates along 101
 - Education for private truck owners
 - Outdoor Burning
- Development
 - Slow Growth preferred
 - Limits on total growth
 - Utilizing in-law units and home industry to develop sensitively
 - Creating “traction” for RWV to affect local growth
 - Growth is coming, RWV wants a say
- Village of RWV
 - Creating a Village Square
 - Vacant lot on School/East?
 - Zoned industrial but could allow formula stores
- Current litigation with County
 - Dollar General
 - Asphalt plant
 - Cannabis
- Public Transportation
 - Small Electric Busses
 - Jitney Busses
- Alternative Transportation
 - Use of Rail Line
 - Bike Trail

- Noise Pollution
 - Creating community standards and feedback system
 - Barking dogs, motor cycles etc.
- Design Standards
 - Lighting
 - Landscaping
 - Signage
 - Parking
 - Environmental Mitigation
- No Round Up Proposal
 - Coordinate with Democratic Club Environment Subcommittee
 - i.e. City of Irvine

Economic Development

- Light Industry
 - Preference for low water use industries
 - Clustered along rail lines
 - Low noise and light pollution a requirement
- Desire for more local businesses
 - Coffee shop
 - Hardware store
 - Feed store
 - Service businesses – Salon, pharmacy
 - Yoga studio
 - Swimming Pool
 - Community Kitchen Facility
- Cannabis Impacts
 - Concern about cannabis in industrial and residential zoned areas
 - How to regulate?
 - How can it support the community?
 - How many if any dispensaries?
 - How to deal with odor?
- Formula Stores
 - Anti-formula store ordinance
 - Has passed
 - Doesn't apply to Dollar General or industrial zoned parcels
 - How will these impact local businesses?
 - Dollar General is the antithesis to local development
- Home based businesses
 - How to coordinate these businesses?
 - They are all spread out
- Tourism
 - How to encourage “mindful” tourism?
 - Promote farm tours/nature/small town vibe
 - Negative impact concerns

- Traffic
 - Crime
 - Tourism jobs not high wage
- Affordable Housing
 - Senior housing concerns
 - Creating in law units
 - How to regulate the number created?
 - Need for local workers/young families/individuals
- Culture of RWV
 - What is RWV's cultural draw?
 - How to attract and retain more young people?
 - Summer camps?
- RWV as a bedroom community
 - Recognition of RWV as a bedroom community
 - RWV more diverse than in the past
 - Desire to maintain character
 - We can see the stars! Let's keep it that way.
- Promote Local Businesses
 - Keeps more dollars in local area
- Zoning
 - Use to keep RWV rural
 - Consider limits on subdivisions, even within same zoning
- Diversifying employment
 - Draw for tech businesses
 - Need for broad band
 - Green tech
 - Value Added Food Processing
 - Cooperatively owned businesses and housing
- Limits to economic development
 - Childcare
 - Groundwater availability
 - Spaces limited
 - Lack of low cost housing
 - Lack of public transportation
 - Access to post high school education (college, trade, apprenticeships)

Public Facilities

- RV School
 - What is a beneficial use for that space?
 - Multi use desires
- Grange
 - Improvements
 - Expansion of programming
- Lions Park
 - Best uses?

- Public Swimming Pool
- Mariposa swimming hole
 - Maintaining access
- RV Church
 - Use as a shelter (Part of a CERT program?)
- Russian River
 - Access
 - Trails
 - Keeping in clean and flowing
- Transportation
 - “Complete” roads
 - Walking and biking paths
 - Rails to trails
 - Keep the tracks, put in bike path along side
 - East and West Road trails
 - Traffic management
 - Safer roads needed. Signage, speed limits, round about
 - Noise increased
 - How to have more law enforcement present?
- Public/Town Square
 - Where and how?
 - What would its architectural character be?
- Health Clinics
 - Need for more local options
- Childcare
 - Need for facilities
- New housing development
 - How to do so in the most wise way
- Senior center
- Food Programs
- Outreach for existing programs, PR
- Community bulletin boards
- Fire Safety/Code Compliance
- Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project Site
- Development of a community school based facility for summer camp and youth activities
- Eagle Peak Middle School
- Need for high speed internet and internet cafés
- More physical activity options
 - Horseback riding
 - Biking
 - Hiking
- Beautification of RWV
 - Tree planting – Other vegetation management
 - Trash clean up