



SRA Informational Quarterly: February, March and April 2009

The Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution on April 28, 2009 that completed the work that they were willing to do at this time on the land use designations for Angwin. This brought closure to the year-long General Plan Amendment process addressing the so-called “Bubbles” on the County’s official Land Use Map.

In agreement with what SRA has been advocating for two years (see attached map), the Board of Supervisors has re-designated portions of the Angwin area from Urban Residential (UR) to Rural Residential (RR), Public Institutional (P-I), and Agricultural, Watershed and Open Space (AWOS).

Since the new Land Use Map designations allow much less building density in those areas, the shrinkage of the Angwin “Urban Bubble” (the previous large UR area) from approximately 500 acres to approximately 100 acres is a significantly favorable result for SRA. However, the unfavorable news is that the Supervisors have retained approximately 100 acres as UR without any change to allow for full consideration of the Triad subdivision, which as yet has no completed application on file.

Triad has announced that they plan to reconvene their team to analyze the Supervisors’ decision and to decide how best to continue work on their project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which has been on hold since last December. Release of a public draft EIR for review could occur any time between August and December of 2009 or even as late as 2010.

Following the April 28th Board decision, the SRA Steering Committee reviewed our response options, one of which was to file a referendum to nullify the Resolution passed by the Board. However, given all that has been gained with the newly designated P-I and AWOS areas, we did not want to risk losing what we have achieved just to nullify the hold put on the 100 acres. Instead, we determined to focus on fighting the Triad project itself.

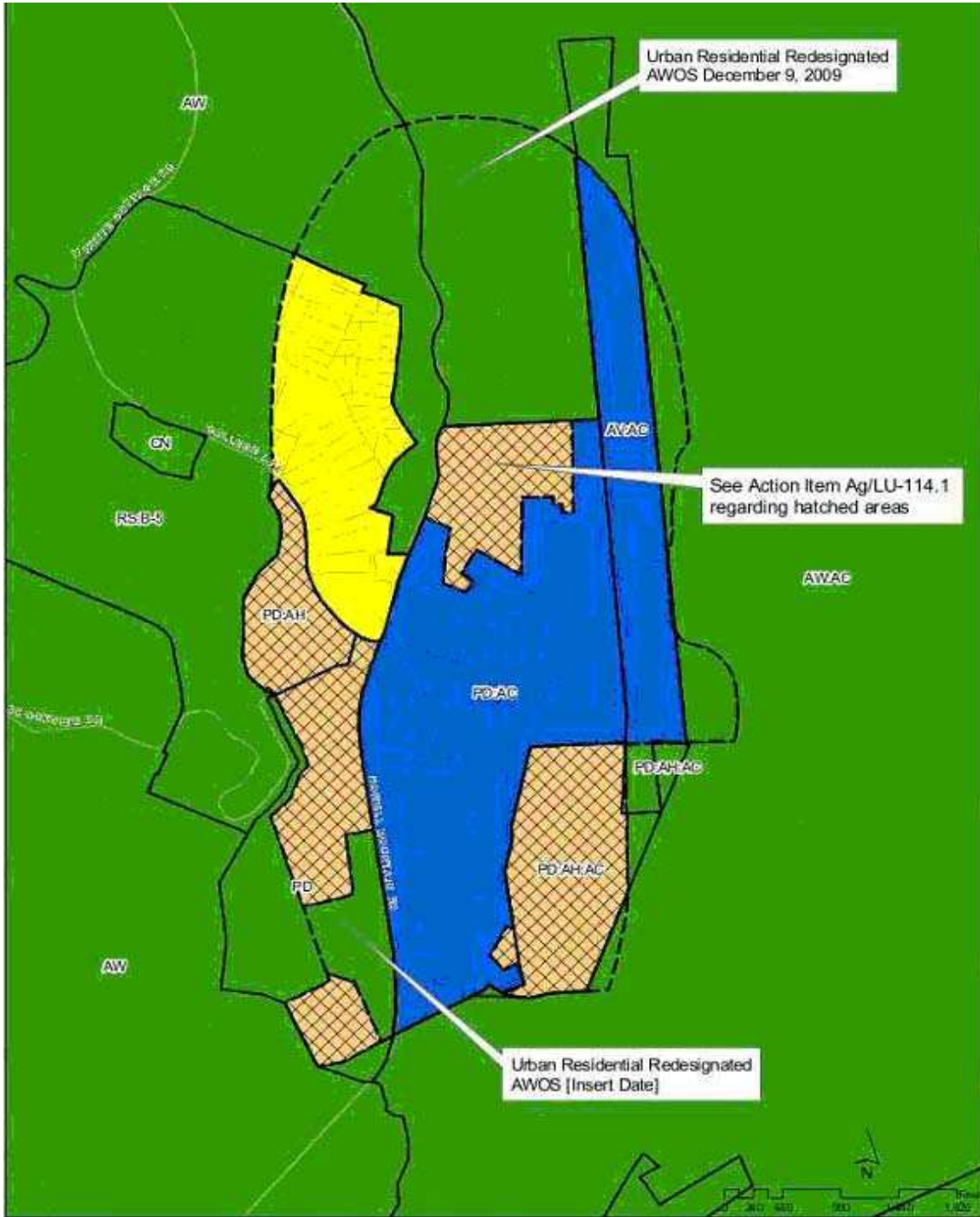
A final encouraging note is that on the same day that PUC announced the resignation of college president Dr. Richard Osborn, SRA announced our newest Advisory Council member, Robert Redford. We truly appreciate his support and he will be a wonderful addition to our accomplished and prestigious Advisory Council membership.

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