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SAVE RURAL ANGWIN QUARTERLY UPDATE

Save Rural Angwin supporters received the e-mail message and media releases in late October announcing that the Pacific Union College Board of Trustees had voted to abandon plans to build 380 residences (referred to as an “ecovillage”), suspend the associated Environmental Impact Report, and fully dissolve their contractual and consulting relationship with Seattle-based Triad Communities. YaHoo!! Certainly the general economic downturn contributed significantly.

The public decision-making process may appear daunting and time-consuming and it is understandable to question whether individuals can make a difference; however, participating in matters that affect you, your family, and your community is the highest form of civic engagement. Margaret Mead observed, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Thank you SRA Supporters for your willingness to step up and contribute in this community action throughout the last four years! It did make a difference!!

Though we are no longer staring at this particular 380-household project, work remains to be accomplished; over 100 acres are still land-use designated “urban residential” and therefore under threat for development. SRA will continue to pursue appropriate land use designations for the current cross-hatched areas on the Angwin land use map.

Our primary objective is to address the green fields south of Angwin Avenue and west of Howell Mountain Road. As for the other cross-hatched map areas (“Highlands” and the Affordable Housing designated parcels), it is our immediate intention to work with the College President, allowing thoughtful alternative plans to materialize. We are engaged in respectful dialogue seeking a collaborative vision with PUC President Dr. Heather Knight. We are in absolute agreement regarding the treasure that Angwin is and can continue to be, and we believe it is possible to support a thriving college without destroying our rural Napa County community.

PLEASE visit, and re-visit, the SRA Website at www.saveruralangwin.org. In particular, VIEW our DVD “What We Are About” at the tab “About SRA”. Among the resources our website provides and regularly updates are:

- Critical meeting dates on topics relevant to our mission
- E-mail links to Planning Commission, Board of Supervisor and media members
- E-mail link to SRA for your questions
- Current financial options being entertained by the PUC Board of Trustees

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