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SAVE RURAL ANGIN QUARTERLY UPDATE

Three cordial meetings between SRA and PUC have been held over the last 10 months with both parties listening to the needs and desires of the other, hoping to establish some common ground.

SRA's key discussion points:

- There should be no development on the existing "Greenfield" adjacent to Howell Mountain Road and surrounding the tennis courts.
- The one-hundred plus acres in the heart of Angwin, currently land use designated Urban Residential with Planned Development zoning, is of continued high concern. SRA is pledged to the community to preserve the rural character of Angwin for generations to come.
- A full-service market is needed by the community.
- College and Community collaboration on community improvement projects is an important priority for SRA. We envision a public/private partnership focused potentially on an environmental project. Recently several Steering Committee members provided a watershed tour for County officials.

PUC's key discussion points:

- The college intends to maintain 920 acres of undeveloped land and 300 acres for the campus. The remaining 680 acres are proposed for sale. (acreage numbers are approximate) An announcement is expected to be forthcoming.
- A housing master plan is being developed to determine their actual housing need. The College Master Plan is expected to be released this June.
- A new attractive entrance to the college campus is a high priority.

Because PUC is uniquely situated between two large and significant conservation areas, the Wildlake/Duff Ranches and the proposed Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area, SRA sees opportunity for PUC to increase their environmental studies department curriculum and student enrollment. It is hoped that PUC's membership in the Napa County Local Foods Advisory Council (LFAC) will lead to a vision of how PUC can optimize their land so that it will financially sustain the College over time. There is also opportunity to develop a business curriculum based on organic/sustainable farming and marketing. In both of these concepts, students could be provided "real life" hands on experience.

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