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SAVE RURAL ANGIN QUARTERLY UPDATE

Since Pacific Union College (PUC) made the announcement in October 2010 to drop their development plans for a so-called “eco-village” in Angwin, many Save Rural Angwin (SRA) supporters have commented that our mission has been accomplished. Indeed, SRA vigilance and opposition certainly may have slowed PUC’s use-permit process until those plans became financially inadvisable in a faltering economy and declining housing market.

But Angwin remains very much at risk to urbanizing development. **One hundred acres** in the heart of Angwin is still land-use designated “Urban Residential”, allowing for the most intensive development permitted in the County. (See SRA website “Frequently Asked Questions” for further details.) In addition, the PUC Board of Trustees directed that College lands not supporting the educational mission of the College should be liquidated. PUC’s Asset Management Office has noticeably been relocated to “main street” Angwin (across from the Chevron Service Station); efforts have been underway to solicit real estate brokers’ counsel regarding which PUC parcels are most likely to sell. SRA has also confirmed with the County Planning Department that as of March 1, 2011, PUC has not officially withdrawn their application for their proposed “eco-village”; the application, though now over nine months inactive, remains posted on the County website as a “current” project.

Not much transpired during the months of November, December and January for SRA to report about. Good news concerning PUC is that in spite of the general lack-luster economy, PUC reported an overall eleven percent increase in student enrollment and improved financial stability since 2009. The College and PUC Church also sold their radio station license, KNDL (The Candle, 89.9 FM), for an undisclosed amount, to the University of Southern California. SRA applauds those successes of the College.

The SRA website at www.saveruralangwin.org continues to be regularly updated and to provide information and links for you on critical county-wide topics that may have impacts on Angwin. Of particular concern and interest are on-going discussions regarding the housing allocation mandates dictated by the State and the local actions to align land use planning with housing needs consistent with the agricultural base of Napa County. Please visit the Save Rural Angwin website.

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