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First vineyard abutting PUC core campus

In 2002, the Pacific Union College Board of Trustees adopted a policy of selling hundreds of PUC acres for housing, vineyards and wineries. The policy soon thereafter produced a proposal for 580 houses in Angwin.

When that, and subsequent proposals, went down the drain, the promotional emphasis shifted to agricultural lands. The college's real estate broker produced a brochure touting the potential of 600 acres in Mill Valley for vineyards and boutique wineries. Mill Valley is east of the airport, kind of out in the boonies.

However, it turns out that the first parcel sold for vineyards some years ago comes up to the PUC property line, and only a short distance from two small dormitories in the woods. The high visibility of a vineyard immediately adjacent to PUC will come as a shock to some Adventists and conservationists.



Proximity of Abreu parcel to PUC property. No. 1 is president's house, #2 is girl's dormitory, #3 is boy's dormitory and commencement grove

Meanwhile, word on the street is that PUC has reached agreement with another buyer for a sale expected to finalize in February. No disclosure about who that would be, or the size and location of the parcels, or whether it will be developed into housing, commercial, or more vineyards. A mystery.

The 12 years since the monumental 2002 decision has produced numerous lot line adjustments to make parcels more acceptable to prospective purchasers, controversial reports about the actual value of the college's acreages, and ongoing opposition to college plans by a conservation group, Save Rural Angwin.



Clear cutting February 2014 on the 42-acre Abreu parcel.