



## Save Rural Angwin

## Quarterly Update

May-June-July 2012

Quarterly Updates provide a review of Save Rural Angwin's concerns and activities during the preceding three-month period. The first Quarterly Update was issued in November 2008 covering activity for August through October 2008. The "quarters", AUG-OCT, NOV-JAN, FEB-APR and MAY-JUL going back to 2008, are posted on the SRA website ([www.saveruralangwin.org](http://www.saveruralangwin.org)) at the left side-bar Quarterly Updates link. In keeping with this retrospective approach, the last 3 months were packed with activity.

PUC's Eco-village development project application to the County was formally withdrawn about June 1, 2012; however, it is clear a "new" proposal is in the making. Ministerial applications have been submitted by the College to the County for lot mergers and GPS surveyors have been actively "working" the entire central area of Angwin. Further, on May 7, 2012, the PUC Board of Trustees voted to affirm its 2002 and subsequent decisions to monetize select PUC assets. On May 11, 2012, PUC released a statement that three land purchase offers were being analyzed by their Board. One potential buyer showcases a new "vision" (remarkably similar to the Eco-village) for "building a green" Angwin. See [www.sustainablecommunitypartners.com/angwin.html](http://www.sustainablecommunitypartners.com/angwin.html). Approximately 600-700 acres have been identified for sale/purchase, including the entire 100 acres still inappropriately land use designated Urban Residential (UR); this area has yet-to-be addressed in response to General Plan Action Item AG/LU-114.1 which calls for re-evaluating the UR designated areas of Angwin with the objective of re-designating them to better reflect existing land uses.

After 7 years of fighting proposed urban development in Angwin, Save Rural Angwin decided to launch a voter initiative to protect Angwin's rural character yet allow for the development of the already approved 191 housing units and allow for the re-development of the existing 8-acre commercial area. The SRA General Plan Amendment Initiative is intended to act on General Plan Action Item 114.1 to properly re-designate specific areas in Angwin designated Urban Residential. The full text of the Initiative is posted on the SRA website ([www.saveruralangwin.org](http://www.saveruralangwin.org)).

The following took place during the May, June, July 2012 quarter:

- May 4, 2012 – Public Notice of Intent to circulate petition to gather signatures was printed in the Napa Valley Register. (The first public step for filing a voter Initiative).
- May 23, 2012 – SRA submitted 6,460 signatures to Napa County Elections Division. (4,691 registered voter signatures were required).
- June 5, 2012 – The Board of Supervisors considered the Angwin General Plan Amendment Initiative and directed staff to prepare a report to evaluate the possible impacts of the Initiative on the County. (See [www.saveruralangwin.org](http://www.saveruralangwin.org) for the Election Code 9111 Report posted along with the full text of the Angwin General Plan Amendment Initiative).
- June 18, 2012 – Napa County Election Division certified the signatures gathered, easily meeting and exceeding the number required, and thereby moving the Angwin General Plan Amendment one step closer to the November general election ballot. The Angwin General Plan Amendment Initiative has been named "**Measure U**".
- July 10, 2012, the Board of Supervisors (5-0) called for **Measure U** to be placed on the election ballot by Resolution No. 2012-107. The Resolution is posted on the SRA website.

The weeks and months ahead will be filled with serious fundraising and educational campaigning to bring **Measure U** to success on the ballot. **U** can save rural Angwin.