



Save Rural Angwin Quarterly Update February, March, April 2015

Save Rural Angwin (SRA) has joined VISION 2050, a coalition of 15 preservation groups from across Napa County, to insure the permanent sustainability of the finite resources of Napa County. It is unprecedented and a bit of a miracle that 15 disparate groups could band together in common cause, but land use policy and conservation of watersheds and open spaces is at the top of every group's list. We all understand that, with every district in the County represented in the coalition, the coalition's more formidable and influential voice will gain more respect and attention than the individual efforts of any one group. Essentially, everything becomes local: we're all neighbors -incorporated and unincorporated, city, town, and village. The problems that face the County affect everyone, and now we have VISION 2050 to bring the issues forward and we have the energy, experience, expertise and tenacity to solve them. Save Rural Angwin retains its identity; it is like an instrument in an orchestra. At times we will play a part of the symphony, and at other times we will play solo.

VISION 2050 was powerfully evident at the March 10, 2015 joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, which drew well over 400 people together. Citizens, including SRA representatives, voiced concerns about the impacts of growth, compounding of traffic, diminishing water resources, and movement by wineries to increasingly become "event centers". One outcome of the meeting has been the formation (Board Resolution No. 2015-31) of the Agricultural Protection Advisory Committee (APAC), comprising 17 members (plus 12 alternate members) representing broad and diverse interests (wine/agriculture, general business community, environmental groups and neighborhood/community groups). Three of the 17 appointed members (plus 3 of the 12 alternates) to the APAC are members of VISION 2050. The APAC Committee is specifically tasked as an advisory body to the Planning Commission and charged with examining the current rules and regulations intended to protect Napa County from the onslaught of urbanization. Public notice of meetings (dates, times and location) are posted on the Napa County website at www.countyofnapa.org/PBES/APAC. These meetings, held at least twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, are open to the public. Meetings begin at 9 AM. We highly encourage SRA supporters to attend meetings or at least follow APAC agenda/minutes on

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the county website. SRA will also post information on our own website.

In SRA's on-going efforts to engage in dialogue with Pacific Union College (PUC) administration, two meetings have been held with Dr. Steven Herber, CEO of St. Helena Hospital (SHH) and PUC Board of Trustees member. It appears PUC and SHH may join together to develop plans for building affordable housing in Angwin under the county-permitted 191-housing unit's project identified in the Napa County Housing Element; see SaveRuralAngwin.org. Meanwhile, PUC continues to submit and process Lot Line Adjustment applications with unknown intentions.

The Angwin land use designation issue will not be heard by the Board of Supervisors until at least late summer or early fall 2015. At the invitation of Planning Director David Morrison, SRA provided documents representing our position on General Plan Action Item 114.1. Director Morrison has also met with PUC representatives. Ultimately he will, at public meeting, inform the Board of the competing visions and lay out the options to the Board of Supervisors for completing the re-designation of some areas of Angwin currently designated Urban Residential.

Sadly, Save Rural Angwin has lost another dear friend, supporter and, this time, Advisory Council member in the passing of Dr. L. Meade Baldwin on April 27, 2015. At nearly 95 years of age, he contributed so much to his passions – his family, community, education and love for people. Dr. Meade attended the very first community meeting held by SRA and was the first financial contributor to SRA's mission.

Napa County Farm Bureau organized a Tribute to Volker Eisele and the 47th Anniversary of the Ag Preserve that took place April 19. The Save Rural Angwin Steering Committee provided volunteer support for the event. Among the speakers, Supervisor Dillon urged Napa County residents to keep Eisele's memory alive by sharing his determination to keep the rural Napa Valley rural.