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MEMO FROM THE BOARD

With this issue you will find the 1984 roster of BVHA member households. We thank renewing members for their continued support and welcome new members. You are invited to attend any of our regular meetings which are held every third Wednesday at 7:30 at the firehouse.

We are pleased that Bill MacIver of Matanzas Creek Winery has agreed to serve on the Board. Welcome Bill. Our thanks also to Marilyn Franc and Dona Moberly for their fine work on the quarterly newsletter.

Update: Bruggeman (Hunter) property. As you may have read in the Press Democrat, the Santa Rosa City Council refused to annex this strategic 86 acre parcel next to the golf course into the city by General Plan amendment. The BVHA voiced our concerns at the hearing.

Update: Bed & Breakfast Inns. The County Board of Supervisors has recently re-written their policy regarding B & B Inns in agricultural areas. Although no new buildings may be constructed for this purpose, inns with two or fewer rooms will be exempt from close public evaluation. The BVHA Board testified that all new inn requests should go through the same hearing process.

CANDIDATES NIGHT AT THE GRANGE

Monday, April 30, 8 P.M. the Bennett Valley Grange and the Bennett Valley Homeowners Association will jointly host a candidates night for First District Supervisorial Candidates Bob Adams, Janet Nicholas and Fred Piexoto. All Bennett Valley area residents are invited to hear them speak. Come early for a good seat. Speaking begins at 8 P.M.

SONOMA COUNTY GEYERS SUPPLY EAST BAY WITH POWER

PG&E has installed a second set of towers alongside the existing ones running through our area. These new towers are taller and will carry 2 million kilowatts, twice as much electricity as the existing towers, put up in 1975 - 76. The power for the lines comes from the Geyers running through a part of Oakmont, Bennett Ridge, and over Sonoma Mountain to the Lakeville substation near Vallejo's Petaluma Adobe. The electricity is then directed for use in the East Bay. Sonoma County will also be served by electricity from the Geyers as population increases. Oakmont residents persuaded PG&E to bury the second cables underground, but had to keep the existing towers above ground. Bennett Ridge residents have pursued and will continue to pursue alternatives to the obstruction to view and landscape now caused by the second set of towers. Alternatives would be painting the towers a color that would blend with the landscape and using a non-reflective cable. The towers and cables now being very light reflective. The Geyers, a natural source of energy now being exploited will, in the long run, save Petroleum to what ever area it provides electricity.

(Thanks to John Richardson in Bennett Valley for his help with this article.
M.F.)

PBS-TV FOR SONOMA COUNTY

August '84 will bring PBS broadcasting to those hard to reach areas of Northern Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties. It will be broadcast over UNF Channel 22, and be called KCRB-TV. The Systems Manager at the station says our Bennett Valley area should get good reception as the antenna will be located on the uppermost part of Sonoma Mountain. Business offices will be located in Rohnert Park. Programming will be educational, local and PBS 7 days a week. It is a member supported station. Volunteers are needed to help with many tasks, especially construction right now. Community input is welcome. For more information call 795-2200, or write KRCB-TV, P.O. box 464, Cotati 94928.

Article of Historical Interest

Bennett Valley Homeowners Association from 1970 through 1977. How it all began.

In 1970 several residents became concerned about the future and development of Bennett Valley. Could it be saved? A possible mobile home park in Woodside and 1/4 acre home lots near the fire house were threatening the rural atmosphere of the area.

Meetings were held at the Grange with Bennett Valley landowners to discuss the future of the valley. As a result the Homeowners Association was formed and by-laws drawn up for the functioning processes by Paul Mowbray, Secretary. Original Planners: Dr. Brad Lundborg was the first Homeowners President. John MacDonald, a Woodside resident and attorney, helped with legal advice. Lloyd Johnson brought the slope density plan from Carmel area.

Past Presidents from 1970 through 1977 include Brad Lundborg, ~~Charles Nunnemaker~~, Cindy Liddell, and Paul Mowbray. Bill Jacobs and Paul Mowbray have served on the board since its beginnings and continue today. Many residents from the Bennett Valley area have served on the board and assisted since the Association has been organized.

The Homeowners Association is a real community effort, and input from the residents is appreciated. California Non-profit Corporation The Homeowners became incorporated in June 1971, by the signing of the then Secretary of State, Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Tax exempt status came in 1972.

A Plan for the Valley, restricting growth, protecting the environment, zoning for valley and slopes, agricultural and residential land use, open space and traffic patterns were considerations in drawing up the first Bennett Valley Plan.

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Marilyn Franc
Thanks especially to Dr. Lundborg for his help with this article. Upcoming will be an article on the Homeowners Association from 1978 to the present.

Just a reminder

Don't miss Campaign night at the Grange Hall April 30th at 8 P.M.

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